

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF MONTOURSVILLE

March 01, 2010

The regular meeting of the Montoursville Borough Council was called to order by Council President Robert Brobson at 7:00 PM, with the following answering roll call: Eugene Boyles, Kim DiRocco, Donald Konkle, Gary Marshall and Ronald Shearer. Also attending were Mayor John Dorin, Zoning Officer/Code Official Rodney Heindel, and Solicitor Garth Everett. Absent was Police Chief Daniel Strailey.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed. The minutes of the February 15th meeting were not available, but will be forthcoming for the next meeting.

Visitors - Mrs. Marian Harris of 604 Jordan Ave. was present to discuss that the police reports are not up-to-date on the Borough website. Council assured Mrs. Harris that it will be checked on. Also present was Darlene Freezer, 804 Tule St., who spoke against Council's action regarding the Borough Secretary and his suspension.

The Council President announced that Council held executive sessions on February 18th and February 24th, regarding personnel.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Boyles, seconded by Mr. Konkle and carried. The Borough bills were approved as presented on a motion by Mr. Boyles, seconded by Mr. Konkle and carried.

CDBG - Ms. Jamie Schrawder of Seda-Cog, was present to discuss project review and finalization of projects for FFY 2010. The Borough's allocation for CDBG funds is estimated at approximately \$105,500, with a possible percent increase to come. The following projects are being considered: 1) Curb cut continuation; 2) Senior Center utilizing the pool facility or an existing building.; 3) Continue curb/walk repair - SedaCOG to conduct the interviews; 4) Administration fees of approximately \$20,010. On a motion by Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mr. Boyles and carried, Council approved the above projects with the additional funds to be allocated for the senior center. The final public hearing and application approval will be at the Borough Council meeting of March 15, 2010.

Mr. Boyles reported that the Borough is considering changing the accounting system to Quick Books. There will be a demonstration on the system at the Borough Office on Monday, March 8th. The Solicitor commented that several of the municipalities he serves uses Quick Books and that it is a good system. There was also discussion regarding the Borough changing banking facilities.

Mayor Dorin reported on the CBA meeting held on February 17th. The speaker was from DCED and his topic was police regionalization.

Solicitor Garth Everett informed Council that the Rental Ordinance should be done by the end of the week.

Mr. Heindel reviewed the proposed changes regarding the sidewalk and curb ordinance. The Solicitor recommended that Council review the proposed changes until the next meeting and then authorize to advertise. There was also discussion with regard to future street projects. It was the recommendation of the committee that the Borough to pay for curbing where we pave the street. On a motion by Eugene Boyles, seconded by Ronald Shearer and carried, Council agreed to pay for the curbing where we pave the street.

RECREATION - On a motion by Mr. Boyles, seconded by Mr. Marshall and carried, Council approved the following events:

Event 2010-08 - National MS Walk - April 18, 2010

Event 2010-09 - Mtsvl. Lion/Lioness Easter Egg Hunt - March 28, 2010

Event 2010-10 - 3 Christian Women - June 13, 2010

Event 2010-11 - SPCA Pet Expo - June 6, 2010

STREETS & WATER - Mr. Konkle announced that the Personnel Committee recommended the promotion of employee Ronald Smith to the position of Street/Water Commissioner, effective today. On a motion by Donald Konkle, seconded by Eugene Boyles and carried, Council approved the promotion of Ronald Smith. It was moved by Mr. Boyles and seconded by Mr. Konkle, to promote employee Ronald Shearer to Chief Operator and to make his pay retroactive to when he took over as Chief Operator. The motion passed, with Councilman Shearer abstaining from the vote.

Mr. Heindel reviewed the Zoning Officer/Code Official's Report for February with Council.

Mr. Boyles updated Council on the status of the Stream Bank Rehabilitation project. There was further discussion concerning the matter. Mr. Boyles will be in contact with the Borough Engineer with regard to the project.

Resolution 2010-04 - Mr. Boyles reviewed the status of the Police Pension Fund with Council. After further discussion, Mr. Boyles moved to pass Resolution 2010-04, adopting a five-year smoothing method to determine the actuarial value of assets, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council passed Resolution 2010-04.

Mayor Dorin informed Council that the County lost the Tiger Grant that was earmarked for the roadway into the airport and the railroad bridge. The Mayor also briefed Council on invoices received for the 2009 Tree Lighting Project.

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The Solicitor announced there was a personnel issue for an executive session. Council President announced the upcoming Lycoming/Sullivan County meeting for

March 17, 2010 and the next Borough Council meeting is scheduled for March 15th. Council President convened the regular meeting at 7:35 PM for an executive session regarding personnel and announced that the meeting will reconvene.

The regular meeting reconvened at 7:57 PM. It was moved by Mr. Boyles, seconded by Mrs. DiRocco and carried, to hire Kathy Sampsell as the full-time police secretary, effective March 2, 2010. On a motion by Mr. Boyles, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried, Council appointed Claire Ann Sharp as the Assistant Borough Secretary/Treasurer. On a motion by Mr. Brobson, seconded by Mr. Konkle and carried, Council terminated the employment of Dennis Holt, the Borough Secretary/Treasurer, effective immediately. Opposing was Mr. Shearer.

Public comments were then accepted. Mrs. Freezer spoke in support of Dennis Holt, as did Mrs. Donna Pongrat. Mr. Brobson explained that Council could not comment, as this is a personnel issue.

Mrs. Harris voiced a complaint about the audio presentation of the meeting, as the visitors could not hear a member of Council speak.

There were several comments made by the visitors with regard to police regionalization and also various police incidents that have recently occurred in the Borough. Mayor Dorin further discussed the issue of police regionalization. Mrs. Judy Eck, 600 Jordan Ave., spoke with regard to the inconsistency of the police ticketing vehicles parked on the street during a snow storm. Mayor Dorin will follow up on this. Mrs. Eck also complained about the high school students infringing on the parking on Jordan Avenue, illegally. Mrs. Donna Pongrat spoke with regard to the absence of police reports and activity reported to the Sun Gazette. The Sun Gazette reporter present said that if the information is given to them, they print it. There was also discussion of a recent incident in the Borough with regard to a peeping tom.

Mrs. Sue Marshall inquired about personnel issues with regard to dissemination of information to the public by a party and restriction thereof by Council members. The Solicitor gave an explanation with regard to the Sunshine Law.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 PM on a motion by Mr. Boyles, seconded by Mr. Marshall and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Claire Ann Sharp, Assistant Borough Secretary/Treasurer