

**MEETING OF THE MOUNT PENN BOROUGH COUNCIL**  
**September 29, 2020**

The Mount Penn Borough Council met in regular session on September 29, 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, Richard Lombardo, Ryan Maurer, Roger Reto, and Tom Staron. Also in attendance were Mayor Nowotarski, Solicitor Tom Klonis, Chief Raymond Serafin, Engineer Christopher Falencki, Property Maintenance Inspector Adam Bender, and Secretary Bette Petrov.

**I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

- Paul Janssen, Center for Excellence in Local Government, was available for questions pertaining to the potential contract between the Borough of Mount Penn and the Center. Mr. Fielding made the motion, seconded by Mr. Maurer to enter into the contract with the Center for Excellence in Local Government. The motion carried unanimously.

**II. ENGINEERING**

- Mr. Falencki asked for any questions regarding his submitted report. Mr. Fielding made the motion, seconded by Mr. Maurer, to accept Resolution #28-20 requesting a Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Staron made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, authorizing Mr. Goodman's signature on the letter committing the Borough to provide funding of 30% as its matching share of the project providing the Grant is awarded. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Fielding made the motion, seconded by Mr. Reto, to adopt Resolution #29-20 regarding the Borough of Mount Penn's plan to comply with the Legislative Mandate, The Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, for Handicap Ramps. The motion carried unanimously. This Resolution addresses the formal complaint of discrimination made to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation.
- Mr. Falencki stated the PennDot Grant is due November 06, 2020 and is almost identical to the Multimodal Transportation grant.
- Mr. Falencki is addressing the problem at the triangle with PennDot representatives.

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Moved by Mr. Lombardo motion, seconded by Mr. Fielding that the minutes of August 25, 2020 be approved. The motion carried unanimously.

#### IV. FINANCE REPORT

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

Checking	22,146.79
Savings	488,622.38
Liquid Fuels	88,567.93
PIB Loan	40,284.74
Fire Tax	53,004.32
Ambulance Tax	15,658.60
Petty Cash	50.00

Mr. Maurer made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fielding, to ratify check #18477 - #18486 dated September 08, 2020 inclusive of on-line payments for a total of \$113,334.35; and check #18487 - #18504 dated September 24, 2020 inclusive of an on-line payment for a total of \$22,445.98 from the General Fund. Additionally, check #1318 dated September 24, 2020 for \$2,611.04 from Liquid Fuels. The motion carried unanimously.

- Mr. Fielding made the motion, seconded by Mr. Reto, to approve the invoice received from Wagner's Heating & Cooling for an additional \$25.00 covering the maintenance on the AC unit in the office. The motion carried unanimously.

#### V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

##### A. STREETS:

Mr. Cocuzza reviewed the report, previously submitted to all Council, from the street crew. Discussion continued on the reported items.

- Mr. Staron made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, for the street crew to purchase a drill kit. The motion carried unanimously;
- Mr. Staron made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fielding, for the Borough to be responsible for one-third of the maintenance repair to the Backhoe. The motion carried unanimously.

##### B. PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTY:

- Mr. Reto made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fielding to have the roof repaired for \$2,840.00. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Lombardo made the motion, seconded by Mr. Reto to enter into a maintenance agreement with Wagner's Heating & Cooling. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Staron made the motion, seconded by Mr. Maurer, to enter into the agreement with Lynx for the security system and maintenance hours. The motion carried unanimously.

**C. SOLID WASTE & PUBLIC UTILITIES:**

- Discussion was held regarding September trash complaints and the service in general. Mr. Klonis stated as long as the Company is returning to removed missed trash you cannot site them. They are complying with the contract.

**D. PERSONNEL:**

- Mr. Cocuzza made the motion, seconded by Mr. Lombardo, to advertise for a part time street worker. The motion carried unanimously.

**E. INSURANCE/PENSION:**

- Mr. Fielding made the motion, seconded by Mr. Maurer, to approve the non-uniform DC Plan 2021 minimum municipal obligation. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Fielding made the motion, seconded by Mr. Maurer, to approve the non-uniform Employees' Pension Plan minimum municipal obligation.

**F. CODES:**

- A discussion was held regarding various aspects of the Joint Codes Program.

**V. LIASION REPORTS:**

**A. Fire Company:** No Report

**B. MPBMA:** No Report

**C. AVMA:** No Report

**D. Planning Commission:** No Report

**E. Police Commission:**

- Meeting this Thursday, October 01, 2020
- Chief Serafin spoke regarding the Primary Center. The school has agreed to have a designated bus-loading zone on Endlich Avenue. The handicap parking space sign that is currently on Endlich Avenue will be re-configured. The School will be responsible for the cost of the three signs. Mr. Klonis will need information in order to produce an Ordinance. Mr. Fielding made the motion, seconded by Mr. Reto authorizing the advertisement of the Ordinance to effectuate the changes to be made on Endlich Avenue.

**F. RCAF:** No Report

**VI. OTHER REPORTS:**

**A. Mayor:** No Report

**B. Solicitor:**

- Mr. Reto made the motion, seconded by Mr. Maurer, to adopt Resolution #27-20 providing guidance to the CBRPD relative to the penalty that they should impose for violations of Ordinance #848. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Klonis advised of a hearing scheduled for Friday, October 01, 2020 regarding 1951 Woodvale Avenue.

**C. Secretary:** No Report

**VII. ORDINANCES:**

- Mr. Fielding made the motion, seconded by Mr. Cocuzza, to adopt Ordinance #858 for Handicap Parking. The motion carried unanimously.
- Mr. Lombardo made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fielding, to advertise the Ordinance restricting parking at various locations within the Borough. The motion carried unanimously.

**VIII. RESOLUTIONS**

**IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**X. CORRESPONDENCE:**

**XI. NEW BUSINESS:**

**XII. ADJOURNMENT:**

- Mr. Reto made the motion for adjournment at 9:00 seconded by Mr. Maurer. The motion carried unanimously.

Workshop meeting scheduled for 7:30 P.M., October 22, 2020 at Borough Hall.  
The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, October 27, 2020 at Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Bette E. Petrov*  
*Secretary/Treasurer*