

MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTOURSVILLE

September 13, 2021

The regular meeting of the Montoursville Borough Council held in the John Dorin Municipal Building was called to order by Vice-President Chris Lucas at 7:06 PM with the following answering roll call: Mark Tillson, Misty Emick, Chris Lucas and Robert Brown. Absent – Eric Greenway and Ted Haines.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

The August 2, 2021 minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Brown, second by Mrs. Emick. The motion carried.

VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AGENDA ITEMS – Representative, Mr. Joseph Hamm, 84th District addressed Council members and attendees; went on to state he has been visiting various municipalities and sitting in at meetings within the 84th District as a way to introduce himself to the communities and provide an update from Harrisburg. Representative Hamm recounted events taking place in early part of February when Governor Wolf presented his proposed budget to increase spending by \$3 billion dollars. Representative Hamm highlighted four major revenue components and reviewed; 1) Increase state income tax; 2) Increase tax on the natural gas industry; 3) Charging municipalities Pennsylvania State Police coverage; 4) Legalizing and taxing the use of recreational marijuana. However, both the House and Senate declined Governor Wolf's proposed budget; over the next few months all departments met and composed another budget they felt was more suitable and responsible for the State of Pennsylvania taxpayers; with an increase in spending by 2.6% compared to the Governor's 8% proposed increase in spending. Representative Hamm shared his opinion and he would not have recommended any increase, rather level funded all areas for the next few years due the many unknowns with the pandemic. On June 25, 2021 the budget passed the House. He shared there were three major reasons for his favorable vote; 1) Did not increase taxes 2) Did not increase fees 3) Did not borrow any money. The Governor's Transportation Options Commission released set of ideas that will be require to be done in Pennsylvania, therefore roads and bridges takes precedence. He recalled in 2013 when Pennsylvania experienced the highest gas tax increase the commonwealth has ever seen in which money from the tax increase were to fund road and bridges; unfortunately a large portion of the funds went towards funding the Pennsylvania State Police. With the latest release from the Transportation Options Commission their plan to fund roads and bridges include: Pennsylvanian's will pay 8.1 cents per mile driven; toll more roads and bridges; \$1.11 additional charge for packages delivered by Amazon, FedEx, UPS, etc.; \$1.00 additional charge by Uber and Lyft. This plan is not expected to pass. However, Representative Hamm stated we need to be more responsible and improve prioritization of money that is received in Harrisburg. He reviewed his political experience and positions he has held; he shared he was aware Harrisburg was a mess while he campaigned for office to represent the 84th District. Special interest groups, lobbyists and bureaucrats have much control on policies. He shared he had promoted the house bill which passed that permitted the 911 Ride to take place without the municipalities indemnification and liability. He stated he is honored to represent the 84th District and will fight for the rights of his constituents.

Ms. Dori Rankinen, Representative for Wreaths across America introduced herself; provided a brochure outlining the Wreaths across America Program. She explained the program stating donated wreaths will be placed on veteran's grave sites across Lycoming County, including the Montoursville Cemetery. She explained the wreaths will be placed, stating the veteran's name and sharing their story. Since the beginning other surrounding counties have contacted her to participate in the event. The goal is by 2025 to have 75 cemeteries to be participating within Central Pennsylvania.

TREASURERS REPORT – Motion by Mr. Brown to approve August 2021 treasurer's report, second by Mrs. Emick. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS –

2022 POLICE AND NUU PENSION MMO – Council Vice President, Mr. Lucas presented the annual 2022 Police and NUU Pension MMO for review.

Motion by Mr. Lucas to approve the 2022 Police and NUU Pension MMO as presented, second by Mr. Brown. The motion carried.

PAYMENT APPLICATION #2 - MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENT TO THE WATERWORKS PROJECT – APPELLATION CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, LLC – Council Vice President, Mr. Lucas presented Payment Application #2 related to Mechanical and Electrical Improvement to the Waterworks Project for review.

Motion by Mrs. Emick to approve Payment Application #2 Mechanical & Electrical Improvement to the Waterworks Project to Appellation Construction Services, LLC in the amount of \$121,199.04, second by Mr. Brown. The motion carried.

CHANGE ORDER #4 – MECHANICAL & ELECTRICAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE MONTOURSVILLE WATERWORKS PROJECT – APPELLATION CONSTRUCTION SERVICES, LLC – Council Vice President, Mr. Lucas presented Change Order #4 for the Mechanical & Electrical Improvements to the Montoursville Waterworks Project for review.

Motion by Mr. Brown to approve Change Order #4 for the Mechanical & Electrical Improvements to the Montoursville Waterworks Project to Appellation Construction Services, LLC in the amount of \$21,688.68 second by Mrs. Emick. The motion carried.

EASEMENT AGREEMENT – 10 FT PERMANENT EASEMENT – TAX PARCEL #34-009-411 BETWEEN READING LANE AND STREIBEIGH LANE TO CONSTRUCT A NEW WATERLINE – Council Vice President, Mr. Lucas presented for review an Easement Agreement for Tax Parcel #34-009-411 for a 10' permanent located between Reading Lane and Streibeigh Lane for construction of a new waterline. Street & Water Project Coordinator, Mr. Cliff Hoffman, explained the water line between these locations has been repaired; removing the dead end line, installing a water line including a loop in order to keep the water flowing. Council member, Mr. Brown shared this project was two to three years in the planning stages.

Motion by Mr. Brown to approve the Easement Agreement for a 10' permanent easement for the construction of a new water line for Tax Parcel #34-009-411, second by Mrs. Emick. The motion carried.

DONATION – KRISTINE & JEFF CONKLIN – OAK TREE & MEMORIAL PLAQUE – Council Vice President, Mr. Lucas presented Kristine and Jeff Conklin's donation of an Oak tree and memorial plaque to the Indian Park Nature Trail.

Motion by Mr. Brown to approve and accept the donation of an Oak tree and memorial plaque from Kristine and Jeff Conklin, second, by Mrs. Emick. The motion carried.

PLANNING & ZONING – August Planning Commission Minutes
Central Keystone COG Reports August 2021

RECREATION – Council Vice President, Mr. Lucas reviewed and explained Event permits 2021-16, 2021-17, 2021-18 and 2021-19.

Motion by Mr. Lucas to approve event permit 2021-16, second by Mrs. Emick. The motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Lucas to approve event permit 2021-17 with the contingency that AYSO has precedent of the use of the fields, second by Mrs. Emick. The motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Lucas to approve event permits 2021-18 and 2021-19, second by Mrs. Emick. The motion carried.

STREETS/WATER – Street and Water Project Coordinator, Mr. Cliff Hoffman requested individuals who utilize the park be prohibited from driving and parking on the grassy areas as it provides additional and unnecessary work for the Borough crew. He explained predominately the problem has be caused by the practice area of the youth football group, however others have also contributed to the issue. He stated the ground has been too wet and too soft therefore causing ruts. He stated he had additional concerns also with Fall Festival grounds which are expected to be muddy.

MAYOR – Mayor Bagwell shared Council President, Mr. Greenway is the Borough’s representative on the Montoursville Memorial Gardens Committee, however due to his work schedule has had issue with meeting attendance and has asked Mayor Bagwell to attend. He stated the Committee has very attractive plans for the Garden and anticipates people will be pleased with the project. He also reported a minor protest took place regarding mask mandate at the schools. He explained the protest was well coordinated, very civil without incident. Chief Gyurina was present in which protestors showed their support for their local law enforcement.

POLICE CHIEF – Chief Gyurina reviewed the August 2021 police report. He shared a recent road rage incident in which gunshots were fired took place on the interstate. He also reported Officer Hagemeyer helped an injured duck located in the pond at Indian Park which had a large fish hook in its foot. In addition, he shared the midnight officer while on duty pulled over a vehicle that was found to be a stolen vehicle driven by a teenager. Chief Gyurina shared the Civil Service examination will be given in the near future, as the Civil Service list needs to be updated.

COUNCIL PERSONS – Council member, Mrs. Emick questioned Street and Water Project Coordinator, Mr. Hoffman regarding the maintenance of the restrooms prior to individuals renting pavilions in Indian Park. Street and Water Project Coordinator, Mr. Hoffman explained the Borough crew normally hose down and restock the restrooms. Council member, Mrs. Emick shared she had rented a pavilion for a class party and noticed there were cigarette butts on the ground and ankle deep brush piles located near Pavilion 1. Street and Water Project Coordinator, Mr. Hoffman shared recently two large trees had come down and with their removal this could have been possibly remaining brush.

SOLICITOR – Nothing at this time.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT – Nothing at this time

PENDING MATTERS – Nothing at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – The next Council meeting will be held Monday, October 4, 2021 at 7:00 PM. Halloween will be held Sunday, October 31, 2021 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm. Council Vice President, Mr. Lucas announced an executive session will be held immediately following this meeting to discuss personnel matters and Council will not be reconvening.

VISITOR AND PUBLIC COMMENTS – Nothing at this time

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM on a motion by Mr. Brown, second by Mrs. Emick. The motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Gardner, Borough Secretary