

MT WOLF BOROUGH MINUTES

December 13, 2011

CONVENE

The Mount Wolf Borough Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, December 13, 2011, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Council President Pat Poet.

ATTENDANCE

These council members and other officials were present:

Council - Don Dierdorff, Martha Hassler, Lester Jordan, Dennis Naylor, Pat Poet, Ronald Witmer, Solicitor/Zoning Officer - Joe Gothie, Borough Engineer - Adam Anderson
Councilman Fadley, Secretary/Treasurer Kehler, and Mayor Josh Bowers were absent.

VISITORS

1. James Arex
2. Kim Kuhn
3. Richard Kuhn
4. Jim Atkins
5. Brad Peters - Site Design Concepts
6. Bob Katherman - Attorney
7. Jim Kinder

AGENDA

An addition was made to Streets by Dennis Naylor concerning a sink hole on 4th Street.
A Hassler/Dierdorff motion was made to approve the agenda presented. Motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

A Hassler/Dierdorff motion was made to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2011 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A Witmer/Naylor motion was made to approve the 11/30/11 Treasurer's Report and the 12/13/11 Payment of Bills -- #1617 - #1629. In addition to this report, 4 more bills were added to be paid before the end of the 2011 year. Motion passed unanimously.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Adam Anderson received a response to the letter he sent to Diehl Funeral Home concerning their sump pump discharge. He had pictures showing that it was rerouted as requested and that the water run-off could be coming from another source. A Hassler/Naylor motion was made to televise the line. Motion passed unanimously. Adam is waiting for prices from a company to televise the line and the Sewer Authority will be providing him prices as well.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

No report

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter from Connie Rode was discussed about the concern of a vacant house a few houses down from her and the garbage on its property being cleaned up. Pictures will be taken and a letter sent to the owner asking to clean up the property in a timely manner.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Joe Gothie reported on the following:

1. A draft for the Sidewalk Ordinance was handed out to each council member to read through and see if there would be any changes or additions.
2. Joe brought up that it would be a good idea to require a street opening permit for companies to obtain before they begin any type of work that involves digging up the street.
3. A Hassler/Dierdorff motion was made to adopt Resolution 2011-1, agreeing to apply and report PennDOT grants on line only as opposed to using a paper method. Motion passed unanimously.
4. At 7:30, Joe Gothie swore in Kim and Rich Kuhn of 90 Fern Dr. Manchester, PA and Jim Atkins of 142 W. Maple St. Mt. Wolf, PA. They plan on opening Wolfy's Deli at 142 W. Maple St. and presented their plans to the Council.

A Witmer/Dierdorff motion was made to accept the plans for Wolfy's Deli with the condition the dumpster be moved to the opposite side of the property than what is shown on the plan. Motion passed unanimously.

PARKS & RECREATION

Don Dierdorff reported on the following:

1. The 2 flag poles that were donated to Greiman Park and Mt. Wolf Park will be delivered within the week and put in as soon as possible.
2. Will be calling to have the tree removed at Greiman Park.

STREETS

Dennis Naylor reported on the following:

1. There is a sink hole on 4th Street that has been cut out and filled with millings. Will keep an eye on it to see what happens with it.
2. Looking at buying a used backhoe, will keep researching local places that sell used backhoes to find a good price.
3. Met with Georgia-Pacific, the County, and watershed. Georgia-Pacific is looking in to what process they need to go through before they can begin work on the banks of the stream that have eroded away over time.
4. Will be meeting with FEMA on January 5, 2012 concerning the submitted damages due to the flooding from Tropical Storm Lee to find out if the borough is eligible for any reimbursement. Will verify by taking pictures.

PROPERTY AND SERVICES

No Report

INSURANCE

A bill for replacing the vandalized sliding board has been submitted to Kocman Insurance for reimbursement.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

It was brought up about what to do with the Porta John in the spring and if it should be placed differently. It was also questioned if there should be one that is handicap accessible.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

A Jordan/Hassler motion was made to approve Tax Ordinance 2012-1. Motion passed unanimously. This Ordinance changes the millage rate to 3.6 mils from the previous 2.9 mils.

A Hassler/Dierdorff motion was made to approve the budget for 2012. Motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Pat Poet reported on behalf of Mayor Josh Bowers on the following:

1. January 2, 2012 will be the reorganizational meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Christine Zielinski is willing to work with Mo Starner on the auditing.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

1. Attorney Gothie will be sending a letter to Flo Garman regarding the driveway expansion that was completed on her property without a permit as well as the new sign that was installed for her business. Her options will be either to remove the driveway addition or go to the Zoning Hearing Board and request a waiver. Her property is in violation of the percent coverage of impervious surface. One option that could be considered is to install pavers that will allow water to pass through them.
2. Placement of mailboxes has been put on hold since it will be addressed in the Sidewalk Ordinance.
3. A Hassler/Naylor motion was made to approve the 2012 meeting dates. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Mayor Josh Bowers will be swearing in one new council member and two re-elected council members; Bill Marquis, Dennis Naylor, and Les Jordan. The council will also be voting on new positions.

ADJORN

A Naylor/Hassler motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Mandy L. Davis, Recording Secretary