

MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTOURSVILLE

July 2, 2012

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, Kim DiRocco and Gary Marshall.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

The minutes of the June 21, 2012 meeting was approved with changes on a motion by Mr. Ronald Shearer, second by Mrs. Kim DiRocco. The motion carried.

VISITOR AND PUBLIC COMMENT –

Resident, Mr. Wayne Miller questioned council about the rental inspection process and fees. Resident, Mr. Williams Holmes questioned why there was a need for rental inspections. Fire Chief, Steve Wilson responded to the rental inspections questions stating that he feels you should be proactive. Resident, Mr. Chris King asked about the status of Mill Street and the budgeted amount for the police department. Landlord, Mr. Ronald Westover spoke to council regarding two certified letters for property maintenance that he had received from Codes Enforcement. Mr. William Holmes then questioned whether the Rental Inspection ordinance will stand. Council President, Mr. Brobson stated as of now it is going to stand. Mr. Carter McGill requested council to consider advertising signs to be located on the fences at the soft ball fields. Mr. Chris King stated that selling advertisements would be considered selling a piece of the park.

TREASURERS REPORT –

Motion by Mr. Shearer to approve the treasurer's report and the Borough bills for June 2012, second by Mr. Shearer. Mayor Dorin questioned the purchase price of the backhoe. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS – Nothing at this time

OLD BUSINESS –

CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT RENTAL BID –

Motion by Mr. Marshall to reject the Construction Equipment Rental Bid, second by Mrs. DiRocco. Mayor Dorin questioned the legality of the work being done on Mill St prior to getting proper approval. Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Ronald Smith explained the reason why the work was being done was due to the availability of the material. Mayor Dorin questioned Solicitor, Garth Everett on the approval process. Solicitor Everett stated Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Smith rented equipment under the bid limits therefore it was not an issue. The motion carried

PLANNING & ZONING – Central Keystone COG Reports June 2012 were reviewed by council.

RECREATION – June Minutes

Event Permits: 2012-20 American Cancer Society-Making Strides against Breast Cancer 5K Walk –
October 20, 2012

Council member Mr. Dennis Holt questioned the use of a pavilion for 2012-20 event permit.

Motion by Mr. Shearer to approve Event permits 2012-20, second by Mrs. DiRocco. The motion carried. Council member, Mr. Holt questioned the Recreation Board's approval of the request to allow advertising signs on the softball fields. A discussion took place between council members, Mayor Dorin and the Recreation Board Secretary regarding council's prior decision and the Recreation Board's recommendation.

STREETS/WATER – Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Ron Smith reported to council regarding the Street and Water department’s activities. He reported that the concrete pads at the recycling center are finished and are ready for the new containers from the County. He stated they repaired a sink hole in Cherry Alley; trimmed bushes in Crawford Alley; repaired a broken bench in the park; trimmed trees in the park. He stated on the Mill Street Project a D8 dozer was rented from Hawbaker’s and excavator was rented from Action Equipment Rental; to date 439 loads of material has been distributed and it should take approximately 10 more days to have all the material to be utilized. He also reported that 3 of the frac tanks had been removed from Well #3 site and the Savoy waterline is completed; if testing comes back okay then it will be put into service.

Council President, Mr. Robert Brobson asked when the tanks had been removed. Mr. Smith stated that they were removed June 28th. Mayor Dorin questioned the cost of the monthly rental of the three pieces of equipment. Mr. Smith stated the dozer is \$ 185.00 per hour while in use; the excavator was \$ 5245.00 per month including all costs.

MAYOR – Mayor Dorin asked for a moment of silence in honoring past council members Mr. James Hawley and Mr. Jack Rosencran, who had passed away this past week. Mayor Dorin reviewed with council the June Police Report. Mayor Dorin stated to council that he had the opportunity, this morning, to present to Officer Kurt Hockman a certificate of appreciation for his DUI arrests and the good work that he has been doing. Mayor Dorin went on to say that some of the residents are concerned on Locust St. due to the increased population of children on that street; he requested from the Street and Water committee to place “Slow children at play” signs at each end of the street. He stated he spoke to Chief Gyurina and it is their recommendation to install such signs. Street and Water Committee Chairman, Mr. Gary Marshall stated he would discuss it with Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Smith. A discussion took place regarding the request.

POLICE CHIEF – Chief Gyurina reported to council that the DUI calls are up for the month. He requested council the permission to hire another Part Time Officer, due to resignations. Council President, Mr. Brobson stated that he would have to refer that request to Personnel Committee Chairperson, Mrs. DiRocco and the committee.

COUNCILPERSONS – Council member, Mr. Holt stated that the Borough Secretary needed direction on how to direct CKCOG on the handling of a property that needed weeds to be mowed down. The Borough Secretary stated that the property owners have until July 4th to mow and cut the weeds down; CKCOG wanted to know if the property was not mowed would they need to contract services to have it mowed or would the borough employees mow it, with the property owners being sent an invoice in either decision.

Motion by Mr. Holt to approve the property being mowed by the Borough and invoice the property owner, second by Mr. Marshall. The motion carried.

Council member, Mr. Holt requested a meeting between the Zoning Officer and the Zoning Committee to review the DeSanto application. He stated looking back at it he felt the Borough took the wrong approach; it could have been viewed as an accessory use and could have been exempted; handle as a zoning permit and issued. He noted that the land development/sub division ordinance needs to be reviewed; also our zoning ordinance due to Act 13. Council President, Mr. Brobson suggested the Zoning Committee review the situation. Council Member, Mr. Holt stated he is very disappointed with Zoning and needs to get it back in order.

SOLICITOR – nothing at this time.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT – Council President, Mr. Brobson announced that they will be adjourning the meeting at 8:04 PM and going into executive session to discuss real estate and personnel matters and will be reconvening the meeting after the executive session. Council President, Mr. Brobson reconvened the regular council meeting at 8:26 PM. He stated the executive session took place to discuss the acquisition of a property on Mill St. in partnership with the County. The borough would be sharing ½ of the purchase price with the County.

Motion by Mr. Holt to approve to participate in the acquisition of the property on Mill Street, second by Mrs. DiRocco. The motion carried.

VISITOR AND PUBLIC COMMENTS – Resident, Mrs. Betsy Lyons, Broad St. requested a list of what would be inspected for the rental inspection process. The Borough Secretary stated she would supply a copy to Mrs. Lyons. Mr. Charlie DeSanto requested council to vote on his application. A discussion took place between Solicitor, Garth Everett and Mr. DeSanto regarding him supplying a zoning permit. Solicitor, Garth Everett stated that the Zoning Officer and Zoning Committee can sit down and review his permit; and Council member, Mr. Holt thinks he may have found a way that they could approve that zoning permit. A discussion took place regarding the cost of a zoning permit. Council President, Mr. Brobson stated to Mr. DeSanto that he needs to do what Solicitor Everett stated he needed to do. Council member, Mr. Gary Marshall stated there was an informational meeting held this past Thursday concerning a recreational project proposed for Indian Park. Council member, Mr. Tillson stated he invited the Playworld sales representative to attend the meeting and give a proposal for some playground equipment with no commitment to purchase. He is waiting for that proposal. He stated he is trying to be proactive.

COORESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Next council meeting will be on Monday, August 6, 2012 at 7:00 PM. Council President, Mr. Brobson announced that will be going into an executive session for personnel issues and will not be reconvening.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:34 pm on a motion by Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mrs. DiRocco and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Gardner, Borough Secretary