

## MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF MONTOURSVILLE

May 26, 2010

A special meeting of the Montoursville Borough Council was called to order by Council President Robert Brobson at 12:00 PM, with the following answering roll call: Eugene Boyles, Kim DiRocco, Gary Marshall, and Ronald Shearer. Absent was Donald Konkle and Mayor John Dorin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

Mr. Brobson announced that an Executive Session was held on May 21<sup>st</sup> and earlier today (May 26, 2010).

Mr. Chris Logue gave a presentation on the Sooner Pipe Development Plan which would add 25 ft on the North Side of the building, and extend a canopy over the proposed concrete pad. There was further discussion on the matter. Tom Hart, Director of the Williamsport Municipal Airport Authority, was present and discussed the Tiger 2 grant. On a motion by Mr. Boyles, seconded by Mrs. DiRocco and carried, Council gave tentative approval to the Sooner Pipe Development Plan.

Larson Design Group Engineering Proposal for \$56,500 for the design work and plans for a new reservoir in the Borough was approved on a motion by Mr. Boyles, seconded by Mrs. DiRocco and carried.

Mr. Boyles was appointed as the Right To Know Officer on a motion by Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mrs. DiRocco and carried.

Mr. Boyles made a motion to appoint Ginny Gardner as the Assistant Right To Know Officer. It was seconded by Mrs. DiRocco and carried.

Mrs. DiRocco made a motion to suspend the employment of Borough Secretary/Treasurer Lenora Georges; it was seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried.

On a motion by Mr. Boyles, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried Ginny Gardner was appointed as the Assistant Borough Treasurer.

Visitors – Mrs. Donna Pongrat, 437 Cherry St, was present and questioned why Mrs. Georges was left go of her job duties in such a short time. Mr. Brobson responded that Mrs. Georges was under a probationary period and that she was not performing her duties as was expected. Mr. John Eck, 600 Jordan Ave, inquired with regard that it might be better suited to have a Right To Know Officer that was not a Council member that is “in the main loop”. Mr. Brobson explained that the Right to Know Officer handles correspondence, and doesn’t believe that it has any bearing if the person is “in the loop” or not. Mr. Eck voiced his concerns over not keeping the water company in the Borough.

Mr. Brobson explained that the Lycoming County Sewer Water Authority pursued an exploratory conversation with the Montoursville Borough to buy water, and no decisions have been made presently on any discussions with the Lycoming County Sewer Water Authority.

Mr. Eck inquired about why the Borough spends time and money on writing out ordinances only to rescind them at a later date regarding the sidewalk ordinance. Mrs. DiRocco explained that sidewalks are assessed after there has been a paving and that Montoursville is the only community that had that particular ordinance and the decision to rescind portions of the sidewalk ordinance was beneficial to home sellers. Mr. Boyles re-iterated that the Right To Know Officer responds to correspondence and only has 5 days to respond. Mr. Eck questioned whether responses of Right to Know requests come off the records or if they say what Council wants them to. Mr. Boyles stated that Right to Know requests has to come from the records, and does.

Mrs. Pongrat then questioned if there will be an advertisement for the Borough Secretary/Treasurer position or if it will just be filled by friends of Council. Mr. Brobson responded that he thought it would be advertised, as they did not have any candidates at the time. Mr. Boyles added that they might promote from within. Mr. Brobson agreed that promoting from within may be another possibility to fill the position, and that there is no law requiring that the position be advertised. Mr. Brobson stated that Council is not trying to do anything sneaky and re-iterated that the position would be filled based on advertising or promoting from within. Mrs. Shawna Turner, Sun-Gazette reporter, asked if Mr. Rodney Heindel's position was in jeopardy. Mr. Brobson said that they are evaluating Mr. Heindel's position because Council feels it should be done periodically to see if maybe it would be better suited in another department.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:25pm on a motion by Mr. Boyles, seconded by Mrs. DiRocco and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Kimberlee Reaser, Executive Assistant to Borough Secretary/Treasurer