

MT WOLF BOROUGH MINUTES

June 9, 2015

CONVENE

The Mount Wolf Borough Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, beginning at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Council President, Pat Poet.

ATTENDANCE

The following council members and other officials were present:

Council -- Dan Davis, Les Jordan, Bill Marquis, Dennis Naylor, Pat Poet, Ron Witmer, Mayor Mo Starner, Attorney Joe Gothie, Engineer Christopher Owens, and Zoning Officer Sande Cunningham were present. Councilperson Mike Amsler and Secretary Steve Kehler were absent.

Visitors in Attendance -- Chick Zoll, James Arex, Cheif Rizzo and Kyle Matthis .

AGENDA/MINUTES

A Davis/Marquis motion was made to approve the agenda and minutes with some added changes. The motion was passed unanimously.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Christopher Owens reported on the following:

Pothole/Street Repairs - There was only 1 bid for the pothole repairs which was from Fitz and Smith for the amount of \$20,832.00. A Naylor/Marquis motion was made to counter offer \$19,399.00 which is the threshold for the pothole repair. The motion was passed unanimously.

York County Roadway Study - The York County Roadway Study contacted the Borough concerning any road closures due to flooding since 2009. Engineer Owens said there were no roads closed or damaged due to flooding. Mandy Davis will contact them via email to let them know.

VISITORS

Chick Zoll from Don Jacobs Insurance attended the meeting to make a proposal for Commercial Insurance which is up for renewal.

Kyle Matthis sat in on the meeting for his Local Government class that he is taking.

Chief Rizzo updated on police activity in the Borough and also shared suggestions to help decrease some escalating mischief.

James Arex sat in on the meeting and also shared some concerns about the police department.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Gothie reported on the following:

Building Permit Ordinance - He will be working on the modification of the Building Permit Ordinance and will have it for Council to review at the meeting in July. Pat suggested adding to the ordinance that residents who are applying for a permit must have any outstanding balances for sewer, trash and taxes be paid before they will be issued a permit. Attorney Gothie will check into the laws in regard to withholding building permits for non-payment of certain items.

Previous New York Wire Property - The owner of the previous New York Wire asked if it would be okay to store empty roll off trailers on the property. Attorney Gothie said that this would not be a problem with this since the property is zoned for industrial use. Pat expressed her concerns on the time of day that the trailers would be dropped off and would inquire about it.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Main Street Day Care - Sande Cunningham received a letter from the owner stating that there was a Conditional Use Hearing for the daycare in 2009. The minutes from that meeting do not state the address or any information for the hearing. It will have to be looked into further.

Permit Log - A log of permits that Sande approved for the month was given to Council to be filed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Parked Trailers and Boats - Mayor Mo has concerns about trailers and boats that park on the streets for long periods of time. Attorney Gothie found in the Zoning Ordinances 143-83 that trailers and boats may be parked for no longer than five days then they will be given a notice of violation and then fined.

135 N. Main Street - A motorhome has been parked on the property of 135 N. Main Street and is being lived in permanently. Attorney Gothie found in the Zoning Ordinances 145-2, no living in vehicle including trailer and semi-trailers. This is a ticket-able offense. She will be notifying the owners.

Block Party - In lieu of the carnival, Mayor Mo would like to set aside Saturday the 15th or 22nd of August for a good old fashioned block party. She would like to invite all residents and have fun contests for the children. She would also like to ask local churches/businesses to donate food. She asked if it would be okay to use the money that is budgeted for the carnival toward the block party. She would also like a notice sent out with the taxes in July to inform the residents of the party. A Naylor/Davis motion was made to approve the notice for the block party to be sent out with the taxes. The motion was passed unanimously.

Miscellaneous - Mayor Mo handed in her log of weddings for the month. Pat and she will be attending the Borough's Association Meeting.

STREETS

Gross Alley - Dennis thought it would be a good idea to install a "Gross Alley" street sign to eliminate some traffic issues in that area. Keith Ordendorff will be contacted to order and install the sign.

Plane Street - Attorney Gothie showed a copy of Penn Dot's Map that shows Plane Street is in Manchester Borough which is why they receive the Liquid Fuel funds for that street.

INSURANCE

Bill Marquis reported the following:

Commercial Insurance – Chick Zoll from Don Jacobs Insurance presented a proposal to Council for Commercial Insurance which is up for renewal. The proposal was from Glatfelter Insurance Group, therefore Bill Marquis was required to temporarily leave the meeting because of a conflict of interest caused by his wife being employed by Glatfelter Insurance. Council will review the proposal and will need to make a decision at the July council meeting.

Vandalism - The repair cost for the damage done to the toilet at the ball field totaled \$475.00. The insurance deductible is \$500.00 so no claim could be made.

PARKS & RECREATION

Mayor Mo reported that there have been quite a few problems at the park lately. There was an assault and the child needed surgery. One of the residents who lives across from the park has had threats from the kids who are causing trouble and has had his car keyed.

Chief Rizzo would like to see the surveillance footage from the night of the assault. He also suggested that the police department could provide their logo for any additional "you are being videoed" security signs.

VFW Pavilion - The VFW Pavilion is in need of some work. Council is going to ask the VFW if they can donate some money to help with the repairs.

Trees in the Park - Bill Marquis would like Council to make a decision on contracting with someone to take care of the trees. A decision will be made at the July meeting.

BUDGET & FINANCE

Payment of Bills – A Jordan/Davis motion was made to approve the payment of bills #2728 - #2742 in the amount of \$26,972.44 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Crossing Guard Job Description/Training - Dan Davis reported that he completed the job description for Crossing Guard. He was unable to get the school's permission to use their facilities for the Crossing Guard training. His next step was to ask Chief Rizzo, who was present at the meeting, if the Police Headquarters could be used for the training. Chief Rizzo had no problem with this. The Manchester Crossing Guards will also be included.

Eagle Fire Company - Assistant Chief Mark Shroyer reported that York County changed the boxes to 89-6 which was effective on June 1st. Because of this change the fire alarm system will also need to be reprogrammed to activate the alarm at the fire house. They also have a rescue boat that is now being placed into service.

PROPERTIES AND SERVICES

There was no report.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

There was no report.

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COMMUNICATIONS

There was nothing presented at this time.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

The July meeting will be changing from the 14th to a week earlier on the 7th due to needing a quorum. Pat will advertise this change.

ADJOURN

At 9:06 PM a Davis/Marquis motion was made to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Mandy L. Davis, Recording Secretary