

MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTOURSVILLE

May 3, 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, Robert Brobson, Kim DiRocco, Donald Konkle, Ronald Shearer, Gary Marshall and Hunter Konkle. Also attending were Mayor John Dorin, Zoning Officer/Code Official Rodney Heindel, Solicitor Randy Sees, Police Chief Dan Straily and Street/Water Commissioner Ronald Smith.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

The minutes of the April 19, 2010 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Boyles second by Mrs. DiRocco and carried.

Public Comment

Betzi Lyon, Chamber of Commerce, questioned Ron Smith if there was an update on the replacement of the long banners on the 300 block of Broad St. There was further discussion on the matter.

A motion to approve the Borough Treasurer's Report and Borough bills for April was made by Mr. Boyles and seconded by Mr. Shearer. Motion carried.

Old Business

Mr. Brobson recessed the regular Council Meeting at 7:06pm, and a public hearing was convened. Jaime Schrawder of Seda-Cog was present and discussed the re-budgeting of CDBG funds from the years 2006 and 2009 from what was allocated to pool renovation to the new senior center project. In 2006 there was \$3,770 and in 2009 there was \$50,319 in the pool that would be moving to the senior center. Total amount from 2006, 2009, and from current 2010 would equal roughly \$112,000 to start senior center project. Jaime explained that the money has to be spent within 5 years and Council can spend it how they chose, but with the senior center being so costly it makes sense to move it into the center. Mr. Boyles made a motion to close the public hearing at 7:12pm, it was seconded by Mr. Marshall and carried. The regular Council meeting was then re-convened. Mr. Boyles made a motion to re-budget CDBG funds as proposed; it was seconded by Mrs. DiRocco and carried.

Mrs. Schrawder mentioned that on Friday bids were opened for the sidewalk project. M&E Construction was the only bidder that came in for the sidewalk program. M&E price was similar to price they gave in 2008 for a similar project. Mrs. Schrawder said she would ask for DCED's approval to award the bids to M&E for \$7.75/sq foot for cement/concrete sidewalks and \$9.75/sq foot for special sidewalks at driveways. Mr. Konkle made the motion to approve the bid pending DCED's approval; Mr. Boyles seconded it, and it was carried.

Chief Steve Wilson from Willing Hand Hose Co was present and asked if any one had any questions or comments for the fire company, ambulance, etc. Chief Wilson said that the fire company was staffed well and able to get out on calls as planned. Chief Wilson also felt that they were fortunate to not have to be regionalized, as many other companies are these days. Mayor Dorin mentioned that Chief Wilson has a quarterly safety meeting coming up to be held May 10,2010 at the borough hall.

Finance and Insurance

Mr. Boyles made a motion to accept Claire-Ann Sharp's retirement from the borough of 25 years of service; it was seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried. The mayor commented on how well Claire –Ann has served over the past 25 years and will certainly be missed.

Mr. Shearer made a motion to hire a new employee Kimberlee Reaser to fill Claire-Ann's position. It was seconded by Mr. Boyles and carried.

On a motion by Mr. Konkle, seconded by Mr. Boyles and carried the low bid by Lundy's Concrete was accepted for the curb bid in the amount of \$45,922.

On a motion by Mr. Boyles, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried the low bid for repairs to Montoursville Reservoir # 1 was awarded to the Mar- Allen, Ephrata PA for the amount of \$23,385.

Mayor Dorin reported that he attended the annual conference in Pittsburgh, PA where a 3 hour session was held on Rental Ordinances. Mayor Dorin received the Legislative Award.

Chief Strailey explained to Borough Council Members that there was a change in the monthly report for April because the communications center changed their classifying of incidents from a three-digit code to a four-digit code, which is what was used previously. Chief continued to say that next month the reports would be back to normal.

Zoning

On a motion by Mr. Konkle, seconded by Mr. Boyles and carried Council approve the Rental Ordinance as advertised. There was an open meeting held at 6pm to discuss the ordinance. Mr. Heindel discussed the fee resolution. Mr. Boyles made a motion to approve the fee resolution; it was seconded by Mr. Konkle and carried. Mr. Heindel stated that there was a problem with the sidewalk ordinance pertaining to the enforcement of sidewalk repairs when selling a home. He asked that either the sidewalk ordinance be revised or that Council make official action asking Mr. Heindel to not enforce that particular aspect of the ordinance. Mr. Konkle made a motion to not enforce the sidewalk repair section of the ordinance for the sale of homes; it was seconded by Mrs. DiRocco and carried.

Streets & Water

Mr. Smith reported that after the leaks on Broad St were fixed it was found that close to 100,000 gallons of water were being saved rather than the 60-70,000 initially thought. Mr. Smith also reported that Sarah Smith cleaned the bike path of litter and debris for Earth day.

New Business

Under recreation, event applications #13, #15, and #16 were approved by the Recreation Board. Motion made by Mr. Boyles, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried to approve all three-event applications.

There was discussion over the pool area and closing the complex by pushing in the sides of the pool. Mr. Boyles made a motion to close the pool complex and bathhouse but not the filter building. It was seconded by Mr. Konkle, and carried.

Mr. Boyles made a motion to purchase a DR mower for the VIP's to cut brush for \$2700. There was further discussion. The motion was seconded by Mr. Marshall, and carried.

Streets and Water

Mr. Konkle and the Mayor discussed sweeping Broad Street in the 300 block for Saturday. Mr. Boyles added that Borough would be applying for \$98,000 from county aid for street sweeping program. Mr. Smith reported that the pipe has been ordered for Well 3, curb repairs would be started on the paving project possibly this week. Mr. Smith also stated that all the restrooms in the park are now in service, the Dare Fair will be on Saturday on Broad Street and the streets would be swept for it. Mr. Konkle clarified that they are moving the fill site from in front of the pool to behind the maintenance building mentioned that another well would be used as a fill site to get the water haulers away from the pool.

Zoning

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

Mayor Dorin reported that he had a problem getting with the person from scouts for the Braille Trail. Mr. Boyles suggested that maybe one of the seniors could do it as part of the ten hour requirement for their senior project. Mayor Dorin said he was already contacted by one senior for the Welcome Sign project.

Chief Strailey reported that they applied again through the Department Of Justice for the Bullet Proof Vest program, where police would be reimbursed fifty percent of the purchase price for the vests. There is a five-year cycle for the vests, so they would need to purchase two vests. Chief Strailey said so far since the year 2000 they have received \$6,297 in reimbursements funds from the Dept of Justice for bulletproof vests. Chief Strailey said he received a phone call on Friday from DEP insisting that the police start enforcing ACT 124 – Diesel Idling. The Chief said that Act 124 states that DEP would be enforcing it, and that local police could enforce it but are not required to, and therefore the Chief insisted that DEP enforce it since it their ACT.

Mr. Konkle suggested that a letter be sent to the family that cleared the bike path to thank them.

Next council meeting will be June 7, 2010 at 7pm. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm on a motion by Mr. Boyles, seconded by Mr. Konkle and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene E. Boyles, Acting Secretary