

MT WOLF BOROUGH MINUTES

October 13, 2015

CONVENE

The Mount Wolf Borough Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, October 13, 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 -- Mike Amsler, Dan Davis, Les Jordan, Bill Marquis, Dennis Naylor, Pat Poet, Mayor Mo Starner, Secretary Steve Kehler, Zoning Officer Sande Cunningham, Attorney Joe Gothie and Engineer Chris Owens were present. Ronald Witmer was absent.

Visitors in Attendance -- Chief Chuck Yingling from Eagle Fire Company and Andy Blessing.

AGENDA/MINUTES

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Floodplain Ordinance Update - Chris Owens reported that the Floodplain Ordinance needs updated so that in the event there was flooding in the area, those who live in a floodplain can obtain flood insurance. A Naylor/Amsler motion was made to authorize advertising for the new Floodplain Ordinance. Council also appointed Dan Davis and Dennis Naylor to consult with Chris Owens and Attorney Gothie authorizing them to make any recommended changes to the existing ordinance. The motion was passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Daycare on 4th Second Street - There was a question concerning the Zoning Hearing Board and if the Daycare on 4th Street needed a Zoning Hearing. They did not need a hearing because it was for a conditional use and they were not changing their zoning.

Zoning Hearing Board - It was discussed that Council should update the members of the Zoning Hearing Board to verify that they still want to be active and are still residents of the Borough. Donna Naylor and John Brenner are on the Board. Council will ask Bill Shue if he would like to serve on the Zoning Board.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Sande Cunningham handed in her previous month's report for permit applications.

177 North Main Street Concerns - Borough resident, Andy Blessing had concerns about the property at 177 N. Main Street. He lives next door and thinks it is dangerous. He has seen animals coming out of it and is concerned about people going in there and causing trouble. Sande will be sending the owner a letter about the dangers of the unkept property also informing him that council person's Dan Davis and Bill Marquis will be inspecting the property on the 25th with a NERP officer.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mo Starner reported that she performed one wedding last month.

Bill for Curb Repair on 201 S. 5th St. - She received the bill from Josh Bowers for the curb repair on 201 S. 5th Street and the bill was for more than the quote. Council told her to find the quote and only pay the amount stated.

STREETS

Sidewalk Snow Removal - Dennis Naylor reported that he is having a difficult time finding someone to remove snow from the sidewalks around the parks. The Borough had agreed to pay for a repair to Keith's personal snow blower since he was using that to remove snow for the Borough. If anyone knows someone who may be interested in removing snow from the sidewalks around the park, please give Denny their name.

INSURANCE

Subcontractors Proof of Insurance - Bill Marquis reported that any subcontractor doing work on Borough property needs to provide the Borough with proof that they carry liability insurance.

PARKS & RECREATION

Mike Amsler reported on the following:

VFW Pavilion - He was able to get in touch with the VFW Commander about repairing the VFW pavilion. He was informed that they will pay for it.

Inappropriate Behavior Recorded on Surveillance - There was some rough play happening in the pavilion where a young man was jumping on the picnic tables and throwing balls at young children which was recorded on the surveillance cameras. He was able to find out that the young man fooling around is Dakota Snyder of 42 S. 3rd Street. Attorney Gothie will send a letter to his parents about his behavior. Mike will also be looking into replacing the tire swings since they are pretty worn.

BUDGET & FINANCE

Payment of Bills – An Amsler/Jordan motion was made to approve the payment of bills #2835 - #2869 in the amount of \$65,812.61 as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget for 2016 - Council is waiting on some budget numbers including costs for the Police before finalizing the budget for the new year.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Animal Control Contract Renewal - Dan Davis reported that the Borough received the 2016 animal control contract from Mike Ellis which requires a signature and a payment of \$250.00 retainer fee. A Davis/Marquis motion was made to approve the renewal of the contract. The motion passed unanimously.

PROPERTIES AND SERVICES

There was no report.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Conewago Township Intergovernment Agreement -Budd Staub presented Council with the Intergovernment Cooperation Agreement which needed to be signed so that Conewago Township can join the Emergency Management Cooperative.

Three Mile Island Incident - TMI had an incident that was an electrical fire. It was contained immediately.

VISITORS

Andy Blessing shared his concerns with the property on 177 N. Main Street.

COMMUNICATIONS

Steve Kehler reported on the following:

- He paid Flo Garman's fees for her background check.
- There will be a hearing at Georgia Pacific on 25 Walnut Street to appeal their assessment.

Old/New Business

Ronald Witmer's Resignation - A Marquis/Jordan motion was made to accept Ronald Witmer's resignation effective December 31, 2015 after 54 years of service to the Borough in a number of

capacities such as: sewer clerk, refuse clerk and Borough Council Member. The motion was passed unanimously.

Meeting with Manchester Borough - Bill and Mike will be meeting with representatives from Manchester Borough to discuss the possibilities of sharing services and working together to build better relationships with the two Boroughs.

ADJOURN

At 9:13 PM an Amsler/Marquis motion was made to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Mandy L. Davis, Recording Secretary