

MEETING OF THE MOUNT PENN BOROUGH COUNCIL
April 27, 2021

The Mount Penn Borough Council met in regular session on April 27, 2021. 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, Chief Serafin, Solicitor Zachary Morey, Engineer James McCarthy, and Secretary Bette Petrov.

I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

- Mr. Michael Frankhouser, 1962 Woodvale Avenue, expressed concerns over issues concerning 5G (two towers in Mt. Penn) and medical issues associated with 5G, as well as Aulenbach Cemetery (lack of volunteers, wall collapsing, asphalt needed, etc). President Goodman will look into options regarding the Cemetery.

II. ENGINEERING

- Engineering Report March 21 – April 21, 2021 submitted to Council.
- Mr. Falencki will be at Borough Hall 9:00 AM April 28th to survey the roof;
- Issues were addressed regarding, telephone calls to the engineer, zoning questions, swimming pools;
- Regarding questions for the engineer, and the cost associated with them, discussion was held about residents being responsible for the cost by signing a contract. Mr. McCarthy will forward a contract used with another municipality. Mr. Staron made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lombardo to table the issue until the contract is reviewed. The motion carried unanimously.
- The administration fee, noted on the Glenn Terrace grant, covers admin costs from our office;
- Regarding Krafczek, the question was raised when some of the engineers costs could be reimbursed and how to file papers for same. Mr. McCarthy will look into and advise.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Moved by Mr. Staron, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, to approve the minutes of March 30, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. FINANCE REPORT

- Moved by Mr. Maurer, and seconded by Mr. Lombardo to accept the Treasurer's Report for March 2021. The motion carried unanimously. The following balances were reported.

Checking	25,921.08
Savings	210,559.01
Liquid Fuels	136,302.02
PIB Loan	40,324.87
Fire Tax	18,086.96
Ambulance Tax	6,313.29
Petty Cash	50.00

The Street Light Tax needs a separate account.

Mr. Staron made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, to ratify check #18696 - #18705 dated April 08, 2021 inclusive of on-line payments for a total of \$199,008.98; and check #18706 - #1818724 dated March 24, 2021 inclusive of an on-line payment for a total of \$98,453.33 from the General Fund. Additionally, check #1329 dated April 08, 2021 for a total of \$2,900.98 from Liquid Fuels.

The motion carried unanimously;

- Mr. Maurer conveyed the grant was awarded in the amount of \$324,189. Expenses amount to \$264,114 for both Krafczek and Glenn Terrace;
- Discussion continued regarding the match for the grant, and the next step of the process.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. STREETS:

- Mr. Okonski conveyed a part time person was needed for patching/paving road improvement, and snow removal. Mr. Maurer made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, to advertise on social media. The motion carried unanimously;
- South 25th and Fairview is a road repair project. Mr. Maurer made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lombardo to accept the bid received from Ronnie Folk in the amount of \$16,470.00 upon confirmation from C. Paris. The motion carried unanimously.
- Street sweeping will begin the last week in May. Vehicles will be ticketed and towed;
- Mr. Reto made the motion, seconded by Mr. Maurer, to increase Mark Stufflet to \$20.07 retroactive to January 01, 2021 in accordance with the union contract. The motion carried unanimously;
- The Borough truck, driven by Mark Stufflet, will be in the Memorial Day parade;
- Mr. Okonski conveyed they will be working up at the Cemetery next week;
- Mr. Okonski asked for consent to repair equipment belonging to the pool when necessary.

B. PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

- Mr. Reto spoke to Mr. Franey regarding the parking lot. Mr. Maurer made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lombardo to have an appraisal on the parking lot not to exceed \$2,000.00. The motion carried unanimously;
- The parking lot permit sticker is going to be changed. The expiration date will be a code. If vehicles are towed from the lot, the owner/resident is responsible for towing cost. Chief Serafin conveyed if they do not satisfy the towing fee, ultimately, the Borough is responsible.
- Discussion took place regarding \$20,000.00 owed to the Recreation Commission of Antietam Valley for 2019 and 2020 for grant support. Ms. Petrov was instructed to issue a check for \$20,000.00;
- Mr. Reto made various calls trying to obtain quotes to have the Borough Hall floor cleaned, waxed, and buffed.

C. SOLID WASTE & PUBLIC UTILITIES: No Report

D. PERSONNEL:

President Goodman requested an executive session at 9:30 P.M.

Regular session resumed at 10:15 P.M.

Mr. Fielding made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cocuzza, to hire Teresa Dietrich full time, effective April 28, 2021 at the rate of \$18.00 hourly. The motion carried unanimously.

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

- Mr. Lombardo made the motion, seconded by Mr. Maurer to spend an excess of \$2,486.00 if and only if community funds or other funds will not be available. The motion carried unanimously.
- Discussion took place regarding 270 Friedensburg Road

VI: LIASION REPORTS:**A. Fire Company:**

- 217 Friedensburg Road is now completely up to code.

B. MPBMA: - No Report**C. AVMA: - No Report****D. Planning Commission: No Report****E. Police Commission: No Report****F. RCAV: No Report****G. MT. PENN PRESERVE****VI. OTHER REPORTS:****A. Mayor: - No Report****B. Solicitor: No Report****C. Secretary:**

- A question was posed regarding permits for swimming pools. Discussion followed. Mr. McCarthy will have Mr. Falencki discuss fees and related costs.

VII. ORDINANCES:

- Mr. Maurer made the motion, seconded by Mr. Reto, to advertise the Ordinance requiring registration by owners of all commercial and industrial properties within the Borough. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Reto made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cocuzza, to advertise the Ordinance requiring registration by owners of all vacant properties within the Borough. The motion carried unanimously.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- Mr. Maurer made the motion seconded by Mr. Cocuzza to contribute to Aulenbach Cemetery (non-profit) \$10,000 the next two years using the federal funds due June 21, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.
- David's Cleaning will deep clean the conference room and rest rooms following the May 18th election.

X. CORRESPONDENCE:

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

- Mr. Reto made the motion, seconded by Mr. Staron, to join the Uniform Construction Code Appeals Board. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Morey stated there were slight changes to be made.

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

- Mr. Staron made the motion for adjournment at 10:18 P.M. seconded by Mr. Lombardo. The motion carried unanimously.

Workshop meeting scheduled for 7:30 P.M. Thursday, September 23, 2021.
The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held 7:30 P.M., Tuesday,
May 25, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bette E. Petrov
Secretary/Treasurer