

## MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTOURSVILLE

March 2, 2020

The regular meeting of the Montoursville Borough Council held in the John Dorin Municipal Building was called to order by President Eric Greenway at 7:00 PM with the following answering roll call: Mark Tillson, Ted Haines, Misty Emick, Eric Greenway, Chris Lucas and Robert Brown.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

The February 3, 2020 minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Lucas. The motion carried.

**VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AGENDA ITEMS** – Nothing at this time.

**TREASURERS REPORT** – Motion by Mrs. Emick to approve February 2020 treasurer's report, second by Mr. Haines. The motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS** –

**MILL STREET ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT BID – HAMMAKER EAST LTD. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$444,830.60**

Council President Mr. Greenway presented a bid submitted by Hammaker East, Ltd in the amount of \$444,830.60 for the Mill Street Roadway Improvement Project for review.

**Motion** by Mr. Greenway to approve and award the Mill Street Roadway Improvement Project to Hammaker East, Ltd in the amount of \$444,830.60, seconded by Mr. Haines. The motion carried.

**GRANT EXTENSION REQUEST – MILL STREET ROADWAY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT** - Council President Mr. Greenway presented a request for a grant extension for the Mill Street Roadway Improvement Project for review.

**Motion** by Mr. Greenway to approve the Mill Street Roadway Improvement Project grant extension request, seconded by Mr. Lucas. The motion carried.

**AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE MONTOURSVILLE BOROUGH AND FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP JOINT POLLUTANT REDUCTION PLAN – REVISION** - Council President Mr. Greenway presented a revision to the Montoursville Borough and Fairfield Township Joint Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP). Borough Engineer, Mr. Todd Pysher provided Council with an update.

**Motion** by Mr. Greenway to approve the authorization to advertise the revised Montoursville Borough and Fairfield Township Joint Pollutant Reduction Plan, second by Mrs. Emick. The motion carried.

**PRINCIPLE FINANCIAL GROUP ACQUISITION OF WELLS FARGO BANK – MONTOURSVILLE BOROUGH POLICE PENSION – CONSENT, RESIGNATION AND APPOINTMENT – APPROVAL AND AUTHORIZATION TO SIGN SECRETARY/TREASURER, GINNY GARDNER** – Council President Mr.

Greenway presented Principal Financial Group's acquisition of Wells Fargo Bank request for consent, resignation and appointment authorizing Ginny Gardner, Secretary/Treasurer as signatory.

**Motion** by Mr. Lucas to approve Principal Financial Group Acquisition of Wells Fargo Bank - Montoursville Borough Police Pensions' request for consent, resignation an appointment of authorizing Ginny Gardner, Secretary/Treasurer as signatory, second by Mr. Greenway. The motion carried.

**COMMUNITY YARD SALE REQUEST – MAY 29 & MAY 30, 2020** – Council President Mr. Greenway

**Motion** by Mr. Lucas to approve the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Montoursville Community Yard Sale on May 29<sup>th</sup> & May 30, 2020, second by Mr. Haines. The motion carried.

**CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEMBER APPOINTMENT** – Council President Mr. Greenway presented the appointment of Mr. James Vanick as a member of the Civil Service Commission.

**Motion** by Mr. Greenway to approve the appointment of Mr. James Vanick to fill the remaining vacancy on the Civil Service Commission for a 1 year term that will expire as of January 1, 2022, second by Mr. Brown. The motion carried.

**ELECTRICITY – CONSTELLATION – 1 YEAR CONTRACT** – Council President Mr. Greenway presented a one year electricity contract with Constellation Energy for review.

**Motion** by Mr. Greenway to approve a one year contract with Constellation Energy, second by Mr. Haines. The motion carried.

**SALE OF SALTDogg HYDRAULIC CONVEYOR CHAIN SPREADER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$500.00** – Council President Mr. Greenway explained Borough Council had previously approved the sale of a Saltdogg hydraulic conveyor chain spreader through Municibid.

**Motion** by Mr. Brown to approve the sale of a Saltdogg hydraulic conveyor chain spreader in the amount of \$500.00 through Municibid, second by Mr. Greenway. The motion carried.

**10 SALE OF 2013 DODGE CHARGER THROUGH MUNICIBID – IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,810** – Council President Mr. Greenway explained Borough Council had previously approved the sale of a 2013 Dodge Charger through Municibid.

**Motion** by Mr. Greenway to approve the sale of the 2013 Dodge Charger in the amount of \$5,810.00 through Municibid, second by Mrs. Emick. The motion carried.

**PURCHASE 2020 DODGE DURANGO PURSUIT POLICE VEHICLE-NEW HOLLAND AUTO GROUP – COSTARS - \$30,600.00** – Chief Gyurina explained his request to purchase to Borough Council members.

**Motion** by Mr. Haines to approve the purchase of a 2020 Dodge Durango pursuit police vehicle from New Holland Auto Group through COSTARS in the amount of \$30,600.00, second by Mrs. Emick. The motion carried.

**DODGE DURANGO PURSUIT POLICE VEHICLE COMPONENTS & INSTALLATION – KEYSTONE COMMUNICATIONS - \$5,426.00** – Council President Mr. Greenway presented a quote from Keystone Communications to purchase components and installation related to 2020 Dodge Durango pursuit police vehicle to review.

**Motion** by Mr. Lucas to approve the purchase of components and installation through Keystone Communication in the amount of \$5,426.00 related to 2020 Dodge Durango pursuit police vehicle, second by Mr. Haines. The motion carried.

**BRUSH/RECYLCING OPENING DATE** – Council President Mr. Greenway opened discussion in regard to opening date of the brush/recycling facilities. It was explained due to the milder winter people have been conducting yard cleanup earlier than in past years, therefore it would be best to make available the brush recycling as soon as possible. Council agreed the last Saturday of each month beginning with April through September the Brush Recycling facilities will be open. A discussion ensued regarding the immediate opening of the brush pile for residents.

**Motion** by Mr. Lucas to approve the immediate opening of the Brush/Recycling facility including the last Saturday of the months of April through September, second by Mr. Greenway. The motion carried.

**PLANNING & ZONING** – Central Keystone COG Report February 2020

**RECREATION** – Council Vice President, Mr. Lucas reviewed and explained Event permits 2020-08 and 2020-09.

**Motion** by Mr. Lucas to approve Event Permits #2020-08 and #2020-09, second by Mr. Greenway. The motion carried.

**STREETS/WATER** – Street & Water Project Coordinator, Mr. Hoffman, gave kudos to the Montoursville High School basketball team for winning the championship for the Borough. Council member, Mr. Tillson explained a Street & Water Committee meeting took place prior to this evenings meeting regarding the SCADA System. An

inquiry as to the status of the project to bore under Broad Street and when that project would begin. Street & Water Project Coordinator, Mr. Hoffman responded as soon as it is possible. Council member, Mrs. Emick question his report regarding customer's water quality. Street & Water Project Coordinator, Mr. Hoffman explained there had been concerns regarding brown water in the vicinity of Reading Lane due to a dead end and has since been flushed to alleviate the issue. He explained the issue is being addressed with the Water Engineer, Mr. Tom Levine by looping the dead end which will eliminate the occurrence. Vice President, Mr. Lucas publicly thanked Street & Water Project Coordinator, Mr. Hoffman and his crew for their work and quick response in correcting issues within Indian Park. A discussion took place regarding the removal of a crosswalk which was used as a means to cross Loyalsock Avenue to enter Indian Park during the paving project of Loyalsock Avenue. . Council Vice President, Mr. Lucas shared he had a discussion with Council President, Mr. Greenway regarding the crosswalk and the ability to supply a safe crossing to and from Indian Park. It was noted Indian Park has two entrances with neither having a safe crossing access for pedestrians. It was shared that previously the Borough Engineer, Mr. Todd Pysher recommended doing a traffic study which would make that determination at a cost ranging from \$5,000.00 - \$8,000.00. Council Vice President, Mr. Lucas stated Indian Park is one of the Borough's greatest assets to the community and would like to see safe access to and from be included. Council member, Mr. Haines questioned what it would mean to provide a safe access, possibly by lining or the installation of a traffic signal. Council Vice President, Mr. Lucas stated the study would provide what would be needed. A discussion took place regarding speed limits and previous access crossings into Indian Park. Council member, Mrs. Emick stated she feels it is a great idea. Borough Engineer, Mr. Todd Pysher stated the study will look at all components and determine if there are adequate facilities. If it determines the facilities are not adequate it will explain what will be needed to be installed in order to provide adequate facilities. Borough Engineer, Mr. Todd Pysher noted it would be unwise to install anything without the study.

**Motion** by Mr. Lucas to approve a traffic study that would provide safe access to and from Indian Park in the amount not to exceed \$8,000.00, second by Mrs. Emick. At this time Council President, Mr. Greenway requested any public comment. Resident Deb Brown, 1201 Cherry Street, commented she is not in disagreement with Council's decision to conduct the study, however will the action create a liability factor if the study identified items the Borough should do. She added while the investment of \$8,000.00 might be worthwhile, it might lead to a significant amount of money to correct any issues from the outcome of the study and if someone does get hurt after the completion of the study would that open the Borough to a larger liability. A discussion ensued regarding Mrs. Brown's question regarding added liability. Borough Solicitor, Mr. Randy Sees, stated it would not increase any liability. Resident, Tina Kline, 1009 Tule Street, questioned is her understanding there was a previous crosswalk and it was paved over, would that be an issue with liability being that it was removed? Council Vice President, Mr. Lucas shared he and Borough Engineer, Mr. Todd Pysher had previously discussed this and due to the crosswalk being removed, pedestrians would be crossing at their own risk. The study will provide the Borough with options to provide a safe access for pedestrians. Council member, Mrs. Emick inquired due to the fact there was a crossing previously and it was repaved, would a new study be required? Council Vice President, Mr. Lucas replied that there were painted cross lines previously that were paved over, however a study was never conducted in the first place when those lines were painted. He continued noting in order to paint new lines a study will be required and the study will remain on file in the event that this would happen again. The motion carried. Council President, Mr. Greenway thanked Street and Water Project Coordinator, Mr. Hoffman with his efforts in providing a more efficient and inexpensive way of maintaining one of the Borough wells.

**MAYOR** – Mayor Bagwell provided an update on the fundraising efforts for the dog park. He reported Deputy Chief Bentley will be holding a March Madness contest and expends his own money in order to provide trophies. Mayor Bagwell acknowledged Chief Gyurina efforts with prohibiting parking on Broad Street near the post office. He feels signage should be installed. Council member, Mr. Brown stated installing signs in a crosswalk will not stop people from parking there. Chief Gyurina stated imposing an increased fine would prohibit parking. Mayor Bagwell stated increasing of fines should be discussed. A discussion regarding fines and legal issues took place. Borough Solicitor, Mr. Sees stated he and Chief Gyurina will need to discuss this issue.

**POLICE CHIEF** – Chief Gyurina reviewed the February police report. He updated on the new police officer's previous responsibilities and current responsibilities. Chief Gyurina made a reminder of where yard sale signs can and cannot be located.

**COUNCIL PERSONS** – Council member, Mr. Tillson inquired about the softball league’s event permit. Council President, Mr. Greenway stated a league representative stop in to pick up an event permit application and it has not been returned.

**SOLICITOR** – Nothing at this time.

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

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

**CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** –

The next Council meeting will be held Monday, April 6, 2020 at 7:00 PM

**VISITOR AND PUBLIC COMMENTS** – Nothing at this time.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM on a motion by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Haines. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ginny Gardner, Borough Secretary