

MEETING OF THE MOUNT PENN BOROUGH COUNCIL
January 14, 2020

The Mount Penn Borough Council met in regular session on January 14, 2020 at the Borough Hall. 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: John Fielding, Richard Lombardo, Ryan Maurer, Roger Reto, and Tom Staron. Also in attendance were Mayor Nowotarski, Solicitor Tom Klonis, Chief Serafin, Property Maintenance Inspector Adam Bender, and Secretary Bette Petrov. Mr. Cocuzza arrived late.

I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

- Michael Frankhouser, Woodvale Avenue, conveyed that neighbors have been coming to him for assistance regarding run off water from other neighbors properties. Mr. Frankhouser spoke with Mr. Lorah regarding how to alleviate this problem. He continued to discuss the severity of the situation. The question was asked if the Borough is willing to help on properties as well as in the alleys. Mr. Klonis conveyed storm water management falls in the scope of the Borough. Questions and discussion continued. Mr. Frankhouser continued with additional questions. Mr. Klonis conveyed that the questions will be better addressed with the new engineer.
- Mayor Nowotarski, congratulated the winners of the Holiday Decorating Contest.
- Jim McCarthy and Christopher Falencki, of McCarthy Engineering, introduced themselves and delivered a description of their expertise and services. Questions and answers followed.
- Gary Kraft, of Kraft Engineering, introduced himself and delivered a description of his expertise and services. Questions and answers followed.

President Goodman requested an executive session at 8:30. Regular session resumed at 9:29. Let the record show personnel and real estate issues were discussed. Action will be taken during the meeting.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Moved by Mr. Reto and seconded by Mr. Staron, that the minutes of December 10, 2019 be approved as presented. The motion carried. Mr. Fielding and Mr. Ryan abstained. Mr. Fielding made the motion, seconded by that the minutes of January 06, 2020 be approved as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

III. FINANCE REPORT

- Mr. Maurer made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fielding, to approve the December 2019 Treasurers Report. The motion carried unanimously. The following balances were reported:

Checking-	\$	34,969.50
Savings-Metro	\$	253,875.99
Liquid Fuels Fund-	\$	47,565.20
Fire Tax-	\$	13,360.27
Ambulance Tax-	\$	3,720.47
PIB Loan-	\$	40,182.41
Petty Cash-	\$	50.00

- Mr. Fielding made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lombardo to ratify checks #18229 - #18242 and the on-line payment, dated December 23, 2019 amounting to \$18,518.58 from the General Fund; and check #1301 in the amount of \$2,573.07 from Liquid Fuels. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Fielding made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lombardo to ratify checks #18243 - #18261 and the on-line payments, dated January 11, 2020 amounting to \$110,660.15 from the General Fund. The motion carried unanimously.

IV. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- President Goodman made the following committee appointments:

Finance:	Mr. Maurer and Mr. Fielding
Streets:	Mr. Cocuzza, Mr. Lombardo, and Mr. Reto
Parks & Public Property:	Mr. Reto and Mr. Staron
Solid Waste	Mr. Staron and President Goodman
Insurance & Pension:	Mr. Fielding and Mr. Maurer
Personnel:	President Goodman, Mayor Nowotarski, and Mr. Staron
Codes:	Mr. Lombardo and Mr. Staron

A. STREETS:

- Mr. Cocuzza reported the following:
 - More clarification is needed from the union representative prior to ratification of the contract;
 - Mr. Cocuzza made the motion seconded by Mr. Fielding to enter into the salt contract for the next season 2020-2021;
 - New truck is being assembled and will need lettering;
 - Leaf picker grant was awarded;
 - Oak Terrace is unable to be plowed during snow due to a parking issue (one space). Discussion continued. Mr. Klonis will need the specifications. Mr. Maurer made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cocuzza, for the Solicitor to prepare and advertise the Ordinance for No Parking. The motion carried unanimously.
 - The crossing guard applicant previously received was denied by Chief Serafin. Joseph Cunliffe is willing to take on the position.
 - The 2000 block of Perkiomen Avenue requires lines painted for parking places. Mr. Klonis said that we need PennDot confirmation for the line painting. The two parking spaces on the 1900 block of Perkiomen still need to be addressed. McCarthy Engineering will be asked to check the site distance. An Ordinance needs to be prepared for their elimination. Mr. Klonis conveyed the last motion made will cover the removal of the parking spaces, will be included in the previous ordinance, saving cost on advertising.
 - Discussion was held regarding St. Catherine's request for one way traffic on South 24th. Chief Serafin's recommendation is Woodvale to Fairview would be considered one way. The rest down 24th to Perkiomen would be two way. This recommendation is strictly to appease the School. Unless additional complaints are received traffic pattern will remain as is.
 - A request was received for no parking on Hill Avenue behind 300 Friedensburg Road. Mr. Bender and Mr. Cocuzza will survey the situation. Mr. Klonis suggested getting all requests together, forwarding all maps to him, and placing all in one ordinance again saving on advertising.

- Leaf collection always has a cut-off date. Many residents ignore the designated date. This becomes problematic when it effects storm water systems clogging catch basins. The dumping of mulch and stones in the street is also an issue. The question was raised whether an Ordinance will allow violators to be fined. Discussion followed.

B. PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

- Mr. Fielding made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cocuzza, to table the sale of the Parking Lot until June 2020 allowing Mr. Fielding to bring in downtown development options and proposals. Discussion continued regarding an incident involving a truck pulling a camper, trailer in the parking lot. Our Ordinance allows for the removal of such vehicles.

C. SOLID WASTE & PUBLIC UTILITIES: - No Report

D. PERSONNEL:

- Mr. Lombardo made the motion, seconded by Mr. Staron, to advertise for a part-time office assistant at the rate of \$14.00 hourly. The motion carried unanimously.

E. INSURANCE/PENSION: - No Report

F. CODES:

- Mr. Bender reported 1951 Woodvale Avenue is going up for sheriff's sale.

V. 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

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

- A. Mayor:**
 - Mayor Nowotarski received a letter endorsing Mr. Smith and requesting his reappointed.
- B. Engineer:**
- C. Solicitor:** No Report
- D. Secretary:** No Report

VII. ORDINANCES:

VIII. RESOLUTIONS

- Resolution #17-20 Mr. Lombardo made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fielding, that McCarthy Engineering be appointed the Building Code Official for the Borough of Mount Penn for the year 2020. The record reflects one opposed. The motion carried.

- Resolution #18-20 Mr. Fielding made, the motion, seconded by Mr. Maurer, that McCarthy Engineering be appointed Engineer for the Borough of Mount Penn for the year 2020. The record reflects one opposed. The motion carried.
- Resolution #19-20 Mr. Maurer made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fielding, that McCarthy Engineering be appointed Accessibility Inspector for the Borough of Mount Penn for the year 2020. The record reflects one opposed. The motion carried.
- Resolution #20-20 Mr. Maurer made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fielding, that McCarthy Engineering be appointed Sewage Enforcement Officer for the Borough of Mount Penn for the year 2020. The record reflects one opposed. The motion carried.
- Resolution #23-20 Mr. Maurer made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fielding, that McCarthy Engineering be appointed Zoning Officer for the Borough of Mount Penn for the year 2020. The record reflects one opposed. The motion carried.
- Resolution #02-20 Mr. Maurer made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cocuzza, to appoint Mr. Krause as our Auditor for the Borough of Mount Penn 2019 audit year.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Mr. Reto conveyed there is a problem with the roof of the Borough Building. Discussion followed. A new roof is required. Mr. Reto will obtain three quotes.
- Mr. Lombardo conveyed Stowe Fire Alarm donated, to the Borough, a new commercial fire alarm panel. A letter of donation will be forwarded to Stowe.

X. CORRESPONDENCE: No Report.

X. NEW BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

- Mr. Lombardo made the motion for adjournment at 10:27, seconded by Mr. Fielding. The motion carried unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held 7:30 PM, Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bette E. Petrov
Secretary/Treasurer