

MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTOURSVILLE

February 7, 2011

The regular meeting of the Montoursville Borough Council was called to order by Council President Robert Brobson at 7 PM, with the following answering roll call: Donald Konkle, Jr., Eugene Boyles, Robert Brobson, Ronald Shearer, Gary Marshall, Junior Councilperson, Hunter Konkle and Mayor John Dorin. Council member Kim DiRocco was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

Council President, Mr. Robert Brobson, announced at this time Mayor John Dorin had some presentations to make.

Mayor Dorin stated this past year of 2010 the Borough of Montoursville had its Holiday House Decorating contest and have winners based on that contest. He stated that he appreciates all participants that entered and that 2010 was its 21st year. The winners are:

Best Overall Display – Julie & Pat Quick
Judges Preference – Dawn & Jim Eboch
Best Lighted Door – Joyce Rhoades
Best Business Display – Callahan's Antiquities
Mayor's Choice – Jodi & George Wolfe

Mayor Dorin also presented Montoursville Cemetery representative Mr. Don King a proclamation recognizing the Montoursville Cemetery as a historic site landmark on its 144th Anniversary. On behalf of the Montoursville Cemetery Board Mr. King, secretary of the board, thanked Mayor Dorin for this honor and stated that it will be proudly displayed prominently in the cemetery.

The minutes of the January 3, 2011 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Eugene Boyles, second by Mr. Ronald Shearer and carried.

Visitor and Public Comment-

Mr. Gary Williams, 1309 Weldon St. spoke to council regarding the continuation of buildings being constructed at the McCall Middle School Athletic Field. He stated it is starting to look like a shanty town. He stated that 9 yrs ago the school wanted to build another 3rd structure at the end of Weldon St, where he lives, it was shot down however it was agreed upon to allow a temporary trailer be placed a week before soccer season and leave a week after soccer season was over. This is the reason he is here tonight, it was agreed upon by the school board and residents not to put a building up at that time nor allow it to be put up at any other time, in that athletic complex. He stated that currently the Borough codes officer granted a building permit so that a building could be built at the athletic complex, unfortunately the codes officer did not know of the agreement between the school board and residents. However when it went to the school board it should have thrown a red flag immediately, however they allowed it to go through. He feels that an agreement was made and it now has been broken. He stated that he is

not here to make controversy or to make anyone angry, he is simply here to state the facts and it is not right. In closing he stated that he purchased his house 27 years ago, understanding at that time it was residential, with large acres of grass for his children to play on, since that time there has been several buildings constructed not to say how dangerous it is due to the parking situations during soccer games. He asked where is it going to stop. He suggested everyone to put themselves in his shoes, he has a lot of money invested into his home and the neighborhood was so nice, however it has now turned into a shanty town. Mr. Williams then thanked everyone.

At this time Fire Chief, Mr. Steve Wilson addressed council regarding the fire hydrants. He first wanted to thank residents who have made an attempt in shoveling them out, and stressed the importance of this. He stated that if you see a hydrant in front of your house please shovel it out it will be well worth it.

Council President, Mr. Robert Brobson recessed the regular meeting at 7:16 pm and a public hearing was convened. Mrs. Jamie Shrawder of SEDA-COG was present and discussed the CDBG program FFY 2011. She stated the purpose of the public hearing is to discuss the regulatory requirements, projects that have been submitted for consideration for 2011, and will invite any projects that will be submitted for consideration this evening. When the public hearing is over, that will be the close of accepting new projects for consideration for the year 2011. The estimated funds available to the borough for the year 2011 are \$114,100.00. A portion of those funds go to the administration of the program, while the remaining approximately \$90,000.00 is available to do project work. She stated CDBG funds can be used to do a wide variety of activities, mostly things like public infrastructure – your water, sewer, and street projects also recreation projects, and ADA projects. All projects must meet 3 categories; first it must benefit 51% or more of low to moderate income people. Montoursville Borough does not have 51% or more low to moderate income people so any activity we find to do it under that category we must survey the direct recipients of the funds or if it benefits the elderly or handicapped, they are presumed benefit for the funding. Seventy percent of the Borough's funds must go to that. The second category is elimination of slum & blight, so if there were a condemned house that's a blighting influence on a street, that house could be removed using these funds. The third category is very rarely used, so if there were an emergency situation declared the Borough could use these funds to respond to that emergency if they do not have any other funds available. There are a couple of regulatory requirements. There is a Fair Housing Notice and an Ant displacement Plan, basically they say that the Borough isn't going to discriminate against anyone in there housing programs and also if they eliminate any housing, they will replace it on a one to one basis- these are plans required to be adopted by the Borough as part of their program. Also there is a Section 3 preference that focuses on helping low to moderate income people, which means that if any jobs are created with these projects, preference to hire Section 3 individuals or Section 3 businesses should be made. Section 3 individuals are persons making less than \$30,350.00 and Section 3 businesses which are 51% or more owned by an individual making less than \$30,350.00. A discussion then took place regarding the projects that are being considered for 2011 funding. One project being considered for the 2011 funding is moving the access road to the elderly housing complex, another is street paving, additional curb cut work putting in the ADA accessible ramps. There were also several outside organization projects; the Red Cross submitted a project for training and classes. Another outside organization is the Community Arts Center; Mr. Robert Steele addressed council on behalf of their project. His request was to fund making modifications to make the Community Arts Center more ADA compliant- with replacing

an existing wheelchair lift- Montoursville share of the cost would be \$3250.00. He thanked council for considering their proposal. Mr. Boyles asked Mr. Steele if they had applied to the Foundation, to which Mr. Steele said they have.

At this time, Mrs. Shrawder asked if there were any other projects that council or anyone in the public would like to submit for consideration. She also asked if anyone had any questions or comments regarding the projects that were be considered. Mayor Dorin asked if the projects submitted take up all of the funding. Mrs. Shrawder stated they would use all the funding, the access road to the elderly housing complex if it would be funded would use up multi years worth of funding, it is a large project. Paving and curb cuts could also use all the funding; it doesn't take long to use \$90,000.00, Montoursville has more projects than money to spend. Mayor Dorin stated that the Community Arts Center might be something council could consider, if there is excess money, other communities are contributing. Mrs. Shrawder then asked if anyone had any comments or concerns regarding potential historical or environmental impact that these projects may have. A NEPA Environmental review must be done on all projects prior to any funding being granted. She then asked if anyone had any comments or concerns regarding any prior funding year's projects. At this time Mrs. Shrawder closed the application project and concluded the public hearing.

Council President Mr. Brobson reconvened the council meeting at 7:29PM to which he then recessed to a Conditional Use Permit Application Hearing.

Motion by Mr. Eugene Boyles to table the Conditional Use Permit Application Hearing until March 7th, 2011, second by Mr. Ronald Shearer Mr. Boyles stated there will be a Work Session with the Planning Commission on February 21, 2011 7:00PM. The motion carried.

Council President Brobson reconvened the Council meeting at 7:31PM.

Treasurers Report –

Motion by Mr. Boyles to approve the treasurer's report and the Borough bills for January 2010, second by Mr. Konkle. The motion carried.

New Business –

Resolution 2011-1 authorizing PENNDOT to request railroad crossing upgrades at Loyalsock Ave from PA PUC

Motion by Mr. Boyles authorizing necessary signatures and authorizing resolution 2011-1, second by Mr. Konkle. Mr. Boyles asked Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Ronald Smith if they were planning on putting gates on or changing the lights to LED. Mr. Smith replied that he did not know what they were planning on doing. Mayor Dorin asked if there were any cost to the borough. Mr. Boyles stated that there were not. The motion carried.

CDBG Montoursville Borough Curb-Cut Project – Mr. Boyles stated that we received a letter from our engineer, that is doing the curb cuts will cost approximately \$60,000.00. Mrs. Shrawder stated that the intersections that will be involved will be Winger & Weaver St., Chestnut & Spruce St. and Walnut & Pine Sts., this year as they follow closely along the paving program that is being considered this year. She feels fairly confident that there is enough money

to cover those. Mayor Dorin questioned Mrs. Shrawder about issues with past curb cuts. A discussion then took place among members.

Motion by Mr. Boyles authorizing approving advertising bids for the \$60,000.00 curb cut project, second by Mr. Shearer. Motion carried.

PSAB Convention Delegates - Voting and Alternate

Motion by Mr. Shearer authorizing Mr. Eugene Boyles to be the voting delegate at the PSAB Convention & the alternate voting delegate to be Mr. Robert Brobson, second by Mr. Konkle. Motion carried.

Committee Reappointments – Mr. Chris Reed, Planning Commission (4yr. term)
– Mr. Frank Delycure, Jr., Civil Service Commission (3 yr. term)

Motion by Mr. Shearer reappointing Mr. Chris Reed to the Planning Commission to a 4 year term, second by Mr. Boyles. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Boyles reappointing Mr. Frank Delycure to the Civil Service Commission to a 3 year term, second by Mr. Shearer. Motion carried.

Vertech Engineering Proposal – approval for HVAC engineering services. Mr. Boyles stated that this project has been going on since October for the borough building and the lump sum price of \$2900.00 is a good deal.

Motion by Mr. Boyles to approve Vertech Engineering lump sum amount of \$2900.00 for HVAC engineering services, second by Mr. Konkle. Council President Mr. Brobson informed the audience that the heating problem has been going on for over 10 years and we are trying to get it corrected. He stated hopefully this investment will pay for itself, lowering the heating and cooling bills. Motion carried.

STEP Agreement – approval to provide Senior Center Services. Mr. Boyles stated that the borough has had several meetings with STEP to make these arrangements using CDBG funds to try to put forth a program for our seniors. STEP has agreed to use their employees to put a program together for the next year. He feels it is a very good investment and hope the seniors take advantage of it.

Motion by Mr. Boyles to approve the STEP agreement and authorize the necessary signatures to provide Senior Center Services in the amount of \$ 15845.00, second by Mr. Marshall. Resident, Mr. Gary Williams questioned what kind of programs would be provided. Mr. Boyles said they need ideas and input to what the seniors would like. He said they are in need of volunteers for a committee to come up with the ideas. There is a meeting coming up on February 22 at 10:00 AM if anyone is interested to volunteer for that committee. Mrs. Shrawder stated that the contract is for a year but if after 6 months no one is interested or participating, the contract will be terminated and put the CDBG funds back into something else. She stated that the borough is making a concerted effort to respond to the seniors requests & needs for activities in the borough. She stated it is strictly CDBG Grant funded and no borough funds will be used. It can be used for 3 years of funding, if the program grows, it should be self sustaining. Motion carried.

RIGHT-OF-WAY AGREEMENT with PPL – approval for right of way along Pool Rd.

Motion by Mr. Shearer to approve Event permits 2011-01, 2011-02, 2011-03 and 2011-04 second by Mr. Boyles. Motion carried.

Mayor – Mayor John Dorin stated there will be a Lycoming/Sullivan County Borough Association meeting, February 16th at 7:00 PM. He stated the discussion will be from the PSAB on pensions.

Streets/Water – Water Project Status Report – Street and Water Commissioner Mr. Ron Smith gave council an update on the Water Project – Engineer Dave Walters would like to go over the final bidding documents for the chlorine contact piping and upgrades to the chlorine system this week, with bids being due March 3rd. Council President, Mr. Brobson stated that this is just one part of the overall projects that were discussed at the public meeting held to inform residents about future projects for the water system and the usage of the revenues from bulk water sales. Mr. Smith then state that for the month of January we pumped 21,210,000 gallon of water for residential use and 15,806,000 gallon for bulk water use. He stated that the Street Department is still trimming trees, repairing lights and plan on cleaning the snow from downtown on Thursday night.

Police Chief – Chief Strailey distributed & discussed the monthly report, 2010 police officers work tallies and current 2011 complaint log. Chief went on to inform council members of 2 donations that he had received. We received a\$1000.00 from the Faith Church. They do a Christmas offering to which they chose emergency services as one of the beneficiaries. He stated this donation will be utilized to purchase trail cams & digital cameras. We also received \$4851.00 donation to purchase 2 additional patrol rifles and mounts.

Council Persons –

Jr. Councilmember Mr. Hunter Konkle questioned the status of the EOP. Chief Strailey stated that they are still working on it.

Council President – Genetti Contract – Appreciation Dinner was reviewed by members.

Motion by Mr. Boyles to approve and authorize the necessary signatures to approve the contract, second by Mr. Donald Konkle. The motion carried.

Larson Design Group -2011 Consultation Authorization was reviewed by members.

Motion by Mr. Konkle to approve and authorize the necessary signatures on the Larson Design Group 2011 Consultation document, second by Mr. Boyles. Mr. Boyles stated the need to have Larson Design inspect the project with their expertise due to the fact of the high pressures going through cast iron pipe involved with the projects. The motion carried.

Correspondence and Announcements –

Next Council meeting will be Monday, March 7th, 2011 at 7:00pm
Next Work Session will be Monday, February 21st, 2011 at 7:00pm

Visitor and Public Comments –

Resident Mr. Gary Williams stated whatever decision comes about through the planning commission, regarding the temporary structure at McCall Middle School please make sure it is noted that it is to be put up the week before High School Baseball season and taken down the week after it is over. A discussion then took place regarding several issues surrounding the temporary structure and the process.

Resident Mr. Robert Lorson asked questions regarding meeting protocol and advertising.

At this time, Mayor Dorin suggested getting directive in writing to our codes inspection company that all permits must be dropped off at the Borough Office. Council President stated that could be done. Mayor Dorin also asked Mr. Williams if he would like is documentation be part of the council meeting. Mr. Williams declined.

Fire Chief Wilson asked why we did not have representation from Codes Inspection, Inc at the council meeting. Council President Mr. Brobson stated the gentleman from Codes Inspection could not attend because he had surgery.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm on a motion by Mr. Boyles, seconded by Mr. Konkle and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Gardner, Borough Secretary/Treasurer