

MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH OF MONTOURSVILLE

September 9, 2019

The regular meeting of the Montoursville Borough Council held in the John Dorin Municipal Building was called to order by Council Vice President Chris Lucas at 7:00 PM with the following answering roll call: Ted Haines, Tina Kline, Chris Lucas and Robert Brown. Absent: Mark Tillson, Eric Greenway

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed.

The August 5, 2019 minutes were approved on a motion by Mr. Brown, second by Mr. Haines. The motion carried.

VISITORS AND PUBLIC COMMENT – None

TREASURERS REPORT – Motion by Mrs. Kline to approve August 2019 treasurer's report, second by Mr. Haines. The motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS –

2020 POLICE AND NUU PENSION FUND – Council Vice President Mr. Lucas presented 2020 Police and NUU Pension Fund for review and approval.

Motion by Mr. Brown to approve the 2020 Police and NUU Pension Fund as presented, second by Mr. Haines. The motion carried.

STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT REGARDING LOWE'S HOME CENTERS, LLC REAL ESTATE ASSESSMENT APPEAL AND AUTHORIZE THE BOROUGH SOLICITOR TO SIGN THE STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT ON THE BOROUGH'S BEHALF - Council Vice President, Mr. Lucas presented a Stipulation of Settlement in regard to Lowe's Home Centers, LLC real estate appeal for review along with authorization of the Borough Solicitor to sign the settlement on behalf of the Borough. Borough Solicitor, Mr. Sees, explained the signing of this agreement is the final step in regard to the real estate fair market appeal process; he confirmed the agreement will encompass Lycoming County and the Montoursville School District.

Motion by Mrs. Kline to approve the Stipulation of Settlement Regarding Lowe's Home Centers' Real Estate Assessment Appeal authorizing the Borough Solicitor to sign the Stipulation of Settlement on the Borough's behalf, second by Mr. Brown. The motion carried.

PAYMENT APPLICATION #2 – 2018 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT –

Motion by Mrs. Kline to approve Payment Application #2 for the 2018 Street Improvement Project to HRI, Inc. in the amount of \$9,675.00, second by Mr. Haines. The motion carried.

CHANGE ORDER #5 – 2018 STREET IMPROVEMENT PROJECT –

Motion by Mr. Lucas to approve Change Order #5 for the 2018 Street Improvement Project to HRI, Inc. in the amount of \$500.00, second by Mrs. Kline. The motion carried.

BROAD ST/LOYALSOCK AVE & MONTOUR ST/LOYALSOCK AVE TRAFFIC LOOP REPLACEMENTS

– Council Vice President, Mr. Lucas presented Lecce Electric proposal for review.

Motion by Mr. Haines to approve Lecce Electric's proposal for replacement of traffic loops at the intersections of Broad Street/ North Loyalsock Avenue and Montour Street/ North Loyalsock Avenue in the amount of \$4,640.00, second by Mr. Brown. The motion carried.

RESOLUTION 2019-08 – DESIGNATED SIGNATOR – PENNDOT AGILITY PARTNER & PENNDOT AGILITY AGREEMENT - Council Vice President, Mr. Lucas presented Resolution 2019-08 for review and approval.

Motion by Mr. Brown to approve Resolution 2019-08 authorizing Council Vice President, Mr. Lucas as the Designated Signatory for the PennDOT Agility Partner and approval of the PennDOT Agility Agreement, second by Mrs. Kline. The motion carried.

DONATION – CLASS OF '60 – TREE & MEMORIAL STONE - Council Vice President, Mr. Lucas explained the MASD Class of 1960s' donation of a Sycamore tree and memorial stone to the Indian Park Nature Trail.

Motion by Mrs. Kline to approve and accept the donation of a Sycamore tree and memorial stone from the MASD Class of 1960, second by Mr. Haines. The motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT - PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER – JUSTIN HAKES –

Motion by Mr. Haines to approve the employment of Officer Justin Hakes for the position of a part-time police officer, second by Mr. Brown. The motion carried.

PLANNING & ZONING – Central Keystone COG August 2019 Reports.

RECREATION – Council Vice President, Mr. Lucas reviewed and explained Event permit 2019-30.

Motion by Mr. Lucas to approve the Event Permit 2019-30, second by Mr. Brown. The motion carried.

STREETS/WATER – nothing at this time

MAYOR – Mayor Bagwell noted event permits listed on the meeting agenda with assigned numbers and titles are noted listed in the minutes when they are being approved by Council. Council Vice President, Mr. Lucas stated the agendas do list the title of the event permits and is sufficient. Mayor Bagwell shared his concern with the lack of streetscape maintenance on the 300 block of Broad Street. He noted Broad Street is a main thoroughfare of the community and feels the maintenance of this particular area is vital to the impression of the community. Council member, Mrs. Kline strongly expressed her concerns with using Borough employees to maintain the streetscape in the business district, as well as holding Borough residents residing in certain areas to a higher standard and responsibilities with their properties than other areas of the community. Council Vice President, Mr. Lucas questioned Borough Solicitor, Mr. Sees regarding legalities of the ordinance. Borough Solicitor, Mr. Sees stated legal comments should be made in a closed session. Council member, Mrs. Kline stated the possibility of amending the ordinance should be looked into however she is tired of the special treatment and feels all should be treated equally.

POLICE CHIEF – Chief Gyurina reviewed the August police report. Chief Gyurina explained the 9/11 Motorcycle Ride route and the anticipated time of arrival in Montoursville. He commented on a few of the issues with people parking along Broad Street in areas marked as no parking zones.

COUNCIL PERSONS – Council member, Mrs. Kline inquired about parking during football season related to driveways being blocked and parking violations. Chief Gyurina replied if the property owner permits an individual to park/block their driveway there would be no violation. He continued to explain what would be considered a parking violation with the Borough public streets.

SOLICITOR – Nothing at this time.

COUNCIL VICE PRESIDENT – Nothing at this time.

PENDING MATTERS – Nothing at this time.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – The next regular Council meeting will be held Monday, October 7, 2019 at 7:00 PM. Halloween will be held Thursday, October 31, 2019 during the hours of 6:00PM - 8:00PM.

VISITOR AND PUBLIC COMMENTS – Resident's Aimee & Sean Brennan, 420 Spruce Street, expressed their concerns about the condition of the property located at 416 Spruce Street. They expressed their concerns with the conditions of the property and how those conditions affects their and the surrounding neighbors' property. Mrs. Brennan questioned if the Borough can take any legal actions beyond the notices provided by the Codes officer. Council member, Mr. Brown stated the Borough has been trying for years to have the property cleaned up. It was noted several years ago the property owner had been scheduled before the magistrate, each time that he would go before the magistrate, he was given an extension of time to clean up his property based on his plans he shared with the magistrate. Council Vice President, Mr. Lucas acknowledged Ms. Brennan's complaint and advised that at this time the Borough will do what they can continuing to follow procedures so that the property is compliant. Resident, Larry Gage, 601 Arch Street questioned issues regarding codes and enforcement.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Gardner, Borough Secretary