

MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTOURSVILLE

November 12, 2013

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, Eugene Boyles, Kim DiRocco and Mayor Dorin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

At this time Council President Mr. Brobson noted that the previous day was Veteran's Day and he would like to honor the Veteran's that have died or have been injured serving our country since it had been formed; he asked the audience to join him in a moment of silence and he would like to include in that moment of silence the passing of retired Montoursville police patrolman, Thomas Metzger who had given many years of service.

The minutes of the October 7, 2013 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Boyles, second by Mr. Shearer. The motion carried.

Council President, Mr. Brobson congratulated the newly elected officials; the 1st Ward, Mr. Christopher Lucas, the 2nd Ward, Mrs. Rosemary Holmes, the 3rd Ward, Mr. David Moyer and Mayor John Dorin on his reelection.

VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT – Ed March from the Willing Hand Hose Fire Company discussed with council and public their upcoming project, a new building addition to be constructed by Lundy Construction. He stated that they have outgrown their space. They currently operate a 24/7 Volunteer Fire and Ambulance Department. The new addition will house the volunteer Paramedic students from Penn College and will be 46'x85'. He stated is has been in the planning for over a year and feels they can hopefully start construction next spring. Council member, Mr. Boyles questioned how they plan to finance the project. Mr. March stated they will be doing a capital campaign mailing hopefully raising 2/3 of the 1.2 million dollar estimate. Council member, Mr. Tillson questioned how much Upper Fairfield and Fairfield Twp would be contributing. Mr. March stated that they would also be included in the mailing. Mayor Dorin questioned if Penn College subsidizes them in anyway. Mr. March stated that they do not. Council member, Mr. Holt asked if they have applied for any Homeland Security grants. Mr. March stated they have not. Council member, Mr. Holt stated that it could be difficult to fund raise that dollar amount; he noted that it did not work for the swimming pool. Council member, Mr. Tillson questioned if they would be putting any kind of social hall to generate revenue. Mr. March commented that they are not. Council member, Mr. Holt asked if they would be borrowing any money. Mr. March stated that yes they would be; noting that they have been to eleven different financial institutions.

TREASURERS REPORT –

Motion by Mr. Boyles to approve the treasurer's report and the Borough bills for October 2013, second by Mr. Shearer. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS –

PPL NEW POLE LOCATION REQUEST – Street/Water Commissioner, Ron Smith stated that this is a new pole near Logue Industries that would help carry the wires.

Motion by Mr. Boyles to approve PPL's new pole location request near Logue Industries, second by Mr. Holt. The motion carried.

90 DAY EXTENSION REQUEST – PRELIMINARY LAND DEVELOPMENT – KRINER PLAZA – The Secretary explained the request comes from Mr. Kriner's engineer, Mr. Randy Webster/Wentz and Webster Engineering. She stated that they had been denied their sewage planning module exemption by DEP; in order for them to complete the

Component 3 Sewage Planning Module required by DEP, they are requesting and extension to the Kriner Plaza Preliminary Land Development Plan.

Motion by Mr. Shearer to approve Mr. Webster's request for an extension to the Kriner Plaza Preliminary Land Development Plan, second by Mr. Boyles. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2013-14 – AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF THE LST TAX COLLECTOR –

Motion by Mr. Boyles to approve Resolution 2013-14 authorizing the appointment of the LST Tax Collector, Ginny Gardner, second by Mrs. DiRocco. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2012-15 - ELIMINATING POLICE PAYMENTS INTO THE POLICE PENSION FUND FOR 2014

Motion by Mr. Boyles to approve Resolution 2013-15 eliminating police payments into the police pension fund for 2014 second by Mr. Shearer. The motion carried.

ORDINANCE # 458 TAX LEVY– authorizing advertisement.

Motion by Mr. Boyles to authorize the advertisement of Ordinance # 458 Tax Levy, second by Mrs. DiRocco. The motion carried.

ORDINANCE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING, REVIEW AND POSSIBLE ADOPTION OF A STANDALONE FLOODPLAIN ORDINANCE AND THE REPEAL OF CERTAIN PORTIONS OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE

–authorizing advertisement. Council member, Mr. Boyles explained to council this ordinance needs to be passed prior to February 5th, 2014; if not residents in the flood areas will not be able to purchase flood insurance.

Motion by Mr. Boyles to authorize the advertisement for a public hearing, review and possible adoption of a standalone floodplain ordinance and the repeal of certain portions of the zoning ordinance, second by Mrs. DiRocco. Borough Solicitor, Randy Sees stated to council that he and Zoning Officer, Matt Sauers have met and have finalized the preliminary draft into what he thinks will be the final draft. He stated we are pressed for time that is why we are requesting authorization to advertise; he noted it will also require a public hearing. Council member, Mr. Holt asked the size of the ordinance. Solicitor, Randy Sees stated it will be somewhere about 30 pages. The motion carried.

BUDGET 2014 –

Motion by Mr. Boyles to approve the advertised 2014 Budget, second by Mrs. DiRocco. The motion carried. At this time Mayor Dorin stated he will be vetoing the budget. Solicitor Randy Sees stated that the mayor does not have the power to veto the Budget. At this time, Mayor Dorin corrected himself and stated he will be vetoing the Tax Ordinance 458, fixing the tax rate for the year 2014. He stated he has several points for why he will be vetoing the ordinance; he would like the finance committee to reinvestigate the borough's expenses, he would like the 2010 Borough Council to show fiscal responsibility with the 2014 budget; he would like the 2010 Borough Council to proceed with the borough's water system and capital improvement projects. At this time Council President Mr. Brobson asked Mayor Dorin if he is saying that these items that he is speaking about were approved by borough council. Mayor Dorin responded that these are the reasons he is vetoing the Tax Ordinance. Mayor Dorin stated that the 2010 Borough Council has infused \$1.2 million of water revenue into the general fund over the past four years. Council member Mr. Ronald Shearer stated that the reason that the capital improvement projects have not been started is that the engineering is still being studied down on Broad Street. A discussion took place regarding monies being transferred between the water revenue fund and the general fund to balance previous year's budgets. Council member, Mr. Shearer stated that the only way that water revenues would not be introduced into the general revenue fund is to raise taxes. Mayor Dorin stated that would be for Borough Council to do, however he does agree. A discussion ensued between Council members and Mayor Dorin about equipment that has been purchased with water revenues along with several other expenses. Mayor Dorin at this time stated that the expenses are outweighing the revenues; to date bulk water revenues has only made approximately \$80,000 profit. Council member, Mr. Boyles stated that he proposed automating the bulk water systems in order to reduce the expenses but he could not get any support. At this time Mayor Dorin said he couldn't support him as he is the Mayor only Borough Council members can support him. Council member, Mr. Boyles agreed. Council President, Mr. Brobson stated that no one had a crystal ball to look into the future with the bulk water revenues. A discussion took place regarding

requirements made by DEP; requirements that two men oversee both bulk water hauling sites 24/7 for security and security for all other wells. A discussion regarding the 2013 Police Budget, the 5 year Water Improvement Plan and revenues took place.

PLANNING & ZONING – Central Keystone COG Reports October 2013 were reviewed by council.

RECREATION – Nothing at this time.

STREETS/WATER – Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Ron Smith reported to council on several projects. He stated they have picked about 50 loads of leaves so far approximately halfway through the leaf season. They will be putting up the Christmas decorations downtown on November 25th. In the water department they had three service lines repaired within the last month, the fire hydrants have all been flushed and the leak detection that has been this done by Utility Services has been completed. He stated they found quite a few leaks however the finalize report will be submitted within the next two weeks. Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Smith explained that the generator at well five will not transfer; a tree came down on the lines and took one phase out and knocked the wells out. The generator wouldn't take over because it had two phases going in which is a problem that needs to be corrected. At the same time we found out that we do not have a disconnect from PPL service in the well and that is considered an illegal hookup which will also need to be corrected. Mayor Dorin questioned Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Smith about the illegal hookup. He explained to Mayor Dorin that there is no physical disconnect within the well and that is considered illegal. He stated you have to be able to throw a switch inside the building to be considered a legal hookup. Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Smith said that this was to be corrected when we did the underground service. A discussion took place among council members; it was noted that the well had been like this for about 10 years. Council member Mr. Tillson asked what would happen if we didn't put the power underground. Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Smith stated that if power isn't put underground and you would ever have to shut Well 5 down to clean it, you will also be shutting down Well 4 and you will have no wells.

MAYOR – Mayor Dorin reviewed the October Police Report with council. Mayor Dorin stated he is working on the Christmas tree down at Hutchinson Development. He stated he has some volunteers looking at the lights and has purchased 144 new bulbs. Mayor Dorin explained that George Hutchinson requested for him to sign a waiver, which he will have the Borough Solicitor review before he signs, it. He stated they are requesting a waiver due to the building being under construction. Mayor Dorin noted the CBA Borough's Association meeting will be held on November 20th at the Valley Inn. The speakers will be Fran McJunkin and the County Commissioners, speaking on the topic of the floodplain insurance program. Mayor Dorin stated he is still working on the rehabilitation of the ponds and as soon as he gets information he will forward it on to Council.

POLICE CHIEF – Chief Gyurina reported and explained to council about the calls being up due to the suspicious person calls that they have been receiving. He stated that there are a lot of rumors going around. Chief Gyurina stated there are burglaries in Montoursville, South Williamsport and in the State Police jurisdiction. He believes that the rash of burglaries that we had and South Williamsport had were related and some of the State Police jurisdiction. He noted no one has been apprehended for the rash of those burglaries and they are continuing with investigations. Chief Gyurina stated that he has once again received a grant for the Thanksgiving Buckle Up/Click it or Ticket program, starting November 23rd. Council member, Mr. Tillson asked Chief Gyurina what advisement he would give to the Citizen's regarding the recent burglaries. Chief Gyurina stated to use common sense; lock all doors. Also he stated if residents hear anything late night or early morning call as soon as possible; don't wait until 8:00AM, call right away. A discussion took place regarding the rumors in the borough

COUNCILPERSONS – Council member, Mr. Tillson questioned Mayor Dorin about the ordinance in Williamsport regarding Landlords requiring tenant information and if it something Montoursville should be looking into. Mayor Dorin stated he had discussed the issue with Lieutenant Mark Miller regarding the specifics of the ordinance and will be discussing more about it in the future. Mayor Dorin stated it is a 3 strikes you are out; the landlord is shut down. Mayor Dorin stated once he discusses it more with the Lieutenant; he and the Chief will put together something so that council

may choose to update the current rental ordinance. Council member, Mr. Tillson questioned the borough secretary about the dividend check from Keystone Insurers. The secretary explained she would discuss it with the company. Council member, Mr. Tillson asked Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Ron Smith if he has a route for picking up the leaves. Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Smith stated that they did not; they do the whole town.

SOLICITOR – nothing at this time.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT – nothing at this time.

COORESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Next council meeting will be on Monday, December 2, 2013 at 7:00 PM. Council President, Mr. Brobson noted the borough received a nice thank you note from Loyalsock Valley School for the use of the council chambers.

VISITOR AND PUBLIC COMMENTS – Resident, Mr. Lou Bassler, 400 Jordan Avenue stated that he had brought his grandson Gavin Bassler to the meeting in order for him to earn his communications merit badge for Boy Scouts. Mayor Dorin introduced Senior high school student Alyssa Kriner; she is doing her community project and in January he will be recommending her for the Junior Council person.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm on a motion by Mr. Boyles, seconded by Mrs. Kim DiRocco and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Gardner, Borough Secretary