

## MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTOURSVILLE

October 3, 2016

The regular meeting of the Montoursville Borough Council held in the Borough building was called to order by Council President Dave Moyer at 7:00 PM with the following answering roll call: Mark Tillson, Eric Greenway, Tina Kline, Chris Lucas and Rosemary Holmes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

Council President, Mr. Moyer announced that an executive session was held prior to the council meeting at 6:15PM to discuss personnel issues.

The minutes of the September 12, 2016 were approved on a motion by Mr. Greenway, second by Mrs. Kline. The motion carried.

**VISITORS /PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS** – Nothing at this time

**TREASURERS REPORT** – **Motion** by Mrs. Holmes to approve the treasurer's report and the Borough bills for September 2016, second by Mr. Greenway. The motion carried.

**PUBLIC HEARING: CONDITIONAL USE – Hanson Aggregates, LLC – Tax Parcel# 34-351-129 & 130 – Surface Mining.**

Council President, Mr. Moyer recessed the Council meeting at 7:03PM and opened the Public Hearing for the Conditional Use for Hanson Aggregates, LLC – Tax Parcel# 34-351-129 & 130 for Surface Mining. Borough Solicitor, Randy Sees oversaw the hearing; Zoning Officer, David Hines and Applicant, Mr. Larry Lauritzen /Hanson Aggregates and Mr. Rick Caranfa, Akens Engineering the consulting engineer for Hanson Aggregate were sworn in and testified. Solicitor, Randy Sees closed the record; the public hearing was adjourned at 7:34PM. Council President, Mr. Moyer reconvened the council meeting at 7:35PM.

**Motion** by Mr. Lucas to conditionally approve the Conditional Use request for Hanson Aggregates, LLC – Tax Parcel# 34-351-129 & 130 for Surface Mining, permitting Hanson Aggregates to obtain the necessary approvals for up to 5 years, second by Mr. Greenway. The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS** –

**RESOLUTION 2016-07 – WATER GRANT – BROAD ST COMMERCIAL DISTRICT WATER MAIN UPGRADE PROJECT** –

**Motion** by Mrs. Kline to approve Resolution 2016-07 authorizing the application for a PA Small Water and Sewer Program Grant in the amount of \$425,000, second by Mrs. Holmes. The motion carried.

**MONTOUR STREET EXTENSION PROJECT, MONTOUR STREET COOPERATION AGREEMENT & RESOLUTION 2016-08 – AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A PROPOSAL FOR FUNDS WITH THE DCED, FOR THE SOUTH MONTOUR STREET EXTENSION IMPROVEMENT PROJECT** –

**Motion** by Mr. Lucas to approve the Montour Street Extension Project, Montour Street Cooperation Agreement and Resolution 2016-08; authorizing the filing of a proposal for funds with the PADCED, second by Mr. Greenway. Council member, Mr. Greenway confirmed that the Cooperation Agreement with the Williamsport Municipal Regional Airport does not make the Borough financially responsible in any way. The motion carried. Mayor Dorin questioned Mr. Mark Murawski, Lycoming County Planning if the airport terminal project would be completed prior to the Montour Street Extension. Mr. Murawski stated the terminal would be completed prior to the Montour Street Extension. He then commented if the grant is not approved, the Montour Street Extension would not move forward. Mr. Thomas Hart, Williamsport Municipal Airport reviewed the terminal construction project. At this time Council President, Mr. Moyer stated there was a last minute addition on the agenda. He explained the ongoing waterline

replacement project on Broad Street will be adding directional drilling to the project; this process will reduce the cost of the project. He stated Larson Design Group submitted a change order for an additional \$8,000.00 which is needed so that the engineering for the directional drilling on the project can be completed.

**Motion** by Mr. Greenway to approve Larson Design Group change order in the amount of \$8,000.00 for additional engineering required for directional drilling, second by Mrs. Holmes. Council member, Mr. Lucas questioned the cost comparison between traditional waterline replacement and directional drilling. It was noted that there was a significant savings by doing the directional drilling. The motion carried.

**STOP SIGN – TEMPORARY – WALNUT & ELM** – Council member, Mrs. Holmes commented that no one will argue about the safety needed for the intersection where Little League is played. She stated the concern is with the apparatus being used for the past twenty years which is no longer a valid option. She reviewed and explained the official traffic control device manual stating that the current apparatus is not permitted to be used in the middle of the road. She stated the apparatus “yield to pedestrians” currently being placed in Broad Street is the option that may be used in order to create a safe environment for the children. She stated there would be no cost involved as we already have them and they are safe and legal. Chief Gyurina stated the best solution would be to locate the “yield to pedestrian” signs twenty feet north and south of the intersection. Council member, Mr. Lucas stated he did not believe they were safe and effective, noting you can just see how well they work on Broad Street. Council member, Mrs. Holmes disagreed. Council member, Mr. Greenway questioned Mrs. Holmes issues with the current sign being used. Council member, Mrs. Holmes stated it is illegal. Council member, Mr. Greenway agreed with Council member, Mrs. Holmes and Chief Gyurina on the location placement of the signs but stated the signs must say “Stop” to be effective. Council discussed the sign options, legal issues, and effectiveness of the signs at length. After a lengthy discussion, Council member, Mr. Tillson stated that even though the current sign being used is effective, purchasing breakaway stop signs seemed to be the best option.

**Motion** by Mr. Tillson to approve the purchase of two break away portable stop signs, second by Mr. Greenway. Chief Gyurina discussed several ways to try to effectively provide safety for the area. Council member, Mr. Lucas stated the current sign being used for the past thirty years has served its purpose but is all for any type of sign that will provide the same safety for the children. Council member, Mr. Lucas noted he will be abstaining from voting on the signs as he is on the board of Little League. Council member, Mr. Greenway gave a description of what the signs look like. Mayor Dorin questioned the placement of the signs. Chief Gyurina stated they would be placed on the North and South side of the intersection. Mayor Dorin questioned the legality of the location of the signs in the street, noting he felt they were illegal. Council member, Mrs. Holmes agreed with Mayor Dorin noting the only signs legal to be placed in the street are “yield to pedestrian” signs. Mayor Dorin suggested Council comply with the letter from PaDOT recommending the use of the “yield to pedestrian” signs. Council member, Mr. Lucas stated he doesn’t believe the “yield to pedestrians” will stop a driver from avoiding a child running into the street after a fly ball. Mayor Dorin stated there are hundreds of these signs used all over the state. Mayor Dorin suggested the use of “slow down” signs that were used several years ago. Council member, Mr. Lucas stated they didn’t help then and they won’t help now. Mayor Dorin felt they were effective. Council member, Mrs. Holmes noted she wanted to qualify that she is concerned about the safety of the children and does not agree that this is the legal way to do it. The motion carried. Council member, Mr. Lucas abstained from the vote.

**PLANNING & ZONING** – Planning Commission September Minutes and Central Keystone COG September Report were reviewed by Council.

**RECREATION** – Recreation Board September Minutes were reviewed by Council. Council member, Mr. Lucas noted there weren’t any permits for approval at September’s meeting however they are reviewing events for next summer, reviewing the park’s Master Plan current pond project and actively working on submitting formal requests for the playground equipment project. Council President, Mr. Moyer commented on the great work and effort that the

VIP's are doing in the park. Council member, Mr. Lucas stated they are actively seeking new VIP members and will be placing ads in order to attract volunteers. Council member, Mrs. Holmes also commented on the great job the VIP's did on clearing around the pond.

**STREETS/WATER** – Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Ron Smith reviewed the Street/Water report. The report included cleaning out the two skating ponds, painting traffic lines, relaying the brick at the mini park on Broad Street, waiting on the final plans for the new park restrooms, with the completion date for next spring, water lead and copper samples testing passed, water meters installed to date 1245 and bulk water pumped 5,852,147 gallons. He gave update on the VIP park projects including brushing out the pond nature trail, preparing for the Fall Festival and painting picnic tables.

**MAYOR** – Mayor Dorin reviewed the September 2016 Police report. Mayor Dorin mentioned he is working on changing the Christmas tree lights to LED at a cost of approximately \$9,000.00. He stated it will be a savings of approximately 80% on the energy costs.

**POLICE CHIEF** – Chief Gyurina gave report to Council updating on an upcoming warrant to be issued for a stolen credit card and sightings of clowns at Walmart. Chief Gyurina expressed some concerns regarding the approved conditional use for Hanson Aggregates.

**COUNCILPERSONS** – Nothing at this time.

**SOLICITOR** – Nothing at this time.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT** – Council President, Mr. Moyer discussed and commented on the 2016 budget percentages noting at the end of September it is at 58.49% and gives “kudos” to the department heads and council for watching the taxpayer's money.

**PENDING MATTERS** – Nothing at this time.

**CORESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** – The next regular Council meeting will be held Monday, October 17th, 2016 at 7:00 PM. Monday, October 24, 2016 at 6:00PM the Penn State Master Gardeners and the Lycoming County MS4 Coalition will be hosting a Rain Garden Workshop in the council chambers.

**VISITOR AND PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Resident, Ronald Beach, Cedar Street commented that portable stop signs are only to be used during emergencies and suggested calling PaDOT District Engineer, Allen Keller to discuss. Resident, Donna Ponegrate, 437 Cherry Street, questioned parking on the street near the school and if cars will be ticketed when the snow comes. Chief Gyurina stated absolutely, permit parking is not exempt from removal during a plowable snow event. Council member, Mrs. Kline suggested that it may be better addressed by contacting and notifying the school if this occurs.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm on a motion by Mr. Lucas, second by Mr. Greenway and carried.

Respectfully submitted,