

MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTOURSVILLE

March 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, Dennis Holt, Don King, David Moyer and Christopher Lucas.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

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

VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Vince Shearer and Mr. Carter McGill representing the Softball Leagues requested the approval to install advertising signs on the fences at Nicely and Rotundi softball fields. They stated the income made from the advertisers would be used for improvements to the fields. Discussion took place regarding the signs, income generated, improvements needed on the fields and the possibility of the formation of a committee. Council member, Mr. Tillson questioned if signs were permitted in the park. It was noted that if signs are not permitted; the Ordinance would need to be changed. He questioned if selling the advertisements would deter donations for the Indian Park Master Plan improvements. Council requested the Solicitor to review the Ordinance and make recommendations.

NEW BUSINESS –

RESOLUTION 2015-03– Real Estate Tax Refund –Weis Markets –Parcel 34-001-701- The Borough Secretary explained the reason for the refund was the parcel being incorrectly assessed; as a result of a real estate appeal the value was adjusted due to a court settlement.

Motion by Mr. Lucas to approve Resolution 2015 -03, Real Estate Tax Refund to Weis Markets in the amount of \$2,531.80, second by Mr. King. The motion carried.

ENGINEERING PROPOSAL – Larson Design Group – 2015 Broad St Water Main Replacement Project – Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Smith stated that this proposal is for the engineering of Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the Broad Street Water Main Replacement Project. It was noted the proposal does not include onsite inspection. **Motion** by Mr. Holt to approve the engineering proposal from Larson Design Group for Phase 2 and Phase 3 of the 2015 Broad St. Water Main Replacement Project the Design Phase in the amount of 58,000.00, the Bid Phase in the amount of \$6400.00 and the Construction Phase in the amount of \$13,600.00, second by Mr. King. The motion carried.

AUTHORIZATION FOR SOLICITOR TO AMEND SUBDIVISION AND LAND DEVELOPMENT – Borough Engineer, Mr. Todd Pysher explained and discussed the procedures. He recommended to amend the current Land Development and Subdivision Ordinance to include a mandatory pre-application meeting noting it would benefit all parties. A discussion took place regarding instances how it would benefit the parties. Mr. Pysher noted that it would not always prevent issues but it would minimize the instances.

Motion by Mr. King to authorize the Solicitor to amend the Subdivision and Land Development to include a mandatory pre-application meeting, second by Mr. Moyer. Council member, Mr. Holt questioned who would attend the pre-application meeting. Mr. Pysher stated the Zoning Officer, Borough Engineer, Street/Water

Commissioner, the applicant and/or applicant's consultant, Lycoming County Conservation District, potentially DEP and PENNDOT and any council member. Council member, Mr. Tillson questioned the cost associated with this meeting. Mr. Pysher stated there is a benefit to that cost. He also stated the meeting is informational with everyone getting an opportunity to provide input so that everyone has a clear understanding of the process. The motion carried. At this time, Mr. Pysher explained and discussed the proposed Montoursville School District's renovation and addition project. He noted that their Final Land Development review had not been completed as all documentation has not been submitted as requested. He stated it can be very frustrating noting that unless all requirements have been met, council should not approve. Council may need to request an extension of time or disapprove the plan.

PPL Right of Way – Tax Parcel 33-351-164 – Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Smith reviewed and explained the Right of Way request.

Motion by Mr. Moyer to approve PPL's Right of Way request for Tax Parcel 33-351-164, second by Mr. King. The motion carried.

PLANNING & ZONING – February Minutes were reviewed.

RECREATION – Council member, Mr. Lucas stated the next Recreation Board meeting is March 17th, at 7:00PM.

STREETS/WATER – Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Ron Smith gave an update to Council. He noted the new backhoe had been delivered last week, borough crew had removed dead ash trees, paving inventory will be completed next week and Pavilion 2 will be started to be rebuilt in the next couple weeks. He also noted that the borough crew has been street sweeping and pothole patching. He also noted that the piping for the Broad St Waterline Replacement project has been completed.

MAYOR – Mayor Dorin noted he had attended the Policy and Resolutions Committee meeting for the PSAB in Harrisburg. He stated that they reviewed all resolutions submitted; approximately 20 were approved. He noted that there is a CBA meeting on March 18th at 6:00PM

POLICE CHIEF – Chief Gyurina reported to Council on today's burglary at English Model Railroad; noting the dollar amount exceeded \$40,000.00. He reported on several DUI incidents and ongoing investigations.

COUNCILPERSONS – Council member, Mr. Holt requested Council President, Mrs. Holmes to call for an executive session immediately after the council meeting in order to discuss a worker compensation claim and a disability claim.

SOLICITOR – Nothing at this time.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT – Council President, Mrs. Holmes announced that Council will be going into an executive session for personnel issues following the council meeting and will not be reconvening.

COORESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – Next Council meeting will be Monday, April 6, 2015 at 7:00 PM

VISITOR AND PUBLIC COMMENTS – Resident Donna Ponegrate, Cherry Street questioned if the Montoursville School District Final Land Development approval would be at a public meeting. It was noted that it must be at a public meeting. She also questioned the status of the Horvath Communication Cell Tower Variance. It was noted that the Zoning Hearing Board denied their request. Council member, Mr. Holt pointed out that the Montoursville School District Land Development is not about whether Council approves the school; but whether council approves how and where they are going to build it. Resident Tina Kline 1009 Tule Street, thanked the Chief of Police and Officers for their service to the community noting the recent DUI and drug issues and wanted to express that she appreciates the department. She stated that she is thankful that she lives in a borough with a police force.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 pm on a motion by Mr. Moyer, second by Mr. Holt and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Gardner, Borough Secretary