

**MEETING OF THE MOUNT PENN BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**January 28, 2020**

The Mount Penn Borough Council met in regular session on January 28, 2020 at the Borough Hall. President Goodman brought the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Responding to roll call were, President Goodman, and Council Members: James Cocuzza, John Fielding, Richard Lombardo, Ryan Maurer, Roger Reto, and Tom Staron. Also in attendance were Mayor Nowotarski, Solicitor Tom Klonis, Property Maintenance Inspector Adam Bender, and Secretary Bette Petrov. Chief Serafin did not attend.

**I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

- George Saltzman, 6 Earl Gables Court, addressed council regarding two (2) properties on Filbert Street in poor condition. Discussion continued and Mr. Bender updated Mr. Saltzman on the properties, and reported to council.
- Kathy Vadel, 2702 Cumberland Avenue, addressed council for their support in a non-binding resolution for fair districting in Pennsylvania. Fair Districting is a nonpartisan association. The issue of Gerrymandering is a nonpartisan issue. Discussion and concerns continued. Mr. Klonis suggested council review the information provided for consideration.

**II. ENGINEERING**

- Mr. Falencki submitted a report his report; presently there are no planning issues or construction projects. Mr. Falencki updated council on MS-4, Dirt & Gravel Roads, Inspection Fee Schedule, 2020 Road Projects, and the Handicap Ramp Project. No action taken. Mr. Staron made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lombardo appointing Motley Engineering for purposes of consulting and acting as our engineer on the Antietam School District project (Primary Center) as well as Krafczek litigation. Mr. Falencki requested an executive session Mr. President Goodman requested an executive session at 7:48. Regular session resumed at 8:12. Let the record show Krafczek litigation was discussed.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Moved by Mr. Fielding and seconded by Mr. Cocuzza, that the minutes of January 14, 2020 be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**IV. FINANCE REPORT**

- Mr. Maurer made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fielding to ratify checks #18262 - #18278 and the on-line payments, dated January 24, 2020 amounting to \$19,945.60 from the General Fund; and check #1303 in the amount of \$2,574.78 from Liquid Fuels. The motion carried unanimously.

**V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**A. STREETS:**

- Mr. Cocuzza reported the following:
  - The Borough was awarded the grant for the leaf picker. However, the price of the picker went up since the submission of the grant;
  - Cold patch is currently unavailable;
  - Delivery of the new truck is delayed;

- Regarding the union it needs to be determined what are the specific objections on the work rules. These rules need to be in place prior to finalizing contract;
- Mr. Klonis is still awaiting all the street drawings for the parking issues i.e., Oak Terrace, 1900 Perkiomen, 2100 Perkiomen Avenue, and Hill;
- Discussion was held regarding who is responsible for plowing the Police Station and the Fire Company lots. Mr. Cocuzza made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fielding, to have the street crew plow the Police Station and Fire Company lots. Mr. Maurer opposed. The motion carried.

**B. PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTY:**

- Mr. Reto conveyed the need for a new roof. The roof is over 30 years old. Discussion continued. He stated we would be receiving estimates from Amatucci, Reading Roofing, Scott Maccziak, Acrylabs, and SkyLine.

**C. SOLID WASTE & PUBLIC UTILITIES:**

- It was reported trash cans have been left in the streets, in addition to other complaints.

**D. PERSONNEL:**

- President Goodman recommended the reappointment of Tom Smith to the MPBMA. Mr. Fielding made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cocuzza to reappoint Tom Smith to the MPBMA. Questions and discussion followed. Mr. Maurer opposed. The motion carries.

**E. INSURANCE/PENSION: - No Report**

**F. CODES:**

- A meeting was held with Mr. Lorah regarding L.A. codes and rentals. Mr. Lorah agreed to match our fees. L.A. passed an Ordinance regarding vacant properties registration. The note carrier is responsible to maintain the property.
- Discussion took place regarding our fee schedule. Mr. Klonis conveyed the cost of the fees has to be connected to the cost that the Borough incurs. The basis for fees has to be “what is the cost to the municipality.”
- Mr. Bender suggested consider commercial inspections.
- 1951 Woodvale is a step away from being blighted and taken by eminent domain by the County. The County will request a letter from Mount Penn regarding the building structure and integrity. The property will be placard as unsafe, and the owner cited (title in owner’s name). Discussion followed.

**V. LIASION REPORTS:**

- A. Fire Company:** No Report
- B. MPBMA:** No Report
- C. AVMA:** No Report
- D. Planning Commission:** No Report
- E. Police Commission:** Meeting is Thursday, February 06, 2020
- F. MPP:** No Report
- G. RCAV:** No Report

**VI. OTHER REPORTS:**

**A. Mayor:**

- Mr. Cunliffe needs to be finger printed.

**B. Solicitor: No Report**

**C. Secretary:**

- Applications have been received for the assistant secretary position.

**VII. ORDINANCES:**

**VIII. RESOLUTIONS**

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Discussion took place regarding animal control

**X. CORRESPONDENCE: No Report.**

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

- President Goodman brought up the idea of having one workshop and one meeting a month in lieu of two meetings a month. Discussion continued. Mr. Cocuzza made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, to cancel the first meeting of the month and add a workshop session the Thursday prior to the last scheduled meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The change will be advertised.

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:**

- Mr. Staron made the motion for adjournment at 9:38, seconded by Mr. Cocuzza. The motion carried unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held 7:30 PM, Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Bette E. Petrov*  
*Secretary/Treasurer*