

MT WOLF BOROUGH MINUTES
January 13, 2015

CONVENE

The Mount Wolf Borough Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, January 13, 2015 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 -- Dan Davis, Les Jordan, Bill Marquis, Dennis Naylor, Ron Witmer, Pat Poet, Mayor Mo Starner, Attorney Joe Gothie, and Steve Kehler were present. Christopher Owens, engineer, was not present.

Visitors in Attendance -- Visitors in attendance were: Andy and Tina Blessing, Kristen Garber, Donna Gallagher, Christy Duke, Jackie Sprout, Lori Union, Carol Molina, JF Richards, Christine Hess, and Sergeant Arthur Archambeault. Chief Yingling, and Mark Shroyer were also in attendance near the end of the meeting.

APPOINTMENT OF COUNCIL MEMBER

Mike Amsler was interviewed by the Borough Council for the vacant position. He resides on 85 N. 3rd Street and is registered to vote. A Marquis/Davis motion was made to appoint Mike Amsler for the vacant position on council for 2015. The motion was passed unanimously. The remaining two years of this position through 2017 will be placed on the ballot for the May primary election.

Mayor Mo Starner swore in Mike Amsler as an official Mount Wolf Borough Official.

This is a vacancy as a result of Councilperson's Donald Dierdorff's resignation in December.

AGENDA

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

MINUTES

A Davis/Witmer motion was made to approve the minutes from the December 9, 2014 meeting. The motion was passed unanimously.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

A Jordan/Naylor motion was made to approve the payment of bills #2592 - #2634 for the amount of \$57,033.86 for the month of December. The motion was passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

Steve Kehler reported on the following items:

- East Manchester Township has still not paid the full amount for Workman's Compensation. The bill for April 2013/2014 was for the amount of \$8,554.00, but Steve recalculated after the Township asked how they were being billed. The bill had been for the 2000 Census and never adjusted. After recalculating using the 2010 Census the Township's portion of the bill went from 65% to 72%. Steve asked if he should bill the additional \$1,361.00 for 2013/2014 as well as the \$9,515.00 they will owe for this year. Council members agreed that he should send the amounts as 1 bill with 2 line items. Mayor Mo will talk to them at the next Police Board meeting.
- 56 N. 3rd Street and 809 Center Street are up for Sheriff's Sale.
- The Senior Center sent a thank you letter for the \$2,000.00 donation.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

There was no report from the engineer this month.

An Amsler/Jordan motion was made to appoint Gordan and Brown Associates as the Mount Wolf Borough Engineer. The motion was passed unanimously.

VISITORS

- Andy and Tina Blessing attended the meeting to inquire about adding a driveway addition to their property. Joe set up a phone meeting with Mr. Blessing to discuss if it will be possible.
- Kristen Garber from Heavenly Paws Animal Shelter, Donna Gallagher from Malvern, PA, Christy Duke from Feline Solutions, Jackie Sprout from East Manchester Township, Lori Union from West York/York City, Carol Molina from Feline Solutions, and JF Richards from Fayetteville, PA all were present to share their concerns with the Borough's feral cats. They brought information about TNR (Trap, Neuter, Release) programs and why this is better for the animals. The council members listened to the information given and will do more research and weigh all the options. The final decision will not be made for a couple of months when the warmer weather arrives.
- Christine Hess was also present to share her thoughts on TNR and how she thinks it has its pros and cons.
- Sergeant Arthur Archambeault was in attendance to address any questions or concerns. Council did ask that a Northeastern Regional Police Department Representative try to make it at least every other month to give a report to Council.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

A Naylor/Marquis motion was made to appoint Joseph Gothie as Mount Wolf Borough's Solicitor. The motion was passed unanimously.

PARKS & RECREATION

There were no new updates.

STREETS

The Fire Company has been paying \$5,000.00 to have their parking lot plowed when it snows. Council agreed that they can use the Borough's plow for snow removal on their parking lot. They need to give a list of those who will be doing the plowing and a copy of their license numbers.

PROPERTY & SERVICES

There was no report.

INSURANCE

Bill Marquis reported that there are two people who are interested in the Zoning Officer position. He will collaborate with Les and Mo on when a good time will be to interview them.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Dan Davis reported on the following:

- He has been in contact with Iowa City for an editable copy of the sidewalk repairs.
- The police department has put in a request for a K9 unit because someone has offered to fund it.

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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

There were no items to discuss.

BUDGET & FINANCE

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Starner reported about her meeting with the plant manager at Georgia Pacific concerning better signage for trucks that are coming to the plant. He agreed that it is a good idea. They will have to work with Penn Dot about what kind of signs they can place on the state road which could take a little while.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

- Borough office hours have been set up to start in February. The office will be open from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Pat will contact Michael Peter about codifying the Ordinances.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

The new website should be up and running this week.

ADJOURN

An Amsler/Marquis motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 p.m.
Recording Secretary, Mandy L. Davis