

MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTOURSVILLE

April 7, 2014

The regular meeting of the Montoursville Borough Council was called to order by Council President Ronald Shearer at 7:00 PM, with the following answering roll call: Mark Tillson, David Moyer and Christopher Lucas. Absent – Dennis Holt, Rosemary Holmes, and Mayor Dorin.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

The minutes of the January 27, 2014 and February 3, 2014 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Moyer, second by Mr. Lucas. The motion carried.

VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT – Mr. Donnie Jacopetti/ Montoursville Junior Athletic Association updated council on the progress of the multi-use field. He stated they hope to break ground by May 1st; all permits have been approved; they have contracted with PPL to move the poles; they are working with contractor Christian Calehuff and have contracted with Konkle's to do the seeding of the field. He went on to explain Phase 1 of the project which will be a playable surface usable for football, soccer, baseball or any other community use. He went on to request Council's approval to sell bricks for a patio walkway leading into the field, as a means of fundraising. Council members, Mr. Shearer and Mr. Lucas felt this was a good idea as a fundraiser also providing a solid surface as a walk way into the field. Council member, Mr. Moyer stated he attended the Recreation Board meeting and was very impressed with the dollar amount that the Montoursville Jr Athletic Association is putting into the field which is approximately \$37,000.00. Council member, Mr. Lucas also noted that the field will not be exclusive to Montoursville Jr Athletic Association however they will get priority of the use of the field. Councilmember, Mr. Moyer noted he liked the idea of the brick sale but had concerns with the naming of the field. He stated he would like the naming of the field to come before the Recreation Board for their recommendation. Council member, Mr. Lucas noted that the precedent has been set because of the other fields being named however he will take it to the next Recreation Board meeting for their recommendation. Council member, Mr. Tillson stated he would like to see this topic tabled until the next council meeting so that Council members, Mr. Holt and Mrs. Holmes along with Mayor Dorin can review. Council member, Mr. Lucas noted that Council member, Mrs. Holmes and Mayor Dorin are absent because they are attending the PSAB Annual Conference. A discussion took place regarding Mayor Dorin's Master Plan for the Park. It was noted that the field had already received council's prior approval. Mr. Scott Metzger/ Montoursville Little League explained to Council the tremendous talent currently involved with Montoursville Little League. He stated they are currently developing a challenger team which consists of special needs kids. He currently requesting conditional approval for the use of the field and the opening day parade and carnival on May 3rd, 2014.

Motion by Mr. Moyer to conditionally approved event permits 2014- 21 and 2014- 22, second by Mr. Lucas. The motion carried.

At this time, Fire Chief Scott Konkle gave an update to Council on their construction project. He stated the community will be receiving a fund raising letter in the mail.

TREASURERS REPORT –**Motion** by Mr. Moyer to approve the treasurer's report and the Borough bills for March 2014, second by Mr. Tillson. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS –

RESOLUTION 2014 -5 - MRT CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER- Borough Secretary/Treasurer - The Borough Secretary/ Treasurer explained to Council that the appointment is needed in order to administer the non-uniform pension plan.

Motion by Mr. Moyer to approve Resolution 2014 -5 appointing Borough Secretary/Treasurer as Chief Administrative Officer to the MRT Non-uniform Pension Plan, second by Mr. Lucas. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2014 -6 - PLAN REVISION FOR NEW LAND DEVELOPMENT FOR KRINER PLAZA – Engineer, Randy Webster/ Wentz and Webster Engineering representing Mr. Kriner explained and discussed with Council the need for the revision to update their sewage planning module.

Motion by Mr. Lucas to approve Resolution 2014 -6 revising the new Land Development Plan for Kriner Plaza with the updated Sewage Planning Module, second by Mr. Moyer. The motion carried.

INDIAN PARK MOWING QUOTES - Street /Water Commissioner, Mr. Ronald Smith explained and reviewed the six quotes he received with Council. He noted that last year's mowing contractor, Browns Landscaping was not interested in supplying a quote this year. The lowest quote received was from Ken's Lawn Care for \$510.00 per mowing. It was also noted that Ken's Lawn Care had previously mowed Indian Park without any issues.

Motion by Mr. Moyer to approve the proposal from Ken's Lawn Care for the Indian Park mowing in 2014, second by Mr. Lucas. The motion carried.

LYCOMING COUNTY TAX COMMITTEE ALTERNATE-

Motion by Mr. Lucas to appoint Council member, Mr. Dave Moyer as Lycoming County Tax Committee Alternate, second by Mr. Tillson. The motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT PART TIME POLICE OFFICER- Ryan Travepiece - Police Chief Gyurina introduced Ryan Travepiece to Council and requested approval to hire him as a Part Time Police Officer.

Motion by Mr. Moyer to approve hiring Ryan Travepiece as a Part Time Police Officer, second by Mr. Lucas. The motion carried.

DEPASQUALE STAFFING SERVICES- Temporary Secretary/Water Billing Clerk- the Borough Secretary/Treasurer explained she had received a letter of resignation from Secretary/Water Billing Clerk Kimberlee Reaser and is requesting approval to hire a Temporary Secretary/Water Billing Clerk. It was noted that the Personnel Committee met to discuss the position and hiring. They agreed and made the recommendation to Council that the position would be paid \$12.00 an hour.

Motion by Mr. Moyer to approve the hiring through the Depasquale Staffing Services a Secretary/Water Billing Clerk for \$12.00 an hour, second by Mr. Lucas. The motion carried.

PLANNING & ZONING – Central Keystone COG Reports March 2014 were reviewed by Council.

RECREATION – March Minutes were reviewed. Council member, Mr. Lucas noted at the March 18th Recreation Board meeting two engineering/architects were invited to present their proposals for the Park Master Plan; Larson Design Group and Brian S. Auman Landscape Architect. The Recreation Board recommended Brian S. Auman Landscape Architect proposal for the Indian Park, Mill Street and the Susquehanna Riverfront Master Plan to Council.

Event Permits: 2014-13 River Valley YMCA-Summer Day Camp –June 9th – August 27th, 2014
8:00AM-4:30PM
2014-14 Lion & Lioness – Easter Egg Hunt – April 12th, 2014 – 10:00AM – 12:00 PM
2014-15 Country Ski & Sport–Canoe & Kayak Dem –May 4th, 2014– 7:30AM-4:30PM
2014-16 Young Life- Lycoming Cty 5k Walk – May 31st, 2014 - 6:00AM - 11:00AM
2014-17 American Cancer Society–Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk-
October 25th, 2014 -7:00PM-3:00PM
2014-18 Bender Family Reunion – 3 additional tents/3days – July 18th – 20th, 2014
2014-19 Steph's Walk/Run for Recovery – 5K/10K Walk & Sun Run –August 9th, 2014
6:30AM - 2:00PM

Motion by Mr. Lucas to approve Event permits 2014-13, 2014-14, 2014-15, 2014-16, 2014-17, 2014-19, and conditionally approve 2014-18 without tents, second by Mr. Moyer. Council member, Mr. Moyer questioned Event permit 2014-17

statement attached to the Facility Rental Agreement and requested Solicitor, Mr. Randy Sees advice. Solicitor, Randy Sees stated the language is not a problem for the Borough. Council member, Mr. Lucas stated he does not wish to have council act on the Park Master Plan this evening because all of council is not in attendance to discuss. Council discussed tents in the park overnight. The motion carried.

STREETS/WATER – Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Ron Smith gave a report to council. He noted that the two FEMA buyout properties have been demolished, there was a problem with the office generator due to a rabbit chewing the wiring and has since been repaired, the wiring at Pavilion 1 needs to be replaced with proper underground approved wire, and the new dump truck should be delivered this week. Street/Water Commissioner stated he will be rehiring Caleb Huff for summer employment. He stated he has held off on purchasing mulch for the playground due to the Master Plan for the park. He noted in the last several months there has been six service lines and two mains repaired and has discovered one illegal service which has been replaced. Council member, Mr. Tillson questioned about the brush pile and the water meters. Street/Water Commissioner, Mr. Smith stated that he had discussed the brush pile with Stryker and he should be grinding it once the weather breaks and we are waiting on the meters to be shipped; training will be completed in the next couple weeks.

POLICE CHIEF – Chief Gyurina reviewed the March Police Report with council. He noted that there was a homicide on Fairview Drive on Saturday evening.

COUNCILPERSONS – Motion by Mr. Tillson to hold another council meeting in two weeks, second by Mr. Lucas. Council President, Mr. Shearer asked why he would like a second meeting. Council member, Mr. Tillson stated he would like to review the Park Master Plan and review the status of the water meters. He also noted that Mayor Dorin wanted a meeting in two weeks as he items to discuss. Council President, Mr. Shearer noted that Council member, Mrs. Holmes and Mayor Dorin were attending a conference but questioned why Council member, Mr. Holt was not in attendance. He noted that this was the second meeting in a row and if members can't attend one meeting a month, how can they expect to attend two. He stated that meetings have taken place when Council Members and the Mayor have been absent in the past. He noted his frustrations and stated most members are trying to work together but there is still a problem. The motion failed for lack of a majority.

SOLICITOR – nothing at this time.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT – Council President, Mr. Shearer stated that the Borough has had a request from Mr. Plocinski, 227 Broad St. to lease the FEMA buyout property, 209 Broad St as a parking lot. Council member, Mr. Lucas questioned Solicitor, Randy Sees about the permitted uses for that property. Solicitor, Randy Sees stated everything must be sent to FEMA for approval; they have the final say. Council member, Mr. Lucas noted that once the property has been leveled it is the Borough's responsibility to maintain it; if it could be leased the cost associated with maintaining the property would be on the person leasing the property. It may also increase a small revenue for the created empty space. Council member, Mr. Moyer stated that it can be used as a parking lot provided it is a gravel parking lot. Council discussed the issue noting that leasing the property will save the Borough money. Solicitor, Randy Sees noted that the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant Program states that any leases to third parties must be approved by FEMA.

Motion by Mr. Lucas to approve the process to pursue leasing 209 Broad Street for the use of a parking lot, second by Mr. Moyer. The motion carried.

COORESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS –

Next council meeting will be Monday, April 7, 2014 at 7:00 PM

VISITOR AND PUBLIC COMMENTS –Resident, Marian Harris, Jordan Avenue questioned approval at the January meeting to have a second meeting a month. It was noted that it had not been approved. There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm on a motion by Mr. Lucas, seconded by Mr. Moyer and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Gardner, Borough Secretary