

MEETING OF THE MOUNT PENN BOROUGH COUNCIL
July 28, 2020

The Mount Penn Borough Council met in regular session on July 28, 2020 via Zoom. 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, Ryan Maurer, and Mr. Reto. Mr. Lombardo and Mr. Staron arrived late. Also in attendance were Mayor Nowotarski, Solicitor Tom Klonis, Chief Serafin, Engineer Christopher Falencki, Property Maintenance Inspector Adam Bender, and Secretary Bette Petrov.

I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

- President Goodman read an anonymous complaint regarding not being able to drive through alleyways due to their condition. The complaint did not disclose the nature of the problem(s).
- Adam and JD Krafczek addressed Council requesting to know if Mr. Falencki had permission to proceed with the project.

II. ENGINEERING

- In response to the Krafczek family, Mr. Falencki conveyed the settlement agreement is in place and recorded. Mr. Fielding made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cocuzza, authorizing Mr. Falencki to move forward with the Krafczek project. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Falencki explained he was to keep the Krafczek's apprised of the progression. The design sketch attached to the agreement will be followed. Discussion followed.
- Mr. Falencki conveyed MS4 mapping is taking place. Mr. Falencki suggested that road projects for 2021 should be addressed.
- The engineer is also waiting for authorization to proceed with the handicap ramp project.
- Mr. Falencki spoke on the emergency situation at Glenn Terrace. Repairs made by Construction Masters Services, LLC (CMS) are merely temporary. Mr. Falencki recommends payment of their invoice. He will have a more accurate report regarding costs of permanent repair, and is recommending full replacement.
- Mr. Falencki stated two major projects (Krafczek & Glenn Terrace) must be considered for next year. After obtaining quotations Senator Schwank and Representative Rozzi will be contacted for possible aid.
- Mr. Klonis went over Emergency Resolution 26-20 stating an emergency declaration on Glenn Terrace. Mr. Fielding made the motion, seconded by Mr. Reto, to adopt the emergency resolution. The motion carried unanimously.
- CMS Services provided emergency services on Glenn Terrace. Mr. Cocuzza made the motion, seconded by Mr. Maurer to satisfy CMS Services in the amount of \$5,814.43 from Liquid Fuels. The motion carried unanimously.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

IV. FINANCE REPORT

- Mr. Fielding made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cocuzza to accept the Treasurer's Reports for June 2020. The motion carried unanimously. The following balances were reported.

Checking	34,262.28
Savings	703,388.44
Fire	47,046.34
Ambulance Tax	14,461.84
PIB Loan	40,267.64
Liquid Fuels Fund	97,028.12
Petty Cash	50.00

Mr. Reto made the motion seconded by Mr. Fielding to ratify check #18420 - #18428 dated July 10, 2020 inclusive of on-line payments for a total of \$104,309.01; and check #18429 - #18446 dated July 24, 2020 inclusive of an on-line payment for a total of \$20,259.57 from the General Fund. Check #1314 - #1315 dated July 24, 2020 totaling \$2,685.63 from Liquid Fuels. The motion carried unanimously.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. STREETS:

- Mr. Cocuzza reported the old codes vehicle sold.
- Mr. Okonski reported the new leaf picker is in.
- Discussion took place regarding the part time street representative. Mr. Okonski stated, per the union, Mark Stufflet is on a 90 day probation period, and will join the union at the end of this period. Mr. Okonski requested that due to the amount of work and safety issues, Mr. Stufflet be hired full time. Mr. Staron made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cocuzza to rescind the prior motion of not hiring a full time employee until September; bring Mr. Stufflet on full time conditional upon Mr. Stufflets's successful passing of his background investigations; and at a rate of \$15.00 hourly. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Reto questioned Mr. Klonis about having an ordinance for the removal of utility poles broken or no longer utilized. Mr. Klonis explained that this the discretion of council. Discussion continued.
- Discussion took place over who is responsible for the weeds at the street side of the curbs.

B. PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

- Mr. Reto received a quotation in the amount of \$7,000 from Rossi Mechanical for the air conditioner in the meeting room. President Goodman received an estimate from Wagner Mechanical for a three ton unit \$5,840.65. After reviewing both proposals Mr. Reto made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cocuzza to accept the proposal from Wagner in the amount of \$5,840.65 upgrading the air conditioner to three ton. The motion carried unanimously.
- Reading Roofing did not respond to an email requesting a meeting. Mr. Reto will contact Reading Roofing direct and arrange a meeting.

C. SOLID WASTE & PUBLIC UTILITIES:

- President Goodman stated Mascaro would like an update on their performance. Complaints are lessening.

D. PERSONNEL: Previously discussed

E. INSURANCE/PENSION: - No Report

F. CODES:

- Mr. Lombardo stated the fire property on the 2700 block Perkiomen Avenue is being renovated.
- Mr. Bender conveyed the County Blight hearing was today, and the County Redevelopment Authority will be taking over 1951 Woodvale Avenue by eminent domain.
- Mr. Bender stated the owner of the Perkiomen Avenue fire property has purchased 2451 Filbert Avenue.
- The Humane Society contacted Mr. Bender confirming the use of the Parking Lot. They will inform him of the days needed.
- Mr. Bender informed Council of the fire at 217 Friedensburg Road. The situation is being handled and moving along well.

V. LIASION REPORTS:

A. Fire Company: No Report

B. MPBMA: No Report

C. AVMA: No Report

D. Planning Commission: No Report

E. Police Commission:

- Contract negotiations continue to take place. Discussion continued.

F. MPP: No Report & Remove

G. RCAV: No Report

VI. OTHER REPORTS:

A. Mayor:

- Mr. Staron made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cocuzza, for Mr. Klonis to prepare the ordinance and have it advertised for the three handicap sign applications. The motion carried unanimously.

B. Solicitor:

- Bidding requirements \$18,500. Quotations \$10,000 and one may be telephonic.
- Mr. Klonis discussed the Parking Lot Ordinance. Discussion continued regarding the sale of the lot, redevelopment, and St. Catherine's property. Mr. Reto made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fielding to authorize the advertisement of the Ordinance amending Section Two of Ordinance #848. A roll call vote was taken. The motion carried.

President Goodman	No
Mr. Cocuzza	Yes
Mr. Fielding	Yes
Mr. Lombardo	No
Mr. Maurer	Yes
Mr. Reto	Yes
Mr. Staron	No

C. Secretary: No Report

VII. ORDINANCES:

VIII. RESOLUTIONS

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- Discussion was held regarding the fee schedule. Mr. Klonis, stated to be enforceable, an ordinance is required. Mr. Cocuzza made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fielding authorizing Mr. Klonis to prepare and have advertised the required Ordinance for the new Fee Schedule. The motion carried unanimously.

X. CORRESPONDENCE:

- Mr. Staron made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cocuzza to take the letter submitted Mr. Michael Frankhouser regarding the 5G issue under consideration. The motion carried unanimously.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

XII. ADJOURNMENT:

- Mr. Staron made the motion for adjournment at 9:14 seconded by Mr. Maurer. The motion carried unanimously.

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held 7:30 PM, Tuesday, August 25, 2020 at Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Bette E. Petrov
Secretary/Treasurer