

MINUTES OF THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF MONTOURSVILLE

September 08, 2009

The regular meeting of the Montoursville Borough Council was called to order by Council President Robert Gehr at 7:00 PM, with the following answering roll call: Eugene Boyles, Donald Konkle, Kathie Hunter and Ronald Shearer. Also attending were Mayor John Dorin, Police Chief Dan Strailey, Zoning Officer/Code Official Rodney Heindel, and Solicitor Garth Everett. Absent was Marian Harris.

The Pledge of Allegiance was observed. The minutes of the August 03, 2009 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Boyles, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried.

Mr. Gene Kurtz, 439 Mulberry Street, observed that the increasing number of rental properties are creating deterioration in his neighborhood.

Julie Souter, 1301 Spruce Street and David Arborgast, 412 Weldon Street, expressed their dissatisfaction with actions taken by the Borough regarding sidewalk and curb replacement. Council referred the matter to the Highway Committee for their review.

The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and approved on a motion by Mr. Boyles, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried. The Borough bills were approved as presented on a motion by Mr. Boyles, seconded by Mr. Shearer and carried.

Conditional Use Hearing- Rooming/Boarding House, 748 Broad Street -
The Council President recessed the regular meeting and convened the public hearing at 7:20 PM. Mr. James M. McCloy, property owner/operator, and Mr. Gregory Kahn of the Susquehanna House were present. The Zoning Officer reviewed the application with Council, noting that the primary use is a "bed and breakfast" (Governor Shulze House Bed & Breakfast); and that the secondary use being requested is for a "rooming/boarding house". Mr. McCloy and Mr. Kahn explained the boarders would be local youths between the ages of sixteen and twenty-one, transitioning from foster homes to "independent living". Mr. Kahn noted that the mission of their organization is to help out youths that have no parental or financial support. Mr. McCloy also noted that the youths would either be in school or working. Mayor Dorin, Council and several citizens discussed the proposal with Mr. McCloy and Mr. Kahn for some time. Mayor Dorin, Mrs. Kevin Kurtz, 700 Broad Street, and Mr. John Mook, 630 Broad Street, all expressed their opposition to the "use". The Council President closed the public hearing and reconvened the regular meeting at 8:20 PM. Mayor Dorin recommended that Council further review the application during the forty-five day allotted time period. Mr. Boyles moved that the Conditional Use be approved with the eight following conditions:

- 1) Applicant shall provide the Borough with a Certificate of Occupancy.

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- 2) No more than four boarders shall be housed at any one time in the portion of the premises Applicant proposes to use as a boarding house.
- 3) All boarders shall be between sixteen and twenty years of age.
- 4) All boarders shall be of the same sex.
- 5) The boarding house will solely be used as a transitional living facility for individuals regulated by and under the control of the Pennsylvania Department of Welfare and shall comply with all the Department's licensing and regulatory requirements for transitional living.
- 6) Prior to taking up residence in the boarding house, all new residents shall be registered with the Montoursville Police Department. Applicant or his representative will supply the Police Department with the individual's full name, Social Security Number, proof of age, previous address, information substantiating where the individual will attend school and/or be employed and a "face shot" photograph of the individual acceptable to the Police Department.
- 7) The boarding house shall not be used to house any individuals who are entered in a drug or alcohol rehabilitation program, nor shall the premises be used as a drug or alcohol treatment facility of any kind.
- 8) This approval and the above listed stipulations apply solely to this particular Applicant and shall not apply or pass on to any subsequent owner, lessee or assignee of the premises. Further, any change of use of the boarding house portion of the premises from that set forth above shall require specific written approval of Borough Council.

Mr. Shearer seconded the motion. The President called for a vote. The motion was then carried unanimously.

Mr. Heindel reviewed the August Zoning report with Council.

Chief Strailley reviewed the August Police report with Council.

Ordinance # 439 - Non-uniformed Union Pension Benefit Formula - Mr. Holt reported that the ordinance would authorize an increase in the benefit formula from 1% to 1.5% as per the recent Collective Bargaining Unit Agreement. Mr. Holt also noted that the effective date of the change would be retroactive to January 01, 2009. On a motion by Mr. Boyles, seconded by Mr. Konkle and carried, Council adopted Ordinance # 439.

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Ordinance # 440 - (NE PMHIC) - Northeast Pennsylvania Health Insurance Cooperative - Mr. Holt reported that the Borough would have the opportunity to realize premium savings by joining the 5,000 member cooperative. Mr. Holt also noted that both employee unions approve of the change. On a motion by Mr. Konkle, seconded by Mr. Boyles and carried, Council adopted Ordinance # 440.

Recreation Board - It was noted that the Harvest Parade will be held on Saturday, October 17, 2009, at 10:00 AM; with a rain date of October 18th, 2:00 PM. Event 2009-22, Cub Scout Pack 21 overnight camp, Mill Street - On a motion by Mr. Konkle, seconded by Mr. Boyles and carried, Council approved event 2009-22.

Surplus Highway Equipment Bids - Mr. Holt reviewed the following bids with Council:

| | <u>Bidder</u> | | <u>Amount</u> |
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| Snowco Trailer - | Bob Shaffer | - | \$301.00 |
| | Sulli Motors | - | \$ 56.00 |
| | Jonathan Bennett | - | \$301.01 |
| | Stuart Excavate | - | \$ 75.00 |

Awarded to Jonathan Bennett at the high bid of \$301.01.

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| Crafc Melter - | Bob Shaffer | - | \$ 651.00 |
| | Sulli Motors | - | \$ 112.00 |
| | Bradco Supply | - | \$1,500.00 |
| | B & B Sealing | - | \$3,001.00 |

Awarded to B & B Sealing at the high bid of \$3,001.00.

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| York Stone Rake - | Bob Shaffer | - | \$ 101.00 |
| | Seigworth Road Supply | - | \$ 725.00 |
| | Bradco Supply | - | \$1,000.00 |
| | Mark Orwig | - | \$ 750.00 |
| | Sand Springs Acres | - | \$ 550.00 |
| | Stuart Excavate | - | \$ 350.00 |
| | Persun's Excavating | - | \$ 103.00 |
| | Rod Heindel | - | \$ 150.00 |

Awarded to Bradco Supply at the high bid of \$1,000.00.

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On a motion by Mr. Konkle, seconded by Mr. Boyles and carried, Council accepted the three high bidders.

SRO - School Resource Officer Agreement - 2009/2010 - On a motion by Mr. Konkle, seconded by Mr. Boyles and carried, Council authorized to renew the Agreement for another one year term.

It was a consensus of Council to set Trick-or-Treat hours from 6-8:00 PM, Saturday, October 31st.

The Council President announced that there would be an executive session after the regular Council meeting regarding personnel and that Council would not reconvene.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM on a motion by Mr. Boyles , seconded by Mrs. Hunter and carried.

Respectfully submitted,


Dennis M. Holt, Secretary/Treasurer