

MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTOURSVILLE

June 3, 2013

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: Mark Tillson, Dennis Holt, Robert Brobson, Ronald Shearer, Eugene Boyles, Kim DiRocco and Mayor Dorin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

The minutes of the May 6, 2013 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Boyles, second by Mr. Holt. The motion carried.

Council President, Mr. Robert Brobson recognized Fire Chief, Mr. Scott Konkle was in attendance and noted that he would probably need to leave to attend his meeting. Fire Chief, Mr. Konkle asked if anyone had any questions for him. Council did not have any questions.

**TREASURERS REPORT –**

**Motion** by Mr. Boyles to approve the treasurer’s report and the Borough bills for May 2013, second by Mr. Holt. The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS –**

**EXONERATION OF TAXES – 41 MILL STREET** – The secretary explained to council; county and borough taxes had been assessed on the property prior to it being demolished, therefore this was needed to be done in order for both the county and the borough taxes to be exonerated. It was noted that the county had done the same.

**Motion** by Mrs. DiRocco to approve the exoneration of all taxes on 41 Mill Street, second by Mr. Boyles. The motion carried

**PPL RIGHT OF WAY – ALONG POOL ROAD** – Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Smith explained to council that PPL has requested a Right of Way for current power lines in the location of the MJAA proposed football field in Indian Park be installed underground with the MJAA assuming the cost.

**Motion** by Mr. Boyles to approve the PPL Right of Way along Pool Road, second by Mr. Shearer. The motion carried.

**PLANNING & ZONING** – Central Keystone COG Reports May 2013 reviewed by council.

**RECREATION –**

May Minutes

Event Permits:

2013-14 Bonner Sports & RV–Bike Demo – additional date –July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – 9:30AM-2:00PM

2013-20 Montoursville AYSO Soccer–Practice/Trolley Field–August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 – June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 – 5:00PM – 7:30 PM Daily

2013-19 PADEP – Softball Tournament – July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – 8:00AM-6:00PM

2013-21 PepsiCo/K’s for Cancer – August 17<sup>th</sup> or August 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013 – 6:30AM - 8:00PM

Council Vice President, Mr. Shearer noted that Event permits 2013-17 Bonner Sports & RV and 2013-20 Montoursville AYSO Soccer were approved by the Recreation Board; 2013-19 PADEP Softball Tournament and 2013-21 PepsiCo/K’s for Cancer will need to be discussed by council. He noted Event permit 2013-19 PADEP needed to inform what fields they will use; notify that we do not provide bases and what the fee would be should be. A discussion took place regarding fees associated with the use of the softball fields, equipment provided and the amount of teams associated with the permit request.

**Motion** by Mr. Boyles to charge a fee of \$100.00 and to approve Event permit 2013-19, second by Mr. Shearer. The motion carried. Council Vice President, Mr. Shearer discussed Event permit 2013-21 with council stating that all the proceeds go to benefit cancer research.

**Motion** by Mr. Shearer to approve Event permit 2013-21, second by Mr. Boyles. The motion carried.

**Motion** by Mr. Shearer to approve Event permits 2013-14 and 2013-20, second by Mr. Boyles. The motion carried. Council Vice President, Mr. Shearer questioned Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Ronald Smith about the parking lot on Mill Street used by AYSO; Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Smith will go and take a look at it.

**STREETS/WATER** – Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Ron Smith reported to council on several issues including the delivery and training of the new street sweeper, the completion of the oil and chipping on Mill Street, the damage street light is on order, and Pavilion #1 will start to be rebuilt tomorrow. He stated they are installing the pits have all been installed at the wells. He noted that they have started on the Well #4 project today. Street/Water Commissioner requested a wage increase for seasonal employee Caleb Huff from council. Council President, Mr. Brobson stated that the Personnel Committee should review his request. All agreed.

**MAYOR** – Mayor Dorin reviewed the May Police Report with council. Mayor Dorin commended and thanked Chief Gyurina and the Police Department for doing an excellent job with quick response to the shooting on Jordan Avenue. He also noted that the investigation is still ongoing. He also thanked the other responding police departments. Mayor Dorin went on to discuss “Young Lungs at Play”, No Smoking for designated recreational areas. Mayor Dorin suggested that he would present the information to Recreation Board for their review. Council President, Mr. Brobson asked Mayor Dorin if he could share the information with council so they may review it also. A discussion took place regarding the implementation and enforcement of the program. Council member, Mr. Tillson asked Mayor Dorin the cost of signs. Mayor Dorin stated he was still investigating; he thinks signs would be supplied at no charge. A discussion took place regarding what areas of recreation the “Young Lungs at Play” would be enforced. Mayor Dorin stated that, Mr. Jason Fink had been at the CBA meeting to discuss tourism grants and that he would be looking to see if any would apply to Montoursville Borough. Mayor Dorin also stated he was investigating to see if there were any grants available for a fishing ramp that would enable handicap individual’s access to the pond area. He went on to discuss the 300 block of Broad St and the streetscape. Mayor Dorin stated once again is coming to council requesting to see what could be done; he noted that it needs improvement. A discussion ensued regarding how it has been handled in the past. Council member, Mr. Tillson questioned if there could be monies set aside every year in order to keep this issue from arising year after year. He stated that it can’t cost that much money to be done once maybe twice a year. Council member, Mr. Boyles questioned why it should be done at the taxpayer’s expense. Council member, Mr. Tillson suggested using community service workers. A discussion took place regarding who is actually responsible. Council member, Mr. Boyles noted that there is a Montoursville Chamber. The Chamber can get PRC individuals and as long as they have an individual to sign off on their time, they could be used. Council President, Mr. Brobson questioned Chief Gyurina if there is an enforcement mechanism. Chief Gyurina noted that it would be a property maintenance issue that would be handled by the Zoning Department. It was noted that they could enforce high grass and weeds. A discussion took place regarding the contractual obligations of the borough. Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Smith noted that the contract states the borough is responsible for the lights and trees; Council Vice President, Mr. Shearer agreed. Council President, Mr. Brobson suggested the subject be reviewed by the Street/Water Committee for their recommendation. Council member, Mrs. DiRocco stated that she thought last year the decision was made by council when a letter was sent out to property owners on Broad Street stating that the property maintenance would be the property owner’s responsibility. She stated that she feels there should be additional problem solving done so that the merchant’s would not come back every year with this request. Mayor Dorin stated that he had been in touch with DCED regarding Keystone Community Grants; he is trying to have someone attend the CBA meeting in September to speak on this issue. Mayor Dorin stated that he had attended the PSAB Conference, May 4<sup>th</sup> through May 8<sup>th</sup> and discussed with council resolutions that had been passed at that meeting, several which had been submitted by the Lycoming Sullivan County Borough Association.

Council President, Mr. Brobson asked Mayor Dorin if he would provide council members the list of resolutions. Mayor Dorin agreed. Mayor Dorin stated that he did vote and thanked council for their support; allowing him to be the voting delegate. Mayor Dorin questioned bulk water revenues and expenditures. Council President, Mr. Brobson suggested the Street/Water Committee review the issue. A discussion took place regarding the existing and future bulk water sales and expenditures. Mayor Dorin stated he had mentioned several issues at previous meetings, and noted that this is what was going to happen and it did. He stated that this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> year that we have lost that revenue stream that was needed to balance the general fund. He stated that by the end of the year there will be a shortfall. He noted that he would like the finance committee to review and recommend. Council President, Mr. Brobson stated that the issues are being looked at and being addressed.

**POLICE CHIEF** – Chief Gyurina reviewed the May Police Report with council also. Chief Gyurina reported on several issues regarding traffic citations. He also addressed the recent shooting on Jordan Avenue; 5 shots were fired, it had to do with someone ripping off drugs and a payback. He stated that they have some good leads. He said it is not a continuing circumstance and the person involved has since moved out of the borough.

**COUNCILPERSONS** – Council member, Mrs. DiRocco stated that she lives in the vicinity where the shooting occurred and had witnessed the shooter fleeing. She noted that she had occasion to speak with other residents that had witnessed the same and other residents regarding the incident. She explained that she has decided to be proactive and by doing so she will be holding a meeting on next Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM at the borough building. She noted that Chief Gyurina and Deputy Chief Bentley have agreed to attend to answer questions and teach resident on how to handle suspicious behavior in our neighborhoods. She stated everyone is welcome to attend.

Council member, Mr. Boyles stated the water committee will be meeting with Engineer, Mr. Dave Walters/ Larson Design Group to review some recommendations for the water rate structure that may need to be revised. He stated they will also be discussion negotiations with a private enterprise to sell water to. He asked council to agree to allow himself and Council member, Mr. Holt to take the lead as contacts at those meetings. Council member, Mr. Tillson questioned Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Smith about when the brush pile would be chipped. Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Smith stated that it had actually been done about a month ago. He stated that Stryker is the company that has been doing the chipping at no charge in lieu of taking the mulch; however he was not sure if he would continue. Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Smith stated he has however since agreed to continue to chip the brush pile.

**SOLICITOR** –Nothing at this time.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT** – Council President, Mr. Brobson noted that Memorial Day has just passed and wanted to take a moment to acknowledge the sacrifices of the approximately one million military people who have died since our country had been founded, all for the preservation and continuation of this country.

#### **COORESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS –**

Next council meeting will be on Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2013 at 7:00 PM

**VISITOR AND PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Resident, Betty Farley, 1303 Spruce Street expressed her disappointment with her pavilion rental in Indian Park for her class reunion; she stated that it was embarrassing. A discussion took place regarding the park; mowing schedule, trash removal and overall upkeep. Council President, Mr. Brobson issued his sincere apology on behalf of the borough. AYSO Commissioner, Christine Albach requested speed bumps to be installed on Mill Street in order to slow down drivers. A discussion took place regarding temporary speed bumps and temporary stop signs. Council President, Mr. Brobson stated that the borough will look into slowing down drivers and try to resolve it. A discussion took place regarding speed limits permitted in that area, signage and signage placement. Council member, Mr. Tillson questioned when the MJAA football field would be completed. Council Vice President, Mr. Shearer stated it may be started this fall but not completed until next year. Resident, Maxine Gray, 1110 Weldon Street expressed

her concerns with the transportation buses speeding on Weldon Street. It was suggested for her to contact the police with the bus number that it is speeding.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 pm on a motion by Mr. Boyles, seconded by Mrs. Kim DiRocco and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ginny Gardner, Borough Secretary