

MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTOURSVILLE

October 4th, 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: Donald Konkle, Kim DiRocco, Eugene Boyles, Robert Brobson, and Ronald Shearer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

The minutes of the September 7, 2010 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Boyles second by Mr. Shearer and carried.

Mr. Brobson made an announcement that an executive session was held for legal and personnel purposes after the September 7th meeting.

Public Comment

Mr. Steve Wilson, Fire Chief, made an announcement that on October 24th, 2010 a paramedic unit will be responding out of the fire house. It will give us advanced life support within our town. The unit is primarily for us but it can be dispatched out on other calls. He would also like to mention that at least once per year the fire department has a meeting with the local municipalities. He would like to discuss a time to set up that meeting.

Mr. Wilson also has some concerns with our new codes system and opening up the avenue of communication between the two organizations. As they respond to things, they need to keep the fire department aware so when they are responding to a call they are able to maintain safety standards. Discussion held that a meeting should be arranged with Code Inspections.

Mayor John Dorin introduced Andrew Chase from Boy Scout Troop 21. Andrew is a life scout who is going for his eagle scout and to do so he is interested in doing a project with the basketball courts at Indian Park. Andrew presented his presentation regarding his project. He would like to restore the court surface and build new benches at the basketball courts. Some of the elements that would be included in this project would be to resurface and restore the court surface, sand and repaint all four poles, power wash to clean the surface, fill in the cracks, reseal and repaint the courts, repaint the lines and construct four benches. Andrew will obtain the funding through donations and fundraisers. The Council thinks it sounds like a great idea and give their approval.

Mayor John Dorin presented a proclamation to Gabe Hutchinson, Hutchinson Realty Development, LLC in regards to the Borough Christmas Tree located at 1050 Broad Street in Montoursville. The mayor declared the Norway Spruce as one of three historical sites in Montoursville.

Gabe Hutchinson gratefully accepted the proclamation and in return had a \$500 donation to give to the Borough for the annual tree lighting.

Land Development Permit –

Mr. Bill Kelly, County Commissioner, has written a number of coalition grants for brown fields. Brown fields are sites that have been previously developed. Much of Montoursville is a brown site, which opens up funds that can be used for environmental site assessments. He would like to apply for a coalition partnership grant with the Borough of Montoursville, the City of Williamsport and the County. It would require that we work together to communicate with citizens and the idea is to move things along in economic development. The Mayor asked if this was in regards to the Brown Field Committee and if so the committee submitted some brown fields a couple years ago but that has changed. Mr. Boyles stated that the Grant had to be in on the 15th of the month and it is at no cost to the Borough so we would like to participate. Mrs. DiRocco mentioned that this will financially help the studies, but will you help financially with the cleanup. Discussion was held on the different possibilities. Motion by Mr. Eugene Boyles to participate in the Coalition Grant with the County, second by Mrs. Kim DiRocco and carried.

Treasurer's Report/Borough Bills – September

Motion by Mr. Eugene Boyles to approve the Treasurer's Report for September, seconded by Mr. Donald Konkle and carried.

Old Business –

DCNR- Denial of request to transfer grant from swimming pool to bike path resurfacing- At this point in time we no longer have that grant. The Mayor wanted to know if there is any other project that we can put the money to at this time.

New Business –

Mr. Eugene Boyles made a motion to appoint the Montoursville Borough Secretary/Treasurer as the Primary voting delegate and the Montoursville Assistant Borough Secretary as the first alternate voting delegate for the Lycoming County Tax Collection Committee, second by Mr. Ronald Shearer and carried.

SEDA – COG – Professional and Administrative Services Agreement—
Mr. Bill Seagle, SEDA-COG, discussed the agreement. There are four broad areas of SEDA-COG which include: 1) Preparation of the Application, 2) Grant Administration, 3) Activity Development, and 4) Activity Management. This agreement is for a 5 year period relationship and will cost \$20,010. Motion by Mr. Eugene Boyles to approve the Professional and Administrative Services Agreement by SEDA-COG, second by Mr. Ronald Shearer and carried.

SEDA-COG – CDBG BUDGET REVISION FISCAL YEAR 2006
Jamie Schrawder, SEDA – COG, stated that this was discussed at the last meeting and does not need to be revisited.

SEDA-COG – SENIOR CENTER RECOMMENDATIONS –
Jamie Schrawder, SEDA – COG, discussed the results of the Senior Center survey. Only 102 surveys were received, 66 people said they were likely to join, only 7 people were willing to pay more than \$25 per year and only 4 people were willing to help with fundraising. According to the 2007 census the Borough has over 1000 Senior Citizens and Jamie thought that the numbers have increased considerably and that number is closer to 2000 citizens in the Borough. The

discussion was held about using CDBG money for a Senior Program Director to arrange and coordinate activities for seniors. This position could be considered a Public Service Utility for 3 years. Up to 15% of CDBG funding can be allocated for this. If the Council would like to go this route then it would need to be a Public Hearing for Budget Modification would need to be advertised. The Council would like to go forward with this idea and a Budget modification will be held at the next meeting.

Finance and Insurance-

Mr. Eugene Boyles made a motion to hire Lindsay Shader on a permanent basis beginning October 15, 2010, second by Mrs. Kim DiRocco and carried.

Recreation-

No minutes were received.

Chad Hall was present to discuss new proposal for field locations. Discussion was held on the new location. Mr. Shearer asked if they could stake out the field and have Council members down to come see what it looks like. Mr. Boyles suggested they contact PPL to see if that shifts the location of the fields at all. Chad Hall stated that he will contact the Council and have a meeting to stake out the fields.

Pavilion Rental Issue-

Discussion held on Pavilion Rental Issue 8/21/10. Motion by Mr. Donald Konkle to return half of the \$50 fee to Karen English, second by Mr. Boyles and carried.

Discussion held on the second pavilion issue regarding lack of electricity due to the storm. Motion by Mr. Boyles to give back half of the \$50 fee to Renee Carey, second by Mr. Ronald Shearer and carried.

Cub Scout Troop 21 Event Permit-

Discussion held on the annual event held by Troop 21 down near Mill Street. The application came in after the last Rec Board meeting so it has not been approved by the Rec Board yet. Mr. Boyles made a motion to approve the application contingent upon the Rec Board Review, second by Mr. Donald Konkle and carried.

Planning and Zoning-

A report was distributed from Code Inspections regarding permits and complaints throughout September.

Streets and Water--

Ron Smith discussed the report for the last month. They have been working on hot patching, Cemetery Roads are completed and repaired, streets are cleaned up from storm damage, skating pond is dug out, street markings completed, Christmas lights restrung, flood gate on bike path tunnel, dug up two leaks on Broad Street and they were dry holes, and the Water Department is in the process of repairing 5 leaks including those two on Broad street.

Mr. Boyles made a motion to change the tapping fees to \$1500 per edu as per Larson Design, second by Mrs. DiRocco and carried. Discussion held on how the price has dropped and what factors were taken into account.

Mayor Report-

The Mayor will be attending the October 20th CBA Meeting which is featuring Speaker Audrey Bugelon who will be speaking on “Right to Know”.

The Mayor also had an opportunity to check the tree lights at the Hutchinson building and all lighting is secure. He did order 150 new bulbs from Elery Nau. Discussion held on how he will be looking to obtain approximately 2500 dollars to light the tree this year. Mr. Shearer mentioned that the Rec Board decided not to have a ceremony this year due to the construction, but Downtown Merchants will still be doing Old Time Christmas.

Discussion was held on the 300 block of Broad Street regarding grass growing between the pavers. The Mayor contacted PennDot to acquire a copy of the original contract which according to the Mayor stipulates that the Borough is responsible. Discussion held on the contract and Mr. Brobson asked if he could see a copy.

Police Chief—

The Cheerleaders have contacted the Chief in regards to their annual Homecoming Bonfire. This year they would like to hold it on November 4. Discussion held on proper procedure and location. Mr. Shearer mentioned that the Chief could handle this matter and it does not need to go before the Rec Board.

The Police Department has received a \$10,000 grant for vehicle equipment in which in car video programs are going to be installed.

Discussion held on the difficulty of finding part time officers available for work. Presently there are five part time officers on the roster available on an as needed basis. Two of those officers are usually unavailable and the Chief would like to recommend that the Council hire Deborah Currinder and Justin Hakes to replace Officer Smith and Officer Boyer. Mr. Boyles made a motion to hire the part time officers to replace Officer Boyer and Officer Smith effective tonight upon completion of the certification process, second by Mrs. DiRocco and carried.

Mr. Hakes and Mrs. Currinder were sworn in by Mayor John Dorin.

Council Persons—

No reports at this time.

Solicitor—

No reports at this time.

Council President—

No reports at this time.

Pending Matters—

Brief discussion held on Mr. Mark Tillson and noted that Council will speak with him personally after the meeting.

Correspondence and Announcements--

Next Council meeting will be Monday, October 18th, 2010 at 7pm. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm on a motion by Mr. Boyles, seconded by Mr. Konkle and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Eugene Boyles, Acting Borough Secretary/Treasurer