

MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTOURSVILLE

September 11, 2017

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

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

Council President, Mr. Greenway announced that there was an executive session held prior to the Council meeting to discuss personnel issues.

The minutes of September 7, 2017 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Lucas and second by Mr. Haines. The motion carried.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS –

PUBLIC HEARING – ORDINANCE 476 & RESOLUTION 2017-17 – VACATING A PORTION OF STREIBEIGH LANE – Council President, Mr. Greenway recessed the Borough Council meeting at 7:03PM and opened the Public Hearing for vacating a portion of Streibeigh Lane. Borough Solicitor, Randy Sees oversaw the hearing; SJ Holdings attorney, Dan Mathers, was sworn in and testified. First witness, licensed professional engineer, Mr. Webster was sworn in and testified. Second witness, Borough resident, Mrs. Wright was sworn in and testified. Third witness, Borough resident, Ms. Laudig, was sworn in and testified. Fourth witness, Borough resident, Mr. Wright, was sworn in and testified. Solicitor, Randy Sees closed the record; the public hearing was adjourned at 7:49PM. Council President, Mr. Greenway reconvened the Borough Council meeting at 7:50PM.

Motion to approve Ordinance 476 and Resolution 2017-07 vacating a portion of Streibeigh Lane by Mrs. Kline second by Mr. Lucas. The motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING – CDBG FFY 2014 BUDGET MODIFICATION – Council President, Mr. Greenway recessed the Borough Council meeting at 8:00PM and opened the Public Hearing for the CDBG FFY 2014 Budget Modification. Ms. Kristin McLaughlin explained at last month's Borough Council meeting it was discussed to reallocate \$20,000.00 from the Curb Cut project to a Homeowner Sidewalk Reconstruction project. At this time, Ms. McLaughlin requested for any public comments; hearing none. The public hearing was adjourned at 8:01PM. Council President, Mr. Greenway reconvened the Borough Council meeting at 8:01PM.

Motion to approve CDBG FFY 2014 Budget Modification by Mr. Lucas, second by Mr. Haines. The motion carried.

At this time, Council President, Mr. Greenway explained he would be altering the agenda permitting Boy Scout, Mr. Hayden Gehr to present his Eagle Scout project at this time.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT - HAYDEN GEHR – INDIAN PARK HORSESHOE PIT IMPROVEMENTS – Boy Scout, Mr. Hayden Gehr explained his Eagle Scout Project. He stated the Recreation Board has recommended approval and is requesting Borough Council approval. He explained it is a service project and a test of leadership for the Eagle Scouts. His project will be refurbishing the horseshoe pits in Indian Park including removal of backstops and replacement with new pressure treated back stops. The project will not create any extra maintenance. Council member, Mrs. Kline questioned his timeline. Mr. Gehr stated he anticipates completion in one month. Mayor Dorin questioned the costs. He explained the costs will be approximately \$200.00 with the funds being raised by the Eagle Scouts.

Motion to approve Boy Scout, Mr. Hayden Gehr's Eagle Scout Project – Indian Park Horseshoe Pit Improvements by Mrs. Kline, second by Mr. Lucas. The motion carried.

2017 POLICE AND NUU PENSION MMO –

Motion by Mrs. Kline to approve the 2018 Police Pension MMO and the 2018 NUU Pension MMO, second by Mr. Greenway. The motion carried.

CHANGE ORDER #1 – SECHRIST MASONRY - \$672.00 – It was noted the drawings were misread requiring additional block to be laid.

Motion to approve Change Order #1 for Sechrist Masonry in the amount of \$672.00 by Mrs. Kline, second by Mr. Lucas. The motion carried.

2002 FORD F250 – AUCTION ON MUNICIBID – It was noted the new 2017 Ford F250 recently purchased will be replacing the 2002 Ford F250, therefore requesting to auction it on Municibid.

Motion to approve auctioning and selling the 2002 Ford F250 truck on Municibid by Mr. Lucas, second by Mr. Haines. The motion carried.

P/T SEASONAL EMPLOYMENT - \$10.00/HR – DANIEL YEAGLE – Mr. Yeagle was previously employed in 2016 as a Part Time Seasonal employee and would like to return this fall.

Motion to approve the hiring of Daniel Yeagle as a Part Time Seasonal Employee by Mr. Lucas, second by Mrs. Kline. The motion carried.

PLANNING & ZONING – Nothing at this time.

RECREATION – Council member, Mr. Lucas reviewed and explained Event permits 2017-28 and 2017- 29.

Motion by Mr. Lucas to approve Event permits 2017-28 and 2017-29, second by Mrs. Kline. Council President, Mr. Greenway questioned the location of the block party due to concerns regarding road closures. The Borough Secretary explained the block party was actually a picnic being held at Pavilion #1 and would not require any road closures. The motion carried.

Council member, Mr. Lucas reviewed and explained Event permit 2018-1.

Motion by Mr. Lucas to approve Event permit 2018-1, second by Mr. Haines. Council member, Mrs. Kline had concerns regarding the Montoursville Garden Club noting in previous years they had set up for their event the evening prior which conflicted with other rentals. It was requested to notify the Garden Club that setting up the night before their event is prohibited. The motion carried. Council member, Mr. Lucas questioned the completion date for the Indian Park Nature Trail and Pond Improvement project and if it was on target to meet that date. It was noted that we are unsure at the time as we are waiting for a sign to be installed and benches to be manufactured and installed. When the project is completed, there will be a community event and ribbon cutting ceremony. Council member, Mr. Lucas questioned the status of the grants. It was stated monies have already been received from the First Community Foundation; other grant funding can't be requested until all invoices have been paid; those invoices will be reimbursed by the grant. Council member, Mr. Lucas questioned the status of the grant deadlines. It was noted that it had been met with the smaller grants. Council member, Mr. Lucas noted new grant applications for Phase 2 of the Indian Park Master Plan, hinge on the completion of Phase 1. It was explained DCNR and DCED grant funding projects must be completed within 5 years and proper documentation is required in order for the project to be considered complete. Council member, Mr. Lucas commented the new restroom appears to be close to completion. It was noted that the project is in its final stages and there are concerns for the costs as the project had not been budgeted for this year. Other projects funding; resurfacing of the basketball and tennis courts cannot be completed this year. The total costs for the construction of the new restroom to date is \$25, 758.00. Council member, Mr. Lucas questioned if they will be available for use at the Fall Festival. It was noted they are not anticipated to be open; we cannot guarantee the work will be completed. Council member, Mrs. Kline commented that every effort should be made for completion prior to the Fall Festival. Council member, Chris Lucas questioned if the area around the new restroom would be restored. It was noted it will be restored. Council member, Mr. Lucas questioned the installation of a handicap access to the new

restroom. It was noted there will be a handicap access to the restroom. Council member, Mr. Lucas referred to Mayor Dorin the status of the Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. Mayor, John Dorin stated everything has been taken care of. The lights will be installed before Thanksgiving and stay on until Jan 7, 2018. Hutchinson East, LLC is agreeable to have a program on sight either a Saturday or a Sunday. Council member, Chris Lucas explained he has expectation of having a program for the 70th Anniversary of the lighting of the Christmas tree with participation of the schools and Mayor Dorin.

STREETS/WATER – August’s monthly report was reviewed by Council.

MAYOR – Mayor Dorin reviewed the August 2017 Police report. Mayor Dorin stated he had been invited for a soft ground breaking of the WMRA’s new airport terminal last week. The terminal’s anticipated completion date will be on August 18, 2018; they will be providing a 50 passenger jet service. At this time, Mayor Dorin asked to observe a moment of silence for the 16th Anniversary of 9/11.

POLICE CHIEF – Chief Gyurina gave report to Council. His report included the 9/11 motorcycle ride, information regarding arrests, and participation with the Little League World Series. He continued stating a special Little League was held at Lyter Elementary; everything went well. Council member, Mrs. Kline questioned the parking at the high school since school is back in session with the addition of extra parking. Chief Gyurina stated there is no reason or excuse for parking on the street with several empty stalls in the parking lot. Numerous parking tickets were issued on the first and second day of school. Council member, Mr. Lucas stated the Little League Board appreciated the help given during the game held at Lyter Elementary. He also noted it was nice to see traffic stops on Loyalsock Avenue, as speeding is making it unsafe.

COUNCIL PERSONS – Council member, Mr. Tillson questioned the status of the brush pile. Council President, Mr. Greenway stated that it is at capacity; however, the brush has been ground to mulch. There are some potential outlets for removal of the mulch which will make that go away; mulch is easier to get rid of than brush. Council President, Mr. Greenway continued stating the problem is with the regulation of the brush pile. Council member, Mrs. Kline stated it should not re-open until there is an area to relocate it. She added, if the brush pile is reopened at the current location, it will continue for the next 4 years, with the possibility at that time of fines and or repayment of the grant money received to develop the property. Council President, Mr. Greenway explained the public suggestions to contact our local municipalities were welcomed, unfortunately they are not interested in a partnership. It was noted that other municipalities are having similar problems. Council member, Mrs. Holmes, questioned if other municipalities have to do away with their brush piles within 5 years. Council President, Mr. Greenway explained the location is the issue with the brush pile as it is located in the park. Council discussed several ideas on how to better regulate the brush pile, along with the possibility of a fee to be imposed for its use. Council member, Mrs. Kline stated the permit is for a compost pile and not brush pile. Council member, Mr. Lucas stated there needs to be better control and a fee imposed for its use. If it is going to continue to cost us \$15,000.00 - \$20,000.00 a year to grind it, the expense should be recouped instead of raising taxes for all residents which would include those who may not use it. It was noted the permit has many regulations that currently are not being followed and the implementation of those regulations will increase the expense. Mayor Dorin requested a copy of the regulations. Council member, Mrs. Kline does not anticipate the brush pile re-opening as it is not cost effective. Council President, Mr. Greenway requested a copy of the permit regulations be sent to all members.

SOLICITOR – Nothing at this time.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT – Nothing at this time.

PENDING MATTERS – None.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – The next regular Borough Council meeting will be held Monday, October 2, 2017 at 7:00PM. Halloween will be held on Tuesday, October 31, 2017 from 6:00PM - 8:00PM.

VISITOR AND PUBLIC COMMENTS – Borough resident, Robert Lauder, Jr. questioned if the Borough investigated the possibility of trucking the brush to the landfill. Council President, Mr. Greenway stated the Lycoming and Clinton County Landfills had been contacted and do not want it. It was agreed that they do have a need but have enough of that type of material. Council President, Mr. Greenway requested to investigate the price of testing the compost. It was noted an investigation was requested to gather the costs to maintain the brush pile. Council member, Mrs. Kline stated once the investigation is complete, it will need to be determined if it is cheaper to pay a fee, increase taxes or have the households get rid of their own brush through a trash hauler. She noted her concern is for the fixed income residents that don't use the brush pile and the burden that will be put on them. It was noted the Transfer Station takes brush; a large load will cost approximately \$13.00. Council President, Mr. Greenway questioned if the Borough would accept a load brush for \$13.00 and still be in the red at the end of the year. It was discussed that it would not cover our costs in maintaining the brush pile. Council member, Mr. Tillson questioned can composting continue at the current property location. It was noted as per the letter from DCNR it is not permitted. Council member, Mrs. Holmes questioned if leaf pickup will continue. It was explained that leaf pick up would continue. Council member, Mr. Tillson commented if a new location is not located for composting in the next 4 years, leaf pick up may not continue. Council President, Mr. Greenway stated the Borough will continue to try to work this out.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:57PM on a motion by Mr. Lucas, second by Mrs. Kline and carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Gardner, Borough Secretary