

MEETING OF THE MOUNT PENN BOROUGH COUNCIL
January 08, 2019

The Mount Penn Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, January 08, 2019 at the Borough Hall. President Staron brought the meeting to order at 7:32 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Responding to roll call were Mayor Nowotarski and Council Members: Tom Staron, Roger Reto, James Cocuzza, Troy Goodman, Claudia Hurwitz, Rick Lombardo, and Randall Miller. Also in attendance were Solicitor Tom Klonis, Engineering Representative Jim Mohn, Police Chief Ray Serafin, Secretary Bette Petrov, and Property Maintenance Inspector Adam Bender.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

- A. Mr. Gary Poltonowitz, owner of Suburban Tavern, 2201 Perkiomen Avenue approached Council concerning various issues and damages as a result of the PennDot project. Mr. Poltonowitz had also addressed PennDot directly. Discussion continued regarding Mr. Poltonowitz's concerns. Mr. Klonis explained it is not our contract, and noted Mr. Poltonowitz was following protocol.

- B. Mayor Nowotarski presented awards to the Holiday Decorating Contest winners:
1st Place, Geraldine and Ronald Szurgot, 232 N. 25th Street
2nd Place, Irene Frymoyer, 2414 Woodvale Avenue
3rd Place, Jamie Zambito and Marcia Wertz, 31 N. 25th Street
Honorable Mention, Patrick Odum, 28 South 23rd.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- A. Moved by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Mr. Reto that the minutes of December 11th and December 18th be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

II. FINANCE REPORT:

- A. Mr. Miller stated year end revenue versus expenditures is \$17,826. No formal Treasurer's Report was received but the following December balances were noted. Moved by Mr. Lombardo and seconded by Ms. Hurwitz to accept the December Balances. The motion carried unanimously. The following balances were reported:

Checking-	\$	20,581.92
Savings-Metro	\$	275,601.00
Liquid Fuels Fund-	\$	60,601.91
Fire Tax-	\$	7,042.03
Ambulance Tax-	\$	1,450.50
PIB Loan-	\$	39,902.20
Petty Cash-	\$	50.00

- B. Moved by Mr. Miller to ratify checks #17894 - #17909, dated December 22, 2018 in the amount of \$28,179.68 from the General Fund; and checks #17910 - #17922, dated January 05, 2019 in the amount of \$23,425.15 from the General Fund. Mr. Reto made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Cocuzza. The motion carried unanimously.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- A. **STREETS:** No Report

B. PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

Mr. Reto brought up the parking lot contract. Mr. Klonis suggested he would change the informational portion into a formal contract. Mr. Cocuzza is in favor of establishing a separate fund dedicated only for the parking lot. Mr. Reto made the motion authorizing the Solicitor's office to prepare a revision, to the current parking lot ordinance, requiring permits and authorization to advertise the same, seconded by Mr. Cocuzza. Discussion continued. The motion carried unanimously.

C. SOLID WASTE & PUBLIC UTILITIES: No Report**D. PERSONNEL:**

- President Staron asked for an Executive Session at 8:05 P.M. Regular session resumed at 8:50. The record shows personnel matters and litigation issues were discussed. No action was taken in either regard.

E. INSURANCE/PENSION:

- Ms. Hurwitz spoke on joining together, and sharing expenses, on an RFP for a Pension Planning Advisor. The Sewer Authority passed a motion for an RFP. Each municipality would appoint a representative, and Mr. Boland will advise what information will be needed to move forward. Discussion followed. Ms. Hurwitz made the motion to join with the Sewer Authority on an RFP for a Pension Planning Advisor, seconded by Mr. Cocuzza. The motion carried unanimously.

F. CODES:

- Mr. Lombardo reported he met Jim Lorah, Codes.

IV. LIASION REPORTS:

- A. Fire Company:** No Report.
- B. MPBMA:** No Report.
- C. AVMA:** No Report.
- D. Planning Commission:** No Report.
- E. Police Commission:** No Report.
- F. MPP:** No Report.
- G. RCAV:** No Report.

V. OTHER REPORTS:

- A. Mayor:** No Report.
- B. Motley Associates:** Mr. Mohn brought to the attention of Council that we still are not a member of the PA One Call System. We currently receive notices through MPBMA. There is an initial fee for set up, followed by a monthly fee. Discussion followed. Council should be aware of all options available. Ms. Hurwitz will have a representative come to our next meeting. This raised the issue of phones needed for an emergency PA One Call as well as our work phones. Regarding the phones needed President Staron will communicate with Tim Waldman. Mr. Lombardo made the motion to move forward with the Fire Company Plan for the cell phones, seconded by Mr. Reto. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. Solicitor:** No Report
- D. Secretary:** No Report

VI. ORDINANCES: None

VII. RESOLUTIONS:

01-19 John Skrincosky, Jr. be reappointed Assistant Treasurer, motioned by Roger Reto, seconded by Randall Miller. The motion carried unanimously.

02-19 Rodger Krause, CPA, be reappointed as Auditor, motioned by Randall Miller, seconded by Roger Reto. The motion carried unanimously.

03-19 James T. Mohn of Motley Associates, be reappointed Building Code Official, motioned by Randall Miller, seconded by Roger Reto. The motion carried unanimously.

04-19 Timothy Waldman be reappointed Electrical Inspector, motioned by Roger Reto, seconded by Randall Miller. The motion carried unanimously.

05-19 Motley Associates be reappointed as Engineer, motioned by Roger Reto, seconded by Randall Miller. The motion carried unanimously.

06-19 Barry Vogt be reappointed Fire Marshall, motioned by Troy Goodman, seconded by Roger Reto. The motion carried unanimously.

07-19 Patrick Motley, Motley Associates, be reappointed Accessibility Inspector, motioned by Randall Miller, seconded by Roger Reto. The motion carried unanimously.

08-19 Josh Nowotarski be reappointed representative to the Central Berks Regional Police Department Commission, motioned by Randall Miller, seconded by Roger Reto. The motion carried. Claudia Hurwitz abstained due to the fact she is an employee of the Police Department.

09-19 Brian Sands be reappointed Plumbing Inspector, motioned by Randall Miller, seconded by Roger Reto. The motion carried unanimously.

10-19 Bette E. Petrov be reappointed as Borough Secretary, motioned by Randall Miller, seconded by Roger Reto. The motion carried unanimously.

11-19 Gary Herb, Motley Associates, be reappointed as Sewage Enforcement Officer, motioned by Mr. Miller, seconded by Roger Reto. The motion carried unanimously.

12-19 James T. Mohn, Motley Associates, be reappointed Zoning Officer, motioned by Randall Miller, seconded by Roger Reto. The motion carried unanimously. The original motion was amended to include the second motion adding Adam Bender as the Assistant Zoning Officer, motioned by Randall Miller, seconded by Roger Reto. The motion carried unanimously.

13-19 Hoffert & Klonis be reappointed Solicitor, motioned by Randall Miller, seconded by Roger Reto. The motion carried unanimously.

14-19 Joseph Boyle be reappointed on the Borough of Mount Penn Municipal Authority Board, motioned by Randall Miller, seconded by Roger Reto. Discussion followed regarding Mr. Boyle's place of residence. The motion carried unanimously.

15-19 Daniel Sassaman be reappointed to the Planning Commission, motioned by Randall Miller, seconded by Roger Reto. The motion carried unanimously.

16-19 Bette E. Petrov, be reappointed Treasurer, motioned by Roger Reto, seconded by Troy Goodman. The motion carried unanimously.

17-19 Charles Miller be reappointed to the Zoning Hearing Board, motioned by Roger Reto, seconded by Troy Goodman. The motion carried unanimously.

18-19 Tom Staron be reappointed as Alternate Representative to the Central Berks Regional Police Department Commission, motioned by Randall Miller, seconded by Roger Reto. The motion carried. Claudia Hurwitz abstained due to the fact she is an employee of the Police Department.

19-19 James Cocuzza be reappointed representative to the Central Berks Regional Police Department Commission, motioned by Troy Goodman, seconded by Roger Reto. The motion carried. Claudia Hurwitz abstained due to the fact she is an employee of the Police Department.

20-19 Francis Kelly be reappointed to the Antietam Valley Municipal Authority Board, motioned by Troy Goodman, seconded by Roger Reto. The motion carried unanimously.

21-19 Approving salaries as stated on our salary schedule, motioned by Roger Reto, seconded by Randall Miller. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Ms. Hurwitz relayed information from an article on ARL where five municipalities signed the contract, four municipalities opted out, and five have chosen fee for service. Mr. Klonis advised many municipalities have done nothing. Discussion continued.

Mr. Reto relayed information of the price of parking stickers.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE: None.

X. NEW BUSINESS: None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT:

Ms. Hurwitz made a motion for adjournment at 9:22 P.M., seconded by Mr. Miller. The motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held Tuesday, January 29, 2019 at 7:30 P.M. at Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bette E. Petrov