

MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTOURSVILLE

April 4, 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, Rosemary Holmes and Chris Lucas.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

Council President, Mr. Moyer announced that the Personnel Committee held a meeting prior to the council meeting.

The minutes of the March 21, 2016 were approved on a motion by Mr. Lucas, second by Mrs. Kline. The motion carried.

VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT – Nothing at this time.

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

NEW BUSINESS –

AUTHORIZATION TO ADVERTISE ORDINANCE #469 – ADDING STOP SIGNS – JOHN HAZEL DRIVE & PARK RD –

Motion by Mr. Lucas to approve authorization to advertise Ordinance #469 adding stop signs on John Hazel Drive and Park Rd, second by Mr. Greenway. Council member, Mr. Lucas stated that speeding in the park is an ongoing problem; this ordinance will help eliminate some of it however something in addition must be done to control the traffic. The motion carried.

TREE PURCHASE – NOT TO EXCEED \$2000.00 – Council President, Mr. Moyer explained the purchase would be to replace dead trees in the downtown streetscape. Council member, Mr. Greenway noted he has not received an actual quote for the trees but the best way to move forward is by putting a maximum \$2000.00 amount on the purchase. He feels that they should be able to purchase approximately twelve trees, noting that there are local nurseries willing to work with the Borough. Council member, Mrs. Holmes stated if more than \$2000.00 is needed there are several parties that are interested in donating.

Motion by Mr. Greenway to approve the purchase of trees not to exceed the amount of \$2,000.00, second by Mrs. Holmes. The motion carried.

POLICE VEHICLE USE –

Motion by Mr. Greenway to approve Chief Gyurina's use of the old Police cruiser, second by Mrs. Kline. Council member, Mr. Lucas has heard a lot of discussion on the issue, he received one letter not in favor, and all other residents were in support. He feels it makes a lot of sense. Council member, Mrs. Holmes stated she had received several inquiries regarding the subject, one citizen agreed however approximately 25-30 did not feel it would help with the public's safety and would not be a justified expense. She reviewed reasons as to why she could not vote in favor of it. Council member, Mr. Tillson agreed with Council member, Mrs. Holmes noting the citizens of Montoursville are no safer with Chief Gyurina being provided a company car. He continued to explain noting the newly hired full time officer was not budgeted for this year and we can't keep adding to the budget expenses in the calendar year. He questioned Mayor Dorin if we are offering 24 hour police coverage. Mayor Dorin stated yes with the use of the part time officers. He explained the newly hired full time officer is still in training for approximately another month; once he is trained the part time officers may be used on occasion to cover vacations, sick time etc. A discussion took place regarding whether the vehicle use was considered a company car and the expenses associated with the vehicle. Council member, Mr. Greenway commented it is irresponsible not to try to ensure safety in the borough. Council member, Mrs. Holmes questioned Chief Gyurina regarding the amount of

times he had been called on where the vehicle was used. Chief Gyurina explained different scenarios. He stated it is about having a vehicle equipped which would cut down on the response time. Council member, Mrs. Kline stated that Montoursville is not exempt from the drug problem, providing Chief Gyurina with a vehicle is an investment in the community and realizes there is a cost to that investment. Council discussed police coverage, police vehicle inventory and implementing a policy regarding a vehicle provided to the Chief. The motion carried.

PROPOSED ZONING FEE'S – Council member, Mrs. Holmes explained she had asked Zoning Officer, Mr. David Hines to review, compare and make recommendations regarding the current Zoning fees. She presented his recommendations to council. Council President, Mr. Moyer explained the Borough is not permitted to make a profit regarding fees; however we should not be losing money and we must cover the costs. He reviewed and compared other municipality's fees that CKCOG represents, with the Borough's fees.

Motion by Mr. Greenway to approve the Solicitor to draft a resolution to update the Zoning fees, second by Mrs. Holmes. Council member, Mr. Greenway restated that the fees would not be increased to make a profit but just to cover the costs. The motion carried.

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

RECREATION – Council member, Mr. Lucas explained the Recreation Board is continuing to move forward with the Park Master Plan. The next meeting scheduled for April 19, 2016 will be a public meeting soliciting for the public's input for the playground aspect. The recreation board is working with Brian Auman and Alice Trowbridge, who has proposed an additional fee of approximately \$4,000.00 for the Phase II, the playground phase. He explained he is not pleased or comfortable with the additional fee and feels it should be included in the original contract, this issue may require more work for the Borough and an additional meeting may be needed in preparation. Council member, Mrs. Holmes explained the Faith United Methodist Church installed a playground from a source from Lewisburg who delivered and installed for approximately \$50,000.00 and encouraged the public to visit the playground as to see what a \$50,000.00 piece of equipment would look like. Council member, Mr. Lucas will contact Brian Auman to discuss. Council member, Mr. Tillson suggested to purchase the playground equipment at the end of the season as it typically goes on sale; being opened minded regarding the purchase to maximize your dollar. He commented that it had been previously discussed in the past to purchase playground equipment and install it ourselves. A discussion took place regarding the quality and durability of the proposed playground equipment versus some of the current playground equipment in the park. Council member, Mr. Lucas explained Recreation Board member, Renee' Carey contacted Kiwanis International inquiring about a \$25,000.00 grant along with the local Kiwanis hoping to procure the grant for the replacement of playground equipment near Pavilion 1. The Kiwanis members would provide the match and also install the playground equipment.

STREETS/WATER – Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Ron Smith reviewed the Street/Water report and the Larson Design Group status update with Council. The report included Bulk Water Loading Station issues that had been resolved, pavilion ceilings have been completed, stop and no parking sign installation, park stump removal, commencement of grinding the brush pile, 9 services line needing repaired with 5 leaks on Broad Street, 962 meters have been installed to date and bulk water pumped last month - 5,221,418 gallons. He stated Utility Services will be doing leak detection on May 16th and an anticipated future project will be installation of a new roof on the grader shed. Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Smith clarified at the last council meeting he was incorrect with the price of \$ 44,440.00 for the mini excavator; the cost with the 40" bucket, 16" bucket and quick attach end should have been \$ 46,262.00 a difference of \$1,862.00. It was announced the brush pile will be opened on Saturday's starting on April 16th from 9:00AM – noon.

Motion by Mr. Greenway to pay the additional \$1,862.00 for the mini excavator, second by Mr. Lucas. The motion carried.

Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Smith announced the park restrooms will be opened in the next couple weeks, upon weather that is consistently above freezing. It was also noted a large pile of leaves near the Little League

fields would be picked up. Council member, Mr. Greenway questioned the status of the purchase of the new trailer. Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Smith stated he is still reviewing the costs, however he is considering not purchasing a new pickup truck in lieu of a better quality trailer. Council member, Mrs. Holmes questioned the status of the outhouses near Pavilion 2. Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Smith will discuss it with the VIP's to see if they would be interested in the project. There has been \$20,000.00 budgeted for the project. Council member, Mr. Tillson requested Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Smith give update on the 2016 paving, tar and chipping projects. Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Smith explained there isn't a paving project scheduled for 2016 however tar and chipping will take place, approximately in June or July and is coordinated with PaDOT. He continued to explain why the paving does not take place yearly, noting the engineer recommended paving approximately every 2-3 years. He stated by doing so you get more paving for your dollar, as you get a better price for larger quantities. The expenses for mobilization is minimized to a one-time fee therefore the money saved can be spent on actual paving. Mayor Dorin disagreed stating it doesn't make sense and it will take thirty years to pave the entire borough. A discussion took place regarding the paving budget and the thought regarding how paving every 2-3 years provides more paving for your dollar. Mayor Dorin stated in the past paving was done through the West Branch COG and why has it not continued. Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Smith stated it did not work; Montoursville Borough was always scheduled last on the list which was typically completed too close to the restricted time of the year for paving. He also stated the Borough has been receiving a better price by not utilizing the COG. Mayor Dorin requested money to be put into the budget for paving next year. Council President, Mr. Moyer stated the topic should be discussed by the Street and Water Committee. A discussion took place regarding future paving.

MAYOR – Mayor Dorin reviewed the March 2016 Police report. He discussed the issue of repetitive ambulance calls and the costs that the elderly are incurring. He stated a “Road Rally” is taking place tomorrow at the capital which supports the municipal use of radar, hopefully the final push to get the issue passed. He stated Mothers Against Drunk Driving contacted him stating they will be hosting Power Talk 21 day in April; he will be issuing a proclamation. Mothers Against Drunk Driving would like more parents to take a more active role with their children; know what your children are doing and where they are going. Council President, Mr. Moyer commented that there are a few legislature's that are pushing to charge a fee to municipalities without full time police departments

POLICE CHIEF – Chief Gyurina reported to Council on continued investigations. He reported the resolution to a tire issue and camera installation with the new police vehicle, reported the newly hired officer is doing well and reminded residents to obtain yard sale permits and that it is prohibited to put grass clippings in the street.

COUNCILPERSONS – Nothing at this time.

SOLICITOR – Nothing at this time.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT – Nothing at this time.

PENDING MATTERS – Nothing at this time.

COORESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – The next regular Council meeting will be Monday, April 18, 2016 at 7:00 PM.

VISITOR AND PUBLIC COMMENTS – Resident, Joan Campbell, Mayr Street thanked the Police Department for the great job they do with keeping the Borough residents safe.

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There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm on a motion by Mrs. Kline, second by Mr. Lucas and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Gardner, Borough Secretary