

MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTOURSVILLE

March 6, 2017

The regular meeting of the Montoursville Borough Council held in the Borough building was called to order by Council President Dave Moyer at 7:00 PM with the following answering roll call: Eric Greenway, Tina Kline and Rosemary Holmes. Absent – Mark Tillson and Chris Lucas

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

The minutes of the February 6, 2017 were approved on a motion by Mr. Greenway, second by Mrs. Holmes. The motion carried.

VISITORS /PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – Nothing at this time.

TREASURERS REPORT – **Motion** by Mr. Greenway to approve the treasurer’s report and the Borough bills for February 2017, second by Mrs. Kline. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS –

2017 INDIAN PARK – NATURE TRAIL INTERPRETIVE SIGNS AND PEDESTAL EXHIBIT BASES BID – PANNIER GRAPHICS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,854.00 –

Motion by Mrs. Holmes to approve and award the 2017 Indian Park Nature Trail Interpretive Signs and Pedestal Exhibit Bases to Pannier Graphics in the amount of \$1,854.00, second by Mr. Greenway. The motion carried.

PERMIT PARKING – MAHS REQUEST TO TEMPORARILY SUSPEND – MULBERRY ST/ELM ST BETWEEN WALNUT AND ARCH STS – MARCH 7TH – JUNE 1ST 2017 –

Motion by Mrs. Holmes to approve temporarily suspending permit parking on Mulberry St and Elm St. between Walnut and Arch Sts., second by Mr. Moyer. Council member, Mr. Greenway stated he did not feel the residents living on Mulberry Sts. should be put under another inconvenience regarding parking; they already are inconvenienced by being required to have a permit to park in front of their homes already. He stated he believes the school already utilizes Our Lady of Lourdes church parking but questioned if they have considered the Presbyterian Church’s parking other avenues to address their parking issue. Chief Gyurina stated he had been asked to recommend an area, if council were going to approve it, this would be his suggestion. He selected this location versus any other location for the reason of safety. Council member, Mr. Greenway noted currently that location, day or night 90% of the parking spots are being utilized by permit parking now the intention is to remove those designated spots potentially making those residents not have parking in front of their own homes. He believes it is another burden to impose on those residents. Chief Gyurina stated it will be an inconvenience no matter how you look at it; enforcement wise this would be his recommendation. Council member, Mrs. Holmes questioned if this would be parking on both sides of the street. Chief Gyurina stated it would be anywhere the “permit parking” signs are located. Council member, Mrs. Kline stated she shares Council member, Mr. Greenway’s concerns regarding the residents who pay taxes and live in that area. She questioned Principal Taormina if the school had contacted the Presbyterian Church for any additional parking or any other alternatives. Principal Taormina stated his request isn’t for students or staff; it would be primarily for the construction workers. Council member, Mrs. Kline noted his email stated his request would be to accommodate students and teachers. Principal Taormina stated his request has changed; parking for teachers can be accommodated, parking for students is available at the Presbyterian Church and behind the fire hall. He stated they had not approached Our Lady of Lourdes due to issues from last year. Chief Gyurina stated he also was under the impression that the requests was for students and teachers. He questioned Principal Taormina how many cars/spaces does the school need. Principal Taormina stated 20 -25 extra parking spots would be needed for the construction workers. Chief Gyurina questioned the workers start time and end time. Principal Taormina stated start time between 6:00AM and 6:30AM and end time between 3:00PM and 3:30PM. Council member, Mrs. Kline questioned why the workers can’t park in various parking lots and walk to the school. Principal Taormina stated he is not familiar

with areas approved for public parking. Council member, Mrs. Kline reiterated that she does not want to once again inconvenience the residents who live in that area, noting she constantly receives parking complaints. Council President, Mr. Moyer questioned Chief Gyurina if the 20- 25 parking spaces be located in a smaller area. Chief Gyurina stated his thoughts were that due to the fact that the workers will be arriving and parking prior to the students arriving, he could narrow the parking area. Council member, Mr. Moyer suggested eliminating Mulberry St from the area; allowing Elm, Chestnut, Bennett and Arch Streets. Chief Gyurina agreed that it could possibly be done. Council member, Mr. Greenway stated he could support the area if it did not include Mulberry Street. A discussion took place regarding the elimination of Mulberry Street from the area. Council President, Mr. Moyer withdrew his second to Council member, Mrs. Holmes motion. Council member, Mrs. Holmes amended her motion to approve temporarily suspending permit parking on Elm St. between Walnut and Arch St.; eliminating Mulberry Street, second by Mr. Moyer. Council President, Mr. Moyer noted that this may not be a popular decision; however there is very little choice. The only saving grace is there is an end to this window; June 1st. Mayor Dorin questioned if this was a temporary request. Council President, Mr. Moyer stated that it was. The motion carried.

ELECTRICITY – CONSTELLATION – 1YEAR CONTRACT – Council President, Mr. Moyer stated every year we “shop” for electricity; this year once again the pricing has gone down.

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

PERSONNEL POLICY MANUAL AMENDMENT – Council President, Mr. Moyer stated there had been a slight change to the Personnel Policy Manual.

Motion by Mr. Greenway to approve the amendment to the Personnel Policy Manual, second by Mrs. Holmes. Council President, Mr. Moyer stated this amendment has to do with the process if someone had a positive drug/alcohol test. He stated previously if an employee had a positive drug/alcohol test, Borough Council had the discretion if an employee would be terminated or not. It was brought to Borough Council’s attention by allowing Council the discretion to terminate an employee, could show favoritism to one employee or another, which is not fair. The amendment gives a set process if an employee tests positive and has been implemented by several municipalities and agencies. He stated the process is that if a positive test results occurs, a mandatory thirty day suspension with required treatment at a facility is enforced; vacation and or sick time may be used. Another test will be required after treatment, a negative test will result in returning to their position; a positive test results in termination. The motion carried

MEMO OF UNDERSTANDING - NON- UNIFORM UNION EMPLOYEES AND POLICE DEPARTMENT – Council President, Mr. Moyer stated these MOU’s will be inserted into the bargaining agreements basically stating that they understand the amended Personnel Policy Manual. He commented the Bargaining Unit had made this request, which illustrates the good working relationship that exists between the Personnel Committee and the Bargaining Unit.

Motion by Mr. Greenway to approve the Memo of Understanding’s between the Borough and the Non-Uniform Union Employees and the Borough and Police Department, second by Mrs. Holmes. The motion carried.

PLANNING & ZONING –Central Keystone COG February Report were reviewed by Council.

RECREATION – Council member, Mr. Greenway explained at the February Recreation Board meeting five Event permits were recommended for approval; one Event permit had been returned to the applicant for additional information.

Motion by Mr. Holmes to approve Event permits 2017-07, 2017-08, 2017-09, 2017-11 and 2017-12, second by Mr. Greenway. The motion carried. Council member, Mr. Greenway explained the Recreation Committee has been reviewing the current park rules particularly the permitting of vendors on a trial basis for the Kiwanis Fall Festival. He stated it had been permitted in the past. A discussion took place regarding the process that would be requested of the Kiwanis and how they would be the baseline for future requests. Council member, Mr. Greenway noted that if this council permits the use of vendors, it can be reversed by future councils. Mayor Dorin stated past Fall Festivals had vendors. Council member, Mr. Greenway explained in discussing the idea with Kiwanis the consensus was to start off

with a small number of vendors. Council President, Mr. Moyer stated that this idea may attract more people to the event therefore creating more income for the Kiwanis.

STREETS/WATER – Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Ron Smith reviewed the Street/Water report which included trimming the street trees, coal patching, and street sweeping. He reported six water leaks have been repaired, February Bulk water sold was 426,709 gallons and 1500 meters have been installed to date with approximately 550 needing to be installed.

MAYOR – Mayor Dorin reviewed the February 2017 Police report. Mayor Dorin explained and reviewed several resolutions that he had presented to the Policy and Resolution Committee for the PSAB annual convention on May 7th – 10th, 2017. Council President, Mr. Moyer questioned Mayor Dorin regarding Governor Wolfe’s proposal to charge municipalities that do not have a police department. Mayor Dorin replied that it is a sore subject; two pieces of legislation have been presented over the last seven years. First piece of legislation was that municipalities with 3,500 residents or more would be charged a fee, which did not pass. Next piece of legislation was that municipalities with 5,000 residents or more would be charge a fee, which also did not pass. He stated currently the pressure is on due to the budget, which means they will be looking at this very closely.

POLICE CHIEF – Chief Gyurina gave report to Council. He reported a picnic table in Indian Park had been destroyed with the person being charged with criminal mischief, a missing person was reported and located, a previous counterfeit money case will be handled by the Secret Service, and an arrest in the Walmart parking lot for heroin. He stated with it being tax season be careful of phone tax scams claiming to be from the IRS.

COUNCILPERSONS – Nothing at this time.

SOLICITOR – Nothing at this time.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT – Nothing at this time.

PENDING MATTERS – Nothing at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – The next regular Council meeting will be held Monday, March 20th, 2017 at 7:00 PM.

VISITOR AND PUBLIC COMMENTS – Nothing at this time.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm on a motion by Mr. Greenway, second by Mrs. Holmes and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Gardner, Borough Secretary