

MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTOURSVILLE

October 21, 2019

The regular meeting of the Montoursville Borough Council held in the John Dorin Municipal Building was called to order by Vice-President Chris Lucas at 7:03 PM with the following answering roll call: Mark Tillson, Tina Kline, Chris Lucas, and Robert Brown. Absent: Ted Haines, Eric Greenway

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

The October 7, 2019 minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Brown, second by Mrs. Kline. The motion carried.

VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT – None

PUBLIC HEARING: None

NEW BUSINESS –

PURCHASE KOHLER MODEL #KG60 NATURAL GAS GENERATOR & AUTOMATIC TRANSFER SWITCH –

Council Vice President, Mr. Lucas presented a proposal to purchase a Kohler Model #KG60 gas generator and automatic transfer switch from COSTARs vendor Hunter Lomison. It was explained the current generator is 20+ years old; each year maintenance is conducted with costs to maintain its function.

Motion by Mrs. Kline to approve the purchase of Kohler Model #KG60 Natural Gas Generator & Automatic Transfer Switch from Hunter Lomison through COSTARs in the amount of \$20,188.00, second by Mr. Brown. The motion carried.

INSTALLATION KOHLER GENERATOR & ATS – Council Vice-President, Mr. Lucas presented a proposal submitted by Hunter Lomison for installation of the Kohler Model #KG60 Natural Gas Generator and automatic transfer switch (ATS). Council Vice President, Mr. Lucas requested Street & Water Project Coordinator, Mr. Hoffman to obtain warranty contract information related to installation and service.

Motion by Mrs. Kline to approve Hunter Lomison's proposal for the installation of the Kohler Generator and ATS in the amount of \$7,000.00, second by Mr. Brown. The motion carried.

MONTOUR STREET EXTENSION PROJECT – Council Vice President, Mr. Lucas requested Borough Engineer, Mr. Todd Pysher to lead the discussion regarding the Montour Street extension project. Mr. Pysher shared that he along with few members of Borough Council met last month with PennDot and Williamsport Airport Authority to discuss plans for the Montour Street extension project; specifically which portion of the plan the Borough would opt to participate if at all. Mr. Pysher explained PennDOT already has leveraged federal money to replace three traffic signals located at South Montour Street, Broad Street and Loyalsock Avenue and a streetscape project along the portion of South Montour Street as well as along Broad Street where the current streetscape ends. This project is contingent upon the Borough's participation. Borough Council may elect to participate with replacing the traffic signals; elect to install streetscape lighting, or not participate at all. It was noted if Council elects to participate with streetscape lighting, the Borough would be responsible for the continued maintenance and upkeep. Additionally, should Council elect to participate in any portion of the extension project the Borough would be responsible for design costs; design costs are not covered by federal funding. Mr. Pysher stated based upon PennDOT's cost analysis, the Borough's portion to participate in this project will be approximately \$500,000 which are costs related to the preliminary design and final design. Mr. Pysher explained involvement with any federal project can require additional costs related to completing the project that might not be anticipated. Mr. Pysher gave an example of one such concern regarding the location of the signal at Loyalsock Avenue and Broad Street, next to Turkey Hill; the federal government does not want to learn of an underground tank leak or underground issue after excavation begins. They require this information to be known in advance therefore costs related to obtaining this information is required upfront and would be part of the design cost. He shared the approximate cost for replacement of one traffic signal is \$300,000 and for all three would be

approximately \$1M. Additionally, the intersection would require to become ADA compliant along with making geometric changes to the intersection, etc. Council member, Mrs. Kline questioned why the traffic signals need to be replaced. Mr. Pysher explained the traffic signals are outdated per today's standards. He then continued sharing different grant opportunities; Green Light Go Program, ARLE Grant Program, and Multi Mobile Transportation Grant. Mr. Pysher noted the existence of an old water line under South Montour Street which at this time the age and condition are unknown; this could be another component of the project. The cost of replacement of the water line could be reduced due to the street already being reconstructed. He explained the cost for the waterline replacement project would be an approximate \$250,000 on top of the \$500,000. Therefore the Borough's investment would be approximately \$750,000 vs \$500,000. Council member, Mrs. Kline inquired of the possibility of the Borough electing to only repair the old water line located under South Montour Street and not participate in the streetscape or signal replacement portion of the project. Mr. Pysher stated that could be a possibility noting the Borough could apply for a grant to replace the waterline. Council discussed and agreed the replacement of the water line under South Montour Street is the better option related the extension project. At this time, Council Vice President, Mr. Lucas closed discussion as no action was taken.

AUTHORIZE BOROUGH WATER ENGINEER TO PREPARE ENGINEERING DOCUMENTS FOR A SMALL WATER & SEWER PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION – Council Vice President, Mr. Lucas

presented a proposal for Professional Services from Levine Engineering for the completion of a Small Water and Sewer Program grant application to Commonwealth Financing Authority,

Motion by Mrs. Kline to authorize Levine Engineering to prepare engineering documentation for the completion of a Small Water & Sewer Program grant not to exceed \$2,000.00, second by Mr. Brown. The motion carried.

PLANNING & ZONING – Nothing at this time.

RECREATION – September 2019 Minutes

STREETS/WATER – Council member, Mr. Tillson shared the Street and Water Committee recently held a meeting to discuss water rates, he would like to schedule another meeting prior to the November 12th Council meeting. He requested all committee members to attend the next meeting to actively discuss viable options in regard to the water rates. Council member, Mr. Tillson questioned the status of the Jet-Vac truck. Street & Water Project Coordinator, Mr. Hoffman explained currently he has two street employees using a GPS system to locate storm drains, curb boxes, valves, sewer lines. He continued stating the stormwater system has been completed and the water system is approximately three- quarters complete. Borough Engineer, Mr. Pysher commented it will be a much slower process when utilizing the camera inspection system to view the storm sewers compared to doing the mapping with the GPS. It was noted in the future the Jet-Vac truck could be outsourced to other municipalities who are under the MS4 requirements. A discussion took place regarding manpower and fees for these services.

MAYOR – Mayor Bagwell reminded Council of the Veteran's Day Parade scheduled for Saturday, November 9th. He stated there are approximately 1,200 people signed up to walk in the parade. It is anticipated that the parade will be the largest to date. The planned parade route will start at Mill Street and end at Reading Lane.

POLICE CHIEF – Chief Gyurina reported the football game between Montoursville and South Columbia was successful with a very respectful crowd in attendance.

COUNCIL PERSONS – Nothing at this time.

SOLICITOR – Nothing at this time.

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT – Nothing at this time.

PENDING MATTERS – Nothing at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – The next Special Council meeting will be held Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 7:00 PM. Halloween will be held Thursday, October 31, 2019 between the hours of 6:00PM – 8:00PM.

VISITOR AND PUBLIC COMMENTS – Resident, Mr. Aubrey Alexander explained he has been attending meetings since November 2018 waiting to advance to the next step with his zoning amendment request for the old cemetery property and inquired about the status of this issue. Council member, Mrs. Kline gave a brief recap of the prior council meeting which Mr. Alexander attended. Solicitor, Randy Sees explained the next step would be for the Planning & Zoning Committee to make a recommendation to Council, then Council would determine if they are interested in re-zoning of the property and give authorization for him to prepare an ordinance amending the zoning map. Council Vice President, Mr. Lucas requested a Planning & Zoning Committee meeting take place prior to the November 12th Council meeting and requested the issue be placed on the November Council meeting agenda.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:52 PM on a motion by Mr. Brown, second by Mrs. Kline. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Gardner, Borough Secretary