

MEETING OF THE MOUNT PENN BOROUGH COUNCIL

July 09, 2019

The Mount Penn Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, July 09, 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, President Staron, and Council Members: Troy Goodman, Claudia Hurwitz, Rick Lombardo, Randall Miller, and Roger Reto. Also in attendance were Mayor Nowotarski, Police Chief Raymond Serafin, Solicitor Tom Klonis, Engineering Representative James Mohn, Secretary Bette Petrov, and Property Maintenance Inspector Adam Bender. Mr. Cocuzza did not attend.

I. BID OPENING – GRANT STREET PROJECT

- Mr. Mohn conveyed the bid results received from Folk and Schlough.

II. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: N/A

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Moved by Mr. Lombardo, and seconded by Mr. Reto, that the minutes of June 11, 2019 be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. FINANCE REPORT

- Mr. Miller explained the discrepancy in the January through May 2019 Treasurer's Reports. Mr. Miller made the motion to approve the new statements for January through May and to approve the June 2019 statement, seconded by Mr. Reto. The motion carried unanimously. The following balances for June were reported:

Checking-	\$	44,108.74
Savings-Metro	\$	708,715.10
Liquid Fuels Fund-	\$	118,434.96
Fire Tax-	\$	12,949.38
Ambulance Tax-	\$	3,933.70
PIB Loan-	\$	40,049.19
Petty Cash-	\$	50.00

- Mr. Miller made the motion seconded by Mr. Reto to ratify checks #18070 through #18083, dated June 26, 2019 in the amount of \$28,267.91 from the General Fund, and check #1290 dated June 26, 2019 in the amount of \$3,203.57 from Liquid Fuels. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Miller made the motion seconded by Mr. Reto to approve checks #18084 through #18092, dated July 09, 2019 in the amount of \$98,067.36 from the General Fund. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. STREETS:

- Barriers will be placed on Filbert Avenue at 25th Street to prevent vehicles from entering and traveling in the wrong direction.
- Ms. Hurwitz discussed the left hand turn signal at 23rd and Perkiomen Avenue heading east. Mr. Mohn said he would request the timing be re-evaluated and possibly changed, allowing more vehicles to turn.
- Mr. Miller brought up employees possibly making financial choices without authorization. Discussion followed.

- The issue was brought up of who is responsible (road crew vs. contractors) for sweeping stones and debris resulting from storms and the Perkiomen Avenue project. Mr. Mohn conveyed there is no reimbursement for any unauthorized expenses. Discussion continued regarding financial responsibility for rental equipment for damages incurred from project and storms. Additional issues discussed were an increase in water traveling onto Endlich since the correction of sewer lines on Perkiomen, and wear and tear throughout the Borough caused by traffic detours. Mr. Mohn will develop a list of concerns and arrange a meeting with PennDot regarding Project damage. He also noted Project completion date for Mount Penn will be approximately the end of August.
- Questions arose regarding the spraying of weeds on the curb lines. Mr. Wojchowski's license has lapsed. Discussion continued.
- General discussion continued regarding equipment (rollers, pavers, sweepers, etc), storm water grates, downstream systems being undersized, milling, and crack sealing.
- The cost of a maintenance agreement covering the garage doors at Butter Lane will be considered for the 2020 budget process.
- Mr. Miller made the motion, seconded by Mr. Reto, to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with Alsace Township for the borrowing of equipment, acceptable by Mr. Klonis and Alsace Township Solicitor.

B. PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

- Mr. Reto stated he counted 15 vehicles Sunday morning and 18 vehicles during the week parked in the 23rd Street Lot, and talked about the stickers. He would like to have further discussion of the Parking Lot at the next meeting.

C. SOLID WASTE & PUBLIC UTILITIES:

- Mr. Goodman has a copy of the 2015 trash and recycling specifications. However, two addendums are missing. They do not exist in the office computers. Ms. Hurwitz will check to see if they are on her laptop.

D. PERSONNEL: No Report

E. INSURANCE/PENSION:

- Ms. Hurwitz conveyed all paperwork was signed with CBIZ; however, one paragraph regarding arbitration needs to be changed. CBIZ will forward.

F. CODES:

- Mr. Lorah requested Mount Penn adopt the 2018 International Maintenance Code.
- Mr. Lorah noted that Lower Alsace has replaced their codes vehicle, and is registered through the Police Commission. Mr. Lorah stated that Mr. Bender's vehicle needs to be replaced.
- A Central Berks Regional Codes Enforcement Department Report was generated and distributed by Mr. Lorah.
- Mr. Bender conveyed the Bevwood on Perkiomen Avenue was sold at the Sheriff's sale. It was purchased from a current business owner in Mount Penn.

V. LIASION REPORTS:

- A. Fire Company:** No Report
- B. MPBMA:** No Report
- C. AVMA:** No Report

D. Planning Commission:

- Mr. Waldman reviewed the plans for the Summit Avenue Sub-Division and shared his concerns and issues with Mr. Mohn.
- Ryan Maurer, 212 Summit Avenue, two lots were in Reading, and one lot in Mount Penn.

E. Police Commission:

- National Night Out is Tuesday, August 06, 2019.

F. MPP: No Report**G. RCAV: No Report****VI. OTHER REPORTS:****A. Mayor: No Report****B. Motley Associates:**

- Mr. Mohn and Mr. Klonis reviewed the Grant Street project bids received from Folk Paving, Inc. and Schlough, Inc. The August 31st completion date was amended to October 31st.
Results: Folk Paving \$38,572.50 – Schlough \$42,993.25
Ms. Hurwitz made the motion to award the contract to Folk Paving in the amount of \$38,572.50 seconded by Mr. Reto. The motion carried unanimously. Liquid fuels will be utilized.
- Mr. Mohn requested an executive session at 9:36 PM. Regular session resumed at 9:40. Let the record show Krafczek litigation was discussed. No action was taken.

C. Solicitor: No Report**D. Secretary:**

- Ms. Petrov brought up the newsletter. We will ask the Municipal Authority for permission to have inserts of Borough information included with their quarterly billing.
- We are in need of one and possible two crossing guards.

VII ORDINANCES: N/A**VIII RESOLUTIONS:****IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:****X. CORRESPONDENCE:****XI. NEW BUSINESS:****XII. ADJOURNMENT:**

- Mr. Miller made the motion for adjournment at 9:58 PM, seconded by Mr. Lombardo. The motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held 7:30 PM, August 13, 2019 at Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,
Bette E. Petrov