

MEETING OF THE MOUNT PENN BOROUGH COUNCIL
November 26, 2019

The Mount Penn Borough Council met in regular session on November 26, 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: James Cocuzza, Troy Goodman, Rick Lombardo, and Roger Reto. Also in attendance were Mayor Nowotarski, Solicitor Tom Klonis, Property Maintenance Inspector Adam Bender, and Secretary Bette Petrov. Claudia Hurwitz, Randal Miller, and Chief Serafin did not attend.

I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

- Joanne Heintz, 2242 Perkiomen Avenue, conveyed to Council that she now owns 2244 Perkiomen Avenue (previously Bevwod Carpets). She wants Council to understand that all she is doing is replacing and refurbishing anything in need of repair. Ms. Heintz is renovating to make sure it is clean and structurally safe. Mr. Bender commended her on her efforts and dedication.
- Bob Wilson, 2603 Hollywood Court, addressed Council regarding the crime rate. He questioned if the State Police could patrol Carsonia and Perkiomen Avenues. Discussion conveyed State Police have only one vehicle covering our end of the County. Mr. Wilson also would like to see legislation to keep liquor licenses out of convenience stores. Licenses only permitted for bars, restaurants, distributors, and liquor stores.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Moved by Mr. Cocuzza and seconded by Mr. Lombardo, that the minutes of November 12, 2019 be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

III. FINANCE REPORT

- Mr. Lombardo made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cocuzza to ratify checks #18201 - #18217 dated November 25, 2019 amounting to \$15,958.22 from the General Fund; and check #1301, dated November 25, 2019 in the amount of \$2,572.96 from Liquid Fuels. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. STREETS:

- Leaf Collection will continue through Friday, Dec. 6, 2019.
- Brine tanks installed on one of the pick-up trucks.
- Mr. Cocuzza will meet with Chief Serafin regarding parking on Perkiomen Avenue and again on 24th and Woodvale.
- Discussion was held regarding Chief Serafin wanting a signed moved on Perkiomen Avenue resulting in the removal of another parking spot.

B. PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

- Mr. Reto reported Rossi Mechanical was in to evaluate the air conditioning problem in the conference room. It was determined that the unit is too small to handle the size of the room. Rossi Mechanical will follow up with Mr. Reto regarding an additional unit.
- The listing agreement for the sale of the parking lot will be reviewed.

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

President Staron requested an executive session at 8:12. Regular session resumed at 8:52. Let the record show real estate and personnel issues were discussed. No action taken.

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

- Mr. Bender conveyed the County received approval and will be taking 1951 Woodvale Avenue.
- 2709 Perkiomen is being sold. New owners will board up the home, and their plan is to renovate in the spring.
- The pole in front of CVS will be removed next week.
- Mr. Lombardo said the fire company was called to the Dollar Store. He conveyed that in the storage room there is not any stock on skids or shelves. Currently stock is piled on the floor. Dollar Store drawings show different. Mr. Bender will look into regulations.

V. LIASION REPORTS:**A. Fire Company: No Report****B. MPBMA: No Report****C. AVMA:**

- AVMA continues to look for a maintenance man.

D. Planning Commission: No Report**E. Police Commission:**

Mayor Nowotarski reported the next scheduled meeting is Thursday, Dec. 06th, and he will share Mr. Wilson's concerns regarding crime. Also the possibility of having an officer for school crossing on Perkiomen Avenue.

F. MPP:

- Mr. Klonis explained a letter stating it is the intention of the Borough of Mount Penn to withdraw from the agreement needs to be written. He continued stating the Ordinance will be needed at the end of 2020. Mr. Klonis continued that Commissioner Bernhardt contacted him regarding Mount Penn's lack of interest and participation at meetings. Commissioner Barnhardt will probably contact council when Mt. Penn formally withdraws. Discussion continued. Mr. Cocuzza made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lombardo to have the letter of withdrawal written. The motion carried unanimously.

G. RCAV: No Report**VI. OTHER REPORTS:****A. Mayor: No Report****B. Motley Associates: No Report****C. Solicitor:**

D. Secretary:

- Ms. Petrov requested permission to advertise for the crossing guard position. Mr. Cocuzza made the motion, seconded by Mr. Reto to advertise for the crossing guard. The motion carried unanimously.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**X. CORRESPONDENCE:** No Report.**XI. NEW BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Lombardo made the motion, seconded by Mr. Reto to issue gift cards in the amount of \$50.00 for each employee, covering 2018 and 2019. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mayor Nowatarski and Ms. Hurwitz will judge the Holiday Decorating Contest.
- Mr. Lombardo made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cocuzza, for President Staron to use the credit card for the purchase of lights for the Christmas tree not to exceed \$200.00. The motion carried unanimously.
- President Staron made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cocuzza, for the purchase of a plaque recognizing Mark Dudash for his years of dedication and service on Borough Council. The motion carried unanimously.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

- Mr. Lomabardo made the motion for adjournment at 8:53 PM, seconded by Mr. Cocuzza. The motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held 7:30 PM, December 10, 2019 at Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bette E. Petrov
Secretary/Treasurer