

MEETING OF THE MOUNT PENN BOROUGH COUNCIL
August 25, 2020

The Mount Penn Borough Council met in regular session on August 25, 2020 via Zoom. President Goodman brought the meeting to order at 7:28 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Responding to roll call were, President Goodman, and Council Members: John Fielding, Richard Lombardo, Ryan Maurer, and Mr. Reto. Also in attendance were Mayor Nowotarski, Solicitor Tom Klonis, Chief Raymond Serafin, Engineer Christopher Falencki, Property Maintenance Inspector Adam Bender, and Secretary Bette Petrov. James Cocuzza and Tom Staron did not attend.

I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

- On behalf of Michael Frankhouser, President Goodman spoke on the issue of 5Gs. Council recommended that Mr. Frankhouser attend the school board meeting.
- Christopher M. Turtell, CPA, Herbein and Company, Inc. gave a presentation on auditing services for the Borough.

II. ENGINEERING

- Mr. Falencki spoke on the MS4 permitting and the report that is due to DEP by September 30, 2020. Time invested in completing the report approximately 7-8 hours. Mr. Maurer made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, authorizing McCarthy Engineering to complete the required MS4 report due to DEP by the end of September. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Falencki requested approval to proceed with handicap ramp issue. Mr. Fielding made the motion, seconded by Mr. Maurer, authorizing Mr. Falencki to proceed with the design of the handicap ramps. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Falencki spoke on the Glenn Terrace issue. His recommendation is to open the street completely; and provided council with an evaluation and cost estimate. He conveyed information on two possible grant applications, DCED and PennDot. Most of the grants have a 30% match. A resolution is needed confirming the commitment of the match. Discussion continued. DCED grant is due September 30, 2020. The DCED and PennDot grants are similar, and Mr. Falencki offered a two for one. Mr. Lombardo made the motion, seconded by Mr. Maurer, authorizing Mr. Falencki to move forward with the grant application(s). The motion carried unanimously. The DCED requires \$100.00 non-refundable application fee.
- Mr. Falencki is moving forward with the Endlich Avenue pipe restoration. He is moving forward with the design, and keeping the Krafczek's updated. Discussion continued.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Moved by Mr. Lombardo motion, seconded by Mr. Fielding that the minutes of June 23, 2020 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. FINANCE REPORT

- Moved by Mr. Maurer, and seconded by Mr. Reto to accept the Treasurer's Reports for July 2020. The motion carried unanimously. The following balances were reported.

Checking	24,937.74
Savings	649,795.65
Liquid Fuels	94,363.04
PIB Loan	40,276.19
Fire Tax	51,960.87
Ambulance Tax	15,447.30
Petty Cash	50.00

Mr. Maurer made the motion, seconded by Mr. Reto to ratify check #18447 - #18455 dated August 10, 2020 inclusive of on-line payments for a total of \$184,571.79; and check #18456 - #18476 dated August 25, 2020 inclusive of an on-line payment for a total of \$18,934.66 from the General Fund. Additionally, check #1316 dated August 10, 2020 for \$5,814.43; and check #1317 August 24, 2020 for \$2,602.79 from Liquid Fuels. The motion carried unanimously.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. STREETS:

- The road crew is two thirds through mapping and inspecting the storm sewer lines;
- Maintenance is being performed on Truck #52;
- The old leaf picker was sold for \$6,550 on August 19, 2020;
- Two salt spreaders are for sale. One in disrepair, placed on municibid. No quotes obtained. There was a private offer to purchase the spreader for \$300.00. Mr. Maurer made the motion, seconded by Mr. Reto, to sell the salt spreader in disrepair for \$300.00. The motion carried unanimously;
- President Goodman has a quote from Cintas for paper products and sanitizing products, inclusive of hand sanitizer for Adam Bender and the office. Mr. Maurer made the motion seconded by Mr. Lombardo to accept the proposal from Cintas. The motion carried unanimously;
- The handicap maps were corrected and resubmitted to Mr. Klonis;
- Ehrlichs sprayed the 23rd Street parking lot;
- All Borough owned properties were sprayed for weeds;
- Herb Davis will be here in September to remove trees on Fairview Avenue;
- Mr. Maurer made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lombardo authorizing the purchase of a new bed for the pick-up truck. The motion carried unanimously.

B. PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

- Mr. Reto, along with Reading Roof, checked the seams on the roof. Reading Roof will forward an estimate to repair;
- The new air conditioning unit will be installed this Friday, August 28th, 2020;
- President Goodman attended a meeting with MPBMA regarding Lynx and security packages for our computers. Cost is \$12.75 monthly each computer. Discussion continued. Council would like Lynx to come in for a presentation.

C. SOLID WASTE & PUBLIC UTILITIES:

- Mr. Reto's trash was not collected today. Ms. Krafczek remains unhappy with the service. Discussion continued. Mr. Klonis requested a copy of the contract for review, and will then guide council.

D. PERSONNEL: - No Report

E. INSURANCE/PENSION: No Report

F. CODES:

- A workshop meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 27, 2020 with Central Berks Regional Police Commission, Lower Alsace Township, and Mount Penn Borough;
- The Humane Society confirmed for October 07, 2020 from 2:30 – 6:30 P.M.

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

- Mount Penn Fire Company received a Grant Notice of Award replacing all ground ladders on their trucks.

B. MPBMA: No Report

C. AVMA: No Report

D. Planning Commission: No Report

E. Police Commission:

- There is a "No Parking" sign, on the roadway going into St. Catherine's, not approved by the Borough. Mr. Klonis conveyed to take the sign down.
- Chief Serafin spoke about fines associated with the parking lot. He conveyed \$1,000 would not stand with Judge Fegley. Discussion continued regarding citations and towing. Mr. Fielding made the motion, seconded by Mr. Maurer authorizing Mr. Klonis to prepare a written resolution #27-20 providing guidance to the Chief of Police and the Central Berks Regional Police Department relative to the penalty that they should impose for violations of Ordinance 848. The motion carried unanimously.

F. RCAV: No Report

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

A. Mayor:

B. Solicitor: No Report

C. Secretary: No Report

VII. ORDINANCES:

- Ordinance #857 Amending #848, Section 2. Mr. Reto made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fielding to adopt Ordinance #857.
A roll call vote was taken.

President Goodman	No
Mr. Cocuzza	Not Present
Mr. Fielding	Yes
Mr. Lombardo	No
Mr. Maurer	Yes
Mr. Reto	Yes
Mr. Staron	Not Present

Mayor Nowatarski stated it is his intention to veto the Ordinance based on the changes to the Ordinance from initial discussions, and the comment “My Opinion Does Not Matter”. Mr. Klonis advised the Mayor to have his objections in writing ready for our September 29, 2020.

VIII. RESOLUTIONS

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

X. CORRESPONDENCE:

XI. NEW BUSINESS:

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

- Mr. Fielding made the motion for adjournment at 9:42 seconded by Mr. Lombardo. The motion carried unanimously.

Workshop meeting scheduled for 7:30 P.M., Thursday, September 24, 2020 at Borough Hall. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bette E. Petrov
Secretary/Treasurer