

## MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTOURSVILLE

March 15, 2010

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: Eugene Boyles, Kim DiRocco, Donald Konkle, Ronald Shearer, and Gary Marshall. Also attending were Mayor John Dorin, Police Chief Dan Strailey, Zoning Officer/Code Official Rodney Heindel, Solicitor Randall Sees, Street/Water Commissioner Ronald Smith and Chief Water Operator Ronald Shearer II.

Mayor Dorin presented a Letter of Recognition to Callahan's Antiquities, 381 Broad Street for their participation in the Main Street project and renewing their building.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed. The minutes of the February 15<sup>th</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> meetings were approved on a motion by Mr. Shearer second by Mrs. DiRocco and carried.

Mr. Scott Metzger was present representing Little League and asked permission to use the fields in Indian Park again this year. He stated there are 455 participants and 39 teams this year. It was moved by Mr. Marshall second by Mrs. DiRocco and carried to grant the necessary permission.

Mrs. Donna Pongrant ask questions concerning the Borough Secretary's position and Mr. William Fellingner stated that he was very pleased with the snow removal during the past winter and asked questions concerning a water bill and if there had been an increase in the water rates. Mr. Boyles related to him that there has not been an increase in the water rates but rather an increase in usage by the party's bill going up.

It was moved by Mr. Konkle second by Mr. Shearer and carried to appoint Mrs. Claire Ann Sharp as the Borough's Certifying Officer for the Borough's CDBG Program and Chief Administrative Officer to sign the necessary paperwork for the Borough's Pension Plans.

CDBG – Ms. Jammie Schrawder of Seda-Cog conducted the final Public Hearing for the current years projects. The projects were discussed and there were no changes form the last meeting and no further public comment. The Public Hearing was closed and it was moved Mr. Marshall second by Mrs. DiRocco and carried to approve this years projects as presented.

LCWSA – Mrs. Christine Maggie-Weigle, Executive Director of the LCWSA gave a presentation on development to the East of the Borough that they would like to service with water and fire service through the purchase of water from the Borough. She explained that it is in the preliminary stages and the engineers from both entities need to do studies to so just how the project can come together before any serious discussions are perused. Mrs. Weigle also answered questions at the end her presentation. Mr. Boyles explained the need to replace an existing reservoir on Fairview Drive and the approximate cost is estimated t be about \$700,000 and the sale of water to the gas companies will be used to pay for that replacement. He also stated the

Borough Engineer's are working on that project at the present time as well as the ability to interconnect with the LCWAS'S proposal.

Police Dan Strailey gave a presentation on the web site the police department maintains and asked for volunteers to help with the site. He also answered several questions concerning the School Resource Officer and how the program works as well as news releases to the newspaper.

Mr. Heindel reported we should have the Rental Ordinance to review prior to the next Council meeting.

**STREETS & WATER** – Mr. Boyles reported on the Borough's street program for this year he received from our Engineer earlier today and reported the Borough will be absorbing the cost of the curb repairs where there will be paving done as part of that program.

Mrs. DiRocco reported the Highway Committee met and discussed the Ordinance that requires a resident selling his property to have his sidewalks repaired prior to the sale. She explained the requirement is nearly impossible during the winter and a hindrance to the resident selling his property. She stated the Committee recommends this part of the Ordinance be rescinded and moved to approve the recommendation, second by Mr. Boyles, motion carried. The Solicitor will need to prepare an ordinance and advertise the change before the change can be made.

Mr. Brobson introduced Mr. Ronald Smith, whom has just been elevated to the position of Street/Water Commissioner. Mr. Smith has 35 years of service with the Borough. Mr. Smith then gave a report on projects that are in the works at the present time.

Mr. Brobson then introduced Mr. Ronald Shearer II, whom has just assumed the position Chief Water Operator and has 20 years of service with the Borough.

It was moved by Mr. Boyles second by Mr. Konkle to approve the street paving project and authorize the advertising of bids for the work. Motion carried.

Mr. Boyles reported that a quote has been received to do work on the reservoir in Sylvan Dell for exterior work that needs to be done. The quote is less than \$25,000 and more than \$10,000 so additional quotes will need to be secured before the work can be awarded to a contractor.

Mayor Dorin reported on the last County Borough's Association, of which the Mayor is president, when the speaker discussed regionalization of police departments. He stated some municipalities in the County are interested but it may not work for our Borough at the present time since we do not have an adjoining community with a police force. Mr. Brobson discussed a bill in Harrisburg that would require any community without a police force to contribute toward State Police coverage, and noted it has been presented before but have never been passed.

Mr. Brobson reported the Council will hold a Personnel meeting following the regular meeting and Council will not reconvene.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM on a motion by Mr. Boyles second by Mr. Marshall and carried.

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Acting Secretary