

MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTOURSVILLE

October 18th, 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, Ronald Shearer and Junior Councilperson, Hunter Konkle. Also attending were Mayor John Dorin, Solicitor Garth Everett, and Street/Water Commissioner Ronald Smith.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

The minutes of the October 4, 2010 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Shearer second by Mrs. DiRocco and carried.

Public Comment- Nothing at this time

Land Development Permit –

Hutchinson Realty Development, LLC – Mr. Eugene Boyles stated at this time he could not recommend the approval of the permit. A letter presented to Council by Borough Engineer, Mr. Todd Pysher stated there are several issues that still need resolved, also they must be shown on the plans before he will give his recommendation to approve. Mr. Boyles stated that we need the Highway Occupancy Permit from Penn Dot, to which Mr. George Hutchinson stated they had received today and presented a copy to Mr. Boyles. Mr. Boyles then stated that it must be put on the plans along with other issues stated in the letter from Mr. Pysher. Mr. Boyles also requested that Mr. Pysher & Solicitor, Mr. Garth Everett review the Right of Way, Use & Maintenance Agreement. At this time Mr. Hutchinson thanked council and assured them that everything listed in Mr. Pysher's letter will be addressed and will be stated on the plans. Mr. Boyles stated that if they proceed to move forward with the recommendations set by Mr. Pysher the approval hopefully would take place on November 1st or November 15th's council meeting. Council President, Mr. Robert Brobson thanked Mr. Hutchinson for signing the Developer's Agreement.

Logue Carwash Building Addition – Mr. Boyles stated that the Planning Commission recommended the addition. Motion by Mr. Eugene Boyles to approve the Land Development Plans for the Logue Carwash Building Addition seconded by Mr. Donald Konkle and carried.

New Business –

Resolution 2010-10 Establishing Tapping fee – Motion by Mr. Eugene Boyles to approve Resolution 2010- Establishing Tapping Fee seconded by Mr. Ronald Shearer. At this time Mayor John Dorin questioned a figure on the calculation portion. Mr. Boyles stated that he would need to speak to the Engineer, Mr. Dave Walters/Larson Design Group on the specifics of the calculation. Motion carried.

Planning and Zoning-

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

SEDA-COG CDBG Budget Revision – At 7:14pm Council President, Mr. Robert Brobson recessed the council meeting and opened a public hearing for the revision of the 2009-2010 CDBG Budget. Ms. Jamie Shrawder, SEDA-COG stated that monies currently budgeted for 2009 Senior Center would be reduced by 15,845.00 and put into a Senior Program Director in the amount of \$15,845.00. Also, monies currently budgeted for 2010 Senior Center would be reduced by \$ 17,117.00 and put into a Senior Program Director in the amount of \$ 17,117.00. She then asked if there were any question or comments. At this time the Mayor, questioned what the salary of the Director would be, to which Ms. Shrawder responded that they have not gotten that far, however she believes the position would start out as Part Time and that they would be working in cooperation with STEP with this. Ms. Shawna Turner, Sun Gazette asked why there was a change from Senior Center to Program Director. Ms Shrawder stated that the Borough had sent out a survey to all households asking the specific needs of our seniors, to which they did not get an overwhelming response. She then stated that she had also met with the senior citizen group and it had several different requests however not enough interest to warrant a senior center being built. At this time, they felt a “Senior Center without Walls” would be a better option. It would provide a Director to organize events etc. and would operate out of different buildings with some examples being the council chambers, churches and restaurants. Council President, Mr. Robert Brobson asked Ms Shrawder about the request she has received from the seniors. Ms Shrawder stated that Montoursville seniors are very active and would like day trips, exercise programs and events of that nature. At this time resident Mrs. Faith Konkle asked if this would be a year to year program. Ms Shrawder stated yes. Mr. Eugene Boyles stated that the monies are only for 3 years.

Mr. Brobson adjourned the public hearing and reconvened the regular session of Council at 7:24pm.

Mr. Boyles made a motion to approve the budget modification, second by Mrs. Kim DiRocco and carried.

Streets and Water--

Ron Smith discussed the report for the last month. They milled and paved all the bad spots in the bike path. They graded portion of a road on Mill Street. They have started cleaning up leaves throughout the Borough. They fixed a leak at the recycle center, as well as one in front of Smith Jewelry on Broad Street. A few more leaks will be addressed and repaired in the current weeks.

Chief—

Mr. Marshall made a motion to approve the application for the “Click it or Ticket” Grant, second by Mr. Boyles and carried.

Council Persons—

Mr. Boyles requested a budget work session at the end of the regular meeting and then reconvene the meeting to take action on the budget.

Mr. Marshall stated that October 11, 2010 there was a budget meeting held and the next day the Sun Gazette reported that there was only one council member present. He would like to clarify that everyone from the finance committee was present.

Mr. Marshall also discussed that driving down Broad Street, on our streetscape we still have summer flowers on the light poles. Mr. Konkle stated that the Chamber put them up so we should contact the Chamber to take them down.

Mr. Marshall also stated that in Indian Park there are various locations around the smaller pavilions that are turning into mud holes. He would like to request that we look into putting more stone into those holes. Ron Smith will look into that.

Solicitor—

Mr. Everett discussed a letter from Savoy Realty regarding Charles Street and he was wondering if we would like the solicitor to look into this. Mr. Boyles will be looking into this and he will meet with Mr. Adam Savoy to discuss this letter.

Council President—

Mr. Brobson discussed a quote that was received from AIRMAN in regards to the repair of our heating system. They gave us an idea of what needs to be done to repair the system. Mr. Boyles made a motion to authorize bidding heating system repairs, second by Mr. Marshall and carried.

Pending Matters—

Mr. Brobson adjourned the regular session meeting at 7:35pm and moved into the 2011 Budget work session.

2011 Budget –

Draft Revenues \$1,857,086.00

Draft Expenditures \$1,857,086.00

Discussion held on 2011 Budget. Discussion held on new account opened at Jersey Shore State Bank for Water Capital Improvement. Discussion held on health care increase for the year.

Mr. Brobson stated that with this budget proposal there is no tax increase and also no water rate increase. This will be 17 years without a tax increase in the Borough. Very few municipalities are in our situation.

Mr. Brobson closed the work session and reconvened the regular meeting at 8:10pm. Mr. Boyles made a motion to advertise the budget for public consideration, second by Mr. Marshall and carried.

Mrs. Faith Konkle stated that we are one of the few towns or boroughs in the area who do not have paid council members. She wanted to commend the council and the mayor as well as say thank you.

Mayor Report-

Mayor Dorin stated that he attended a conference in Gettysburg where House Bill 1231 was discussed. This is the firefighter's workers compensation/cancer bill. Discussion held on HB1231. The problem is that up to 11 years after a firefighter retires they can still come back and say they have cancer and it is work related. Discussion was held that if this bill goes through it could bankrupt Boroughs.

Report to the Mayor's association is available if anyone is interested.

The Mayor also discussed the Resolution that was previously passed regarding regionalization of police departments. Loyalsock sent a letter stating that they do not want to be part of the study. Upper Fairfield and Fairfield do not want to be involved in the study as well. Right now Muncy Township and Montoursville Borough will be looked at in a regional study. Montgomery, Muncy, Hughesville, and Wolf Township will also be starting a study.

Correspondence and Announcements--

Next Council meeting will be Monday, November 1, 2010 at 7pm. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:25pm on a motion by Mr. Boyles, seconded by Mr. Konkle and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Gardner, Borough Secretary/Treasurer