

## MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTOURSVILLE

February 16, 2015

The regular meeting of the Montoursville Borough Council was called to order by Council President Rosemary Holmes at 7:00 PM, with the following answering roll call: Mark Tillson, Don King, David Moyer and Christopher Lucas. Dennis Holt– absent

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

Council President, Mrs. Holmes announced that an executive session took place prior to this meeting to discuss Personnel.

The minutes of the February 2, 2015 were approved on a motion by Mr. King, second by Mr. Moyer. The motion carried.

**VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT** – Dr. Melvin Zimmerman, Director, Clean Water Institute, Lycoming College, along with students Sam Wanner and Peter Gnocchi gave their presentation on the Limnological Evaluation of Indian Park Pond. They reviewed the different aquatic species and nutrient data that was discovered in the two main ponds. It was noted that the proposed pond restoration will be beneficial to the future of the pond. Dr. Zimmerman also recommended to curb the public from feeding the ducks as they are detrimental to the pond. He noted the best way to help with this issue is to educate the public. Council thanked Dr. Zimmerman and students for all their effort in providing such valuable information.

**NEW BUSINESS** –

**PERSONNEL MANUAL AND JOB DESCRIPTION UPDATE** – Council member, Mr. King explained he and Council member, Mr. Tillson held an extensive interview with Ms. Karla Sexton, Pinnacle Consulting and recommend to hire her firm to update the Personnel Manual and Job Descriptions.

**Motion** by Mr. King to approve the hiring of Ms. Karla Sexton with Pinnacle Consulting to update the Personnel Manual and Job Descriptions, second by Mr. Lucas. The motion carried

**PLANNING & ZONING** – Nothing at this time

**RECREATION** – Nothing at this time.

**STREETS/WATER** – Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Ron Smith gave an update to Council. He noted that the snow had been removed from Broad Street and the building permit had been approved for Pavilion 2. He had received a quote for the new backhoe and was requesting permission to purchase it. He would be trading in the current backhoe in on the new one. The amount for the trade in of the old backhoe would be \$65,000.00.

**Motion** by Mr. Tillson to approve to purchase through Costars a new backhoe with trade in, in the amount of \$30,000.00, second by Mr. Moyer. The motion carried. Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Smith continued to report to Council about a water main break on Fairview Drive, and with the cold temperatures there were several calls for frozen pipes and meters. He explained that the bulk water frack tanks were frozen solid. A discussion regarding the upcoming paving and water projects took place.

**Motion** by Mr. Moyer to approve engineering of Phase II Broad Street Waterline Improvement Project by Larson Design Group, second by Mr. King. The motion carried. Council member, Mr. Lucas questioned Street/Water Commissioner Mr. Ron Smith if the Bulk Water Loading Station project is on schedule. Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Smith stated that it was.

**MAYOR** – Mayor Dorin noted there is a Lycoming/Sullivan County Borough’s Association meeting on Wednesday. He stated the speaker will be new County Commissioner, Jeff Raup.

**POLICE CHIEF** – Chief Gyurina reported to Council on an ongoing investigation into a “Swating” incident.

**COUNCILPERSONS** – Council member, Mr. King noted that he was pleasantly surprised at the excellent job of snowplowing and the snow removal on Broad Street done by the Borough crew. Council member, Mr. Tillson questioned Council President, Mrs. Holmes about her removal of Council member, Mr. Moyer from the Personnel Committee. Council President, Mrs. Holmes stated she felt that Council member, Mr. Moyer was concentrating on one department and not all departments. Council member, Mr. Tillson stated that there is a reason there are Committees, so that there are several views and you can agree to disagree. He stated that if you remove council members from committees because of their view being different than your own, you might as well do away with committees. Council member, Mr. Lucas stated he agreed with Council member, Mr. Tillson, noting that he felt Council member, Mr. Moyer was doing an excellent job and would like Council President, Mrs. Holmes to consider reinstating Council member, Mr. Moyer to the Chairman of the Personnel Committee. Council President, Mrs. Holmes noted she would take it under consideration.

**SOLICITOR** – Nothing at this time.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT** – Nothing at this time.

**COORESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Next Council meeting will be Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015 at 7:00 PM

**VISITOR AND PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Fire Chief, Scott Konkle expressed his appreciation of the Zoning Hearing Board for their hard work at their latest hearing. He also wanted to thank the public for their support at that hearing. Council President, Mrs. Holmes noted that the Willing Hand Hose facility is amazing, it is a wonderful asset to the community. Fire Chief, Scott Konkle invited the public to their Open House scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm on a motion by Mr. King, second by Mr. Lucas and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ginny Gardner, Borough Secretary