

MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTOURSVILLE

March 7, 2016

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: Mark Tillson, Eric Greenway, Tina Kline and Christopher Lucas. Absent – Rosemary Holmes.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

Council President, Mr. Moyer announced that the Personnel Committee held an executive session prior to this meeting to discuss and meet the prospective full time police candidate.

The minutes of the February 17, 2016 were approved on a motion by Mr. Lucas, second by Mrs. Kline. The motion carried.

VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT – Resident, Sally Kiessling, 1700 Fairview Drive questioned the ordinance related to old vehicles parked on residents’ properties. Council President, Mr. Moyer explained an ordinance exists for unlicensed, unregistered vehicles and should one be known, to contact the Borough Secretary so that the vehicle could be reported to the Zoning Officer.

TREASURERS REPORT – **Motion** by Mr. Lucas to approve the treasurer’s report and the Borough bills for February 2016, second by Mr. Greenway. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS –

ORDINANCE #467 – AMENDING THE WATER SYSTEM REGULATION – Council President, Mr. Moyer explained this had been discussed at the last meeting and deals with multi-unit buildings and penalties for non-compliant meters. **Motion** by Mr. Lucas to approve Ordinance #467 amending the Water System Regulations, second by Mrs. Kline. The motion carried.

Council President, Mr. Moyer announced council meeting will be adjourning the regular council meeting at 7:07 PM to enter into an executive session to discuss the Personnel Committee’s comments regarding the prospective full time police candidate and will be reconvening. Council President, Mr. Moyer reconvened the regular council meeting at 7:27 PM.

EMPLOYMENT – PROSPECTIVE FULL TIME POLICE CANDIDATE –

Motion by Mr. Lucas to approve hiring David Yael as a Full Time Police Officer, second by Mr. Greenway. Council member, Mr. Tillson requested a roll call vote. The roll call vote is as follows:

Yeas	Nays
	Mark Tillson
Eric Greenway	
Tina Kline	
Dave Moyer	
Chris Lucas	

The motion carried. Council member, Mr. Tillson explained is reason as to why he voted no; stating it had nothing to do with Mr. Yael. He stated the hiring of a full time police officer was not approved in the current budget. At this time, Mayor Dorin did the swearing in of full time police officer, David Yael.

PLANNING & ZONING – Central Keystone COG Reports February 2016 were reviewed by council.

RECREATION – Council member, Mr. Lucas announced the Borough is the recipient of a Lumber Heritage Grant in the amount of \$5,000.00 for the Indian Park Pond Restoration and Nature Trail Project. He noted two grant applications are still

outstanding, a DCED grant and a DEP grant. He noted the four grants the Borough has received in the amounts of \$86,000.00, \$20,000.00, \$25,000.00 and the current awarded \$5,000.00.

Motion by Mr. Lucas to approve Event Permits 2016-13, 2016-14, and 2016-16, second by Mrs. Kline. The motion carried. Council member, Mr. Lucas noted Event Permit 2016-15 is being done separately as Council member, Mrs. Kline is the applicant.

Motion by Mr. Lucas to approve Event Permits 2016-15, second by Mr. Greenway. Council member, Mrs. Kline stated for the record, she is permit 2016-15 applicant representing Girl Scouts in the Heart of PA as their Secretary, therefore she will be officially abstaining from voting. The motion carried. Council member, Mr. Lucas explained Alice Trowbridge attended the February Recreation Board meeting and discussed the next step in Phase I, Pond Restoration, as well as the preliminary steps in Phase II, Playground remediation of the Master Park Plan. He stated the April 19th Recreation Board meeting will be used as part of the preliminary steps of Phase II; a public meeting for the purposes of planning for the types and kinds of playground equipment the park users would prefer which is required for grant funding. It was noted that it is required to have a direction for playground equipment in order to move forward with funding. Council member, Mr. Lucas stated the movie in the park scheduled for May will be another opportunity for public input for the playground equipment. Council member, Mr. Tillson commented that typically the fall is when companies put their playground equipment on sale. Council discussed ideas on getting public input. Council member, Mr. Greenway noted there is a new Facebook page for area parks located in Lycoming County.

STREETS/WATER – Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Ron Smith reviewed the LDG status update report with Council; Well#3 Bulk Water Loading Station- repair a faulty transmitter and a Distribution System Disinfectant Residual issue - use of Well#2 is the most cost effective alternative. The Street/ Water report included stop sign and no parking until snow removed sign installation, street sweeping, Pavilions #1, #2, #4 and #5 ceiling installation with the help from the VIP's, stump removal, water leak location, Wells #2 & 3 injection well installation, 848 water meters installed to date, bulk water sold in February - 367,644 gallons. Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Smith explained Utility Services will be doing leak detection on 30 miles of pipe in 6 days the week of April 1st. He also explained the Borough had received the DEP Permit to install the potable Bulk Water Site.

MAYOR – Mayor Dorin reviewed the February Police Report with Council.

POLICE CHIEF – Chief Gyurina thanked Council for employing another full time Police officer. He explained to Council he will be applying for a bullet proof vest replacement grant. He reported the new police vehicle has been delivered and is currently having the interior equipment installed; noting he will be getting a quote for decal installation. Chief Gyurina reported to Council on continued investigations.

COUNCILPERSONS – Council member, Mr. Tillson noted a recommendation must be given in the next several weeks regarding the future of the downtown Streetscape; tree replacement versus non tree replacement. He explained there is a possibility that the VIP's design a prototype tree planter box for use in the Streetscape, with material and size to be determined. He also stated the variety, size and approximate life span of a tree needs to be chosen in order to determine the size of the box. Council member, Mr. Tillson explained several issues that have occurred in the past regarding gas line location and tree location. He concluded that Council must agree on how to proceed. Council member, Mr. Lucas agreed with Council member, Mr. Tillson, noting planters are the long term answer to the issue and a better investment. Council member, Mr. Tillson explained if planters initially are used, the uniformity of the Streetscape will be off for a time, but eventually it will be uniformed. He continued to explain the future long term decisions that will need to be decided regarding planting trees in planter boxes. Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Smith explained he contacted Mr. Ettinger, Ettinger's Landscape requesting a meeting to explain the tree issues; Mr. Ettinger will make recommendations. A discussion took place regarding some issues that may arise in the winter months if planters were used. Council member, Mr. Lucas suggested the possibility of using a small dwarf variety of evergreen trees. Council member, Mr. Tillson agreed some species in the pine

family would work. Council member, Mr. Tillson stated he would like an estimated cost for construction of the planters prior to having a committee meeting. He explained he had researched Bloomsburg's planting process. Mayor Dorin stated that initially there was public input for the species of trees that had been planted within the Streetscape; it was a community effort on the trees, streetlights and pavers. A lengthy discussion between Mayor Dorin and Council regarding the past history of the Streetscape and the gas lines. Council President, Mr. Moyer ended the discussion stating that the topic had been discussed at length at previous meetings last year and the Borough is trying to move on. A discussion between Mayor Dorin and Street/Water Commissioner took place regarding the location of the gas lines. Council member, Mr. Lucas questioned Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Smith on the number of trees that had been replaced on the Streetscape to date. Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Smith stated approximately 20 trees along with 15 currently needing replaced. Council member, Mr. Lucas stated it is time that we recognize that the original plan, while it was great, it did not work and we need to go a different direction. He stated we can't keep replanting the same tree and replacing it, as 30 plus trees have been lost. Mayor Dorin commented it is not the tree, it is the accumulation of snow around the tree by the merchants. Council member, Mr. Tillson commented to Mayor Dorin stating if the correct soil and tree is replaced, how we can expect the merchants to take care of the tree; we can't get them to mulch or weed. He stated how can we expect them to stop piling the snow around the trees when we can't get them to mulch or weed and he doesn't want Borough employees to do it. Mayor Dorin disagreed stating the maintenance of the Streetscape is the responsibility of the Borough. Council member, Mr. Lucas questioned Mayor Dorin if it is good use of tax dollars, to be spent on Borough employees removing snow from the trees. Mayor Dorin stated it is the decision of Council. Council member, Mr. Tillson commented Bloomsburg does not have Borough employees shovel snow off the trees and sidewalks; the merchant's do it. Mayor Dorin stated it is a showpiece and community pride. Council member, Mr. Tillson stated the merchants downtown do not have pride and he is just trying to find an answer to the problem. Council member, Mr. Tillson stated he had a call from a concerned citizen regarding cars speeding in Indian Park; the citizen requested a four way Stop sign be installed on Park Rd. He stated the speed bumps are not working. Mayor Dorin supports the four way stop at the intersection. Council member, Mr. Lucas stated it is a problem at that intersection but speeding is also a problem throughout the park. Mayor Dorin agreed speeding is unacceptable. Chief Gyurina suggested the police to periodically sit and watch during the softball season as a deterrent. Council member, Mr. Tillson would like to be proactive. Council member, Mr. Lucas agreed the place to be overzealous is the park where children congregate. Council member, Mr. Tillson suggested police patrol the park during events also to cut down on speeding. Council member, Mr. Greenway requested the Safety Committee to review the use of the old Impala police vehicle and to request the lift on the moratorium imposed on Chief Gyurina's usage of the vehicle. Council member, Mrs. Kline suggested the use of bicycle patrolling by the police in the summer. Chief Gyurina agreed. A discussion regarding the softball league's yearly request for the use of the softball fields took place. It was noted that they had been previously approved for their use in 2016.

SOLICITOR – Nothing at this time.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT – Council President, Mr. Moyer discussed a continuing problem with erosion on the bike path. A meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 10th with Todd Pysher, Borough Engineer, PennDOT, Mark Murawski/Lycoming County and PADEP to assess the issue and come up with a resolution to the problem. He noted that if nothing is done it will eventually erode into Interstate 180 onramp however the Borough is only concerned with the erosion of the bike path. Council member, Mr. Tillson added if no answer is found, it is unfortunate but the Borough may need to close the bike path. Council President, Mr. Moyer was notified by Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Smith that there was a problem with the bank near the bike path regarding safety. He stated the Borough was having an issue securing it, individuals removed security tape on one occasion and pushed secured telephone poles into the creek on another. Council President, Mr. Moyer described these individuals as "idiots" not realizing their safety concerns that could have occurred. He stated he is hoping the individuals will be apprehended and proper action will be taken.

PENDING MATTERS – Nothing at this time.

COORESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – The next regular Council meeting will be Monday, March 21, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

VISITOR AND PUBLIC COMMENTS – nothing at this time.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm on a motion by Mr. Lucas, second by Mrs. Kline and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Gardner, Borough Secretary