

# MT WOLF BOROUGH MINUTES

## March 12, 2013

### CONVENE

The Mount Wolf Borough Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 beginning at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Council President, Pat Poet.

### ATTENDANCE

**Council** -- Don Dierdorff, Ted Fadely, Les Jordan, Bill Marquis, Ronald Witmer, Pat Poet, Mayor Josh Bowers, and Adam Anderson were present. Dennis Naylor arrived at 7:03 and Attorney Joe Gothie arrived at 7:08. Secretary Steve Kehler was unable to attend.

### AGENDA

A Witmer/Marquis motion was made to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was passed unanimously.

### MINUTES

A Jordan/Marquis motion was made to approve the minutes from January 8, 2013 meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

A Witmer/Jordan motion was made to approve the February 2013 Treasurer's Report and the 2/12/13 Payment of Bills -- #2029 - #2051. The motion was passed unanimously.

### COMMUNICATIONS

- Jim Kinder, Chairman of the Eagle Fire Department, sent an invitation to the Council members for the fire departments 100th Anniversary Celebration. They are planning a whole day of events starting with a breakfast and ending with a dinner.
- Mrs. Debra Walker dropped off a petition to change the parking on Walnut Street at the corner of Walnut and Main Street. She says it is hard to see traffic coming from the corner of Walnut Street beside the VFW because of cars that are parked there legally. She is asking that the Council members consider changing the legal parking area beside the Mt. Wolf VFW on Walnut Street to increase visibility. The Council members will take a look at the situation and decide on what should take place at next months meeting.

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**VISITORS**

- Mr. Ted Motz from First Energy Solutions, which owns Met-Ed, was present to discuss how much the Borough could be saving if they purchased electricity from First Solutions. As of now the Borough is paying Met-Ed with a variable rate and if it was purchased through First Solutions it would be easier to budget since it would be one rate. A Marquis/Witmer motion was made to purchase the Borough's electricity through First Energy Solutions with a 2 year contract as the best price with 3 phone quotes. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Linda Morningstar was present to ask the Council members if she could use the Mount Wolf Community Park for National Day of Prayer. The date would be Thursday, May 2nd from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. A Marquis/Jordan motion was made to allow The National Day of Prayer to be held at the Mount Wolf Community Park. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Angela Temple of 21 S. 2nd Street was present to request the increase of police presence in the Borough. Her house and brand new car had been egged causing \$1,000.00 worth in damage. The Northeastern Regional Police urged her to go to the Borough meeting to request more police presence. Mayor Josh Bowers attends the police's monthly meetings and said he would make the request known. Ms. Temple also asked if there was a Neighborhood Watch established. The Council recommended she look on the police website where she could find more information about starting a Neighborhood Watch.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Adam Anderson brought in the plans for 2013 projects. Walnut Street from 7th Street to 8th Street needs to be resurfaced and will cost about \$34,000.00. He said there are some miscellaneous repairs and bridge repairs that need to be done as well and will have a better idea of the cost at next month's meeting. Adam also said that this would be the last meeting he would be attending as he has taken a new position at another job.

## SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Joe Gothie reported on the following:

- He is still working on getting information about the damage done to the bridge on Walnut Street.
- He asked the Council members to think about guidelines that are reasonable for a permit threshold as he is looking to update what is now not current with the cost of updating one's home.
- Pool season is quickly approaching and the Borough residents need to be made aware of what is expected when putting up pools. Pat will make a sign to hang in the Post Office to try to make residents aware that they must follow UCC requirements and pools 24 inches or more must have a fence surrounding it.

## PARKS & RECREATION

Don Dierdorff will be making phone calls about purchasing the plaques for the flag poles that were donated.

## STREETS

Dennis Naylor reported that Georgia Pacific is still waiting on the go ahead for the crosswalk.

## PROPERTY & SERVICES

There was no report.

## INSURANCE

There was no report.

## HEALTH & SAFETY

There was no report.

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

There was no report.

## BUDGET & FINANCE

There was no report.

## MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Josh Bowers is still looking into who he wants to hire for the carnival this summer. He is making calls and making decisions on what would be best.

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## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- The Council members will be walking around the Borough and assessing any sidewalks that need repairs. This includes any sidewalks that are owned by the Borough which need repaired. Once the list is made, Attorney Joe Gothie will be sending the owners of the sidewalk asking them to make the needed repairs with a 3 year time limit.
- 54 S. Main Street has had their water terminated since November. There was a question about the Borough having to evict a resident if they did not have running water. The Council members decided it was not necessary unless neighbors were complaining about problems that could occur because of this.
- There was a question concerning the new Ace Hardware sign being okay and Attorney Gothie said that it met all guidelines since it was just placed on an existing sign.

## OLD/NEW BUSINESS

At 9:20 p.m. the Council went into an executive session to discuss a legal situation. At 9:25 p.m. the Council went back into regular session after discussing a legal matter relating to the Liquid Fuels.

## ADJOURN

A Marquis/Naylor motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 p.m. The motion was passed unanimously.

Mandy L. Davis, Recording Secretary