

MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTOURSVILLE

December 3, 2012

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, Kim DiRocco, Eugene Boyles and Mayor Dorin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

The minutes of the November 13, 2012 meeting were approved with changes on a motion by Mr. Boyles, second by Mrs. DiRocco. The motion carried.

TREASURERS REPORT –

Motion by Mr. Boyles to approve the treasurer's report and the Borough bills for November 2012 through December 31st, 2012, second by Mr. Shearer. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS –

ORDINANCE # 454 – TAX LEVY –

Council President, Mr. Brobson noted that there is no intended tax increase and maintains the current real estate tax rate at 2.3 mils.

Motion by Mr. Boyle to adopt Ordinance # 454 – Tax Levy, second by Mrs. DiRocco. Mayor Dorin questioned passing the ordinance prior to passing the budget. The motion carried.

SALES AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE 41 MILL STREET –

Motion by Mr. Shearer authorizing the purchase of 41 Mill Street, second by Mr. Boyles. The motion carried.

BUDGET 2013 –

Motion by Mr. Boyles to adopt 2013 Budget, second by Mrs. DiRocco. Mayor Dorin had several questions regarding the budget & security expenses. Council member, Mr. Holt stated he could not support the 2013 budget with issues being employee health insurance, employee wages, lack of projects and recreation budget. A discussion took place regarding the committee chairperson's capacity to make decisions. Council President, Mr. Brobson noted that the 2013 budget is lower than prior year's budgets. Mayor Dorin stated being that the budget is so lean; he questioned the need for employees. The motion carried.

PLANNING & ZONING – Central Keystone COG Reports November 2012 were reviewed by council.

RECREATION – November Minutes

Council member, Mr. Shearer reported to council that the Recreation Board recommends increasing fees for the Men's Softball League and the Coed Softball League to \$150.00 per team and the Church League to \$100.00 per team next year; with payment to be received prior to June 1st. Council member Mr. Boyles questioned the prior year's fees. Council member, Mr. Shearer went on to discuss the fees at Elm Park and noted that he felt this was fair.

Motion by Mr. Shearer to increase fees to \$150.00 per team for the Men's Softball League and the Coed Softball League and \$100.00 per team for the Church League, second by Mrs. DiRocco. Council member, Mr. Tillson questioned who took care of the fields. Council member, Mr. Shearer stated that the borough pays for mowing of the grass, dirt for the field, material for the parking lot, supplies for the rest room and trash removal. Council member, Mr. Tillson noted that the borough is not making money, just recouping the costs. The motion carried.

STREETS/WATER – Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Ron Smith reported to council regarding the Street and Water department’s activities. He reported that there were still 12-15 piles of leaves to be picked up & that the Christmas lights had been put up. He noted that he had two phones calls for a 4- way stop at Claire and Tule but did not feel it was necessary. He also noted that the airport had informed him that the proposed emergency access road to the airport on Charles St. and Howard St. had not been put in yet and that someone had installed a chain across it; he would be looking into it. He stated that the crew repaired a fire hydrant at Fairview Dr and Peter’s Alley; there are still a few more that need repaired. Council member, Mr. Shearer requested Mr. Smith to redo the crosswalk on Washington St. to the park entrance and questioned about flashing signs. Street/Water Commissioner Mr. Smith stated that there are flashing 15 mph speed limit signs that flash during the summer at the park entrances and he will redo the crosswalks.

MAYOR – Mayor Dorin discussed with council the idea of revitalizing the borough newsletter; with the suggestion of making it available quarterly in several local shops in the borough. Council member, Mr. Tillson liked the idea. Mayor Dorin stated that their needs to be a coordinator to gather articles. Council discussed the newsletter coordination; Chairman of Personnel, Safety and Administration, Mrs. DiRocco will look into. Mayor Dorin reviewed the November Police Report with council.

POLICE CHIEF – Chief Gyurina reported to council on issues taking place in the borough; retail thefts and writing bad checks on a closed account. Chief Gyurina discussed with council a grant he received for “Click It or Ticket” for \$1000.00. Chief Gyurina requested council to consider hiring Matthew Keller as a part time Police Officer; he also noted he will probably request to hire another part time officer as he just received notification that a current part time officer was offered a full time position. Council President, Mr. Brobson questioned if the Personnel Committee gave a recommendation. Chairperson of the Personnel Committee, Mrs. DiRocco stated that he received their recommendation. **Motion** by Mrs. Kim DiRocco to hire Matthew Keller as a part time Police Officer effective immediately, upon completing certifications and requirements, second by Mr. Boyles. Council member, Mr. Tillson questioned the limitation to work 30 hours. Council member, Mr. Boyles stated that it will be implemented as in 2014. The motion carried.

COUNCILPERSONS –

Council member, Mr. Boyles in response to the comments regarding the legality of motion made at the last meeting regarding committees being able to take care of operational and maintenance issues and the borough code cited the Borough Code as follows,” page 56, Section 1006, item number 4, routine ministerial or administrative purchases and powers may be made and exercised by officers or committees, if authority for the action was previously given, or if the action is subsequently ratified by council.” A discussion took place regarding the implementation of state police coverage and it being addressed at a public meeting. Council member, Mr. Boyles stated his reason for bringing up the topic is a water committee meeting to be held next week, where recommendations will need to be implemented quickly. Individual council member’s actions, the amount of years involved in using water revenues for the general fund and the time needed to do engineering for water projects and the costs were discussed. Council President, Mr. Brobson noted that he hasn’t heard any complaints from the public regarding the temporary twenty five percent reduction in water rates. A discussion took place over the infrastructure, engineering and surplus of water revenues. Mayor Dorin noted that he would like to make sure that what had been promised to the citizens gets done. Council President, Mr. Brobson stated he also would like to make sure that it gets done, unlike previous years. Mayor Dorin questioned the lack of paving in the budget. Council member, Mr. Boyles stated the reason was due to the gas company cutting up the street. He also stated that we would get more for the dollar paving every 2 years. Mayor Dorin questioned the need for the amount of employees currently employed. Council President, Mr. Brobson asked the Mayor if he was dissatisfied with the employees work and noted we have a limited amount of employees for the work. Council member, Mr. Holt requested to follow up on Eck Lane.

Motion by Mrs. Kim DiRocco to appoint Robert Brown as alternate to the Civil Service Commission, second by Mr. Boyles. The motion carried. Personnel Committee Chairperson, Mrs. DiRocco thanked Chief Gyurina for doing an amazing job this past year and noted he has accomplished so many things above and beyond what council expected.

Motion by Mrs. Kim DiRocco to adopt a new contract for Chief of Police, Jeffrey Gyurina, second by Mr. Boyles. Council member, Mr. Holt noted to the secretary to include in the minutes he presented a letter stating his seven reasons why he will not be supporting the new contract. He stated there are 4 reasons that he can discuss; does not agree with the Chief of Police being provided a vehicle to take home, salary increase to \$61,027.08, term of five years, and no health insurance co-pay. The motion carried. Council member, Mr. Boyles questioned Chief Gyurina if he had been authorized to purchase laptops for the EMA. Chief Gyurina stated that he had not. Council member, Mr. Boyles noted that the Act 13 monies could be used to purchase wireless laptops which would be helpful with the setup of the EMA.

Motion by Mr. Boyles to purchase 3 used laptops for the Police Department and EMA; not to exceed \$1000.00, second by Mrs. DiRocco. The motion carried.

SOLICITOR – nothing at this time.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT – nothing at this time.

PENDING MATTERS – Council President, Mr. Brobson discussed the 2013 council meeting schedule noting there were 2 conflicting dates; September 2nd Labor Day and November 4th where the council chamber is used for setup for Election Day.

Motion by Mr. Eugene Boyles to have the first Monday of the month with the exception of Monday, September 9th and Tuesday, November 12th be advertised for the 2013 council meetings schedule, second by Mrs. DiRocco. The motion carried.

COORESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Next council meeting will be on Monday, January 7th, 2013 at 7:00 PM. Council President, Mr. Brobson wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

VISITOR AND PUBLIC COMMENTS – Resident, Mr. Gayne Campbell, 435 Mayr Street questioned the status of the replacement of the asbestos water lines. Council member, Mr. Boyles gave an update. Men's Softball League Representative, Mr. Carter McGill stated that he would have liked a 3 year progression of the increased fee and requested a letter be sent to each league. Council President, Mr. Brobson addressed comments made regarding four to two votes; he noted there are more unanimous votes than realized. Resident, Ms. Donna Ponegrate felt the Mayor should be issued an apology. Council member, Mrs. DiRocco noted her surprise for the amount of disrespect given to the volunteer council members. A discussion took place regarding the borough records. Council member, Mrs. DiRocco requested Mayor Dorin to provide copies of all past marriage records he had done to the office of the borough secretary as per the borough solicitor. Mayor Dorin disagreed.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm on a motion by Mr. Shearer, seconded by Mrs. DiRocco and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Gardner, Borough Secretary