

MT WOLF BOROUGH MINUTES
August 14, 2012

CONVENE

The Mount Wolf Borough Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, August 14, 2012 beginning at 6:57 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Council President, Pat Poet.

ATTENDANCE

Council - Don Dierdorff, Ted Fadely, Bill Marquis, Dennis Naylor, Ronald Witmer, Mayor Josh Bowers and Solicitor Joe Gothie were present.

Lester Jordan and Secretary Steve Kehler were absent.

VISITORS

- Harry Staub of 143 N. 2nd St. was present to request a handicap parking spot to be painted in front of his house. He gave the council a written excuse from his doctor. Maintenance will have it painted for him within a couple of days.
- Barry Bare representing NEYSA baseball was present to thank the Council members for allowing them to use the Wolves baseball field and to let them know how the teams did for the season. He also asked if they could continue to use the field for the fall season. The season will begin the weekend after Labor Day and finish up the week before Halloween. The Council saw no problem with this as long as they met with the Wolves team to make sure there are no conflicting games. It was also mentioned that they will probably need to file for a permit to put in the permanent batting cage at Greiman Field.
- James Book was present to ask what work specific work on homes requires permits and also why it is taking so long to receive the permits. He is a local contractor and wanted to make sure he knew what was required by the Borough. Attorney Gothie explained to him the process it takes for the permits to be acquired and what work requires a permit.
- Ryan Brenneman, Fire Chief of Eagle Fire Company was present to go over a few ideas and suggestions for the Borough Council to consider: 1) Fire Prevention Week is in October and they want to get more community children involved. 2) He asked the Council members to consider putting Knox Boxes on apartment buildings in the borough to put the keys inside so if they need to break into a building because of a fire they will have keys to access instead of breaking down doors which can take longer. 3) The Fire Company is looking into upgrading their sign to an LED sign that other organizations in the community could use as well to post upcoming events. Mr. Brenneman also wanted to make the Council members aware that there has been some talk about merging local fire companies into one and he is concerned that this could cause problems in serving the community. Attorney Gothie will be writing the Township Supervisors who are holding these meetings letting them know that the Borough wishes to have representation at any future meetings regarding this merger.

AGENDA

A Naylor/Marquis motion was made to approve the agenda as presented. Motion was passed unanimously.

August 14, 2012

MINUTES

A Witmer/Marquis motion was made to approve the minutes from the June 12, 2012 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A Fadely/Witmer motion was made to approve the 6/31/2012 Treasurer's Report as well as the Payment of Bills -- #1820 - #1837 for the amount of \$22,757.36. Motion was passed unanimously.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

No report.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

No report.

COMMUNICATIONS

No report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Joe Gothie reported that there are a lot of permits being applied for pools and it is taking awhile because they are not reading the application and filling it out correctly. There are also a lot of people in the borough who are not applying for permits and putting up pools. He suggested that in the spring of next year sending out a mass letter to the residents in the borough letting them know guidelines for installing pools.

A draft Ordinance for sidewalk obstructions was passed around to the Council members to review. A Marquis/Witmer motion was made to approve the Sidewalk Ordinance with the exception that the requirement for yard sale permits be removed from Section 137-23. Motion was passed unanimously.

PARKS & RECREATION

Don Dierdorff reported on the following:

- The surveillance cameras have been installed at the Mt. Wolf Community Park. They have already been helpful in catching some kids destroying property.
- The new park equipment should be arriving any day. The Message board has been installed by the upper ball field next to the VFW Pavilion. Don and Mandy Davis have the keys to open it.

STREETS

Dennis Naylor reported on the following:

- The potholes are in the process of being filled. They just need a few dry days to complete the paving.
- There are 4 snow removal signs that need replaced out of about 20. All the rest look to be in great condition.
- Borough Maintenance has been painting the curbs that need it most. He will look into people who need to complete community service or prison workers to paint the curbs.

PROPERTY AND SERVICES

No report.

INSURANCE

Ryan Brenneman, Fire Chief at Eagle Fire Company brought a list of their fundraising events to be approved by the Council members. A Marquis/Fadely motion was made to approve the list of events for insurance purposes. Motion was passed unanimously.

Here is the list of events that were approved:

- August 18th ~ 3rd Annual fire Pig Roast on Codorus Furnace Road
- August 2th ~ Chicken BBQ 11AM until sold out
- September 8th ~ 3rd Annual Fire Fighter 5K
- September 22nd ~ Chicken BBQ 11AM until sold out
- September 23rd ~ Gift Card Bingo
- October 7th – 13th ~ Fire Prevention Week
- October 20th ~ Dance
- October 27th ~ Final Chicken BBQ of the season 11AM
- October 31st ~ Halloween Open House 6-8 PM
- November 4th ~ 250 Club
- December 2nd ~ Cash Bingo

HEALTH AND SAFETY

No report.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Josh Bowers shared some items of concern. He has had a lot of people calling and complaining about their neighbors not mowing their lawns and cutting down weeds. He is also performing a few wedding ceremonies.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Attorney Gothie did send a letter to New York Wire about their lack of maintaining the property as well as the hours that the Borough Maintenance has spent cutting the grass and weeds. They are still keeping up with the yard work on the property as well as keeping track of the hours spent there.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Flo Garman asked Mayor Josh if anyone was going to come check the work they did in their yard to fix the driveway problem. Pat said she would go talk to her.

ADJORN

A Naylor/Witmer motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 10:31 p.m. Motion was passed unanimously.

Mandy L. Davis, Recording Secretary