

## MT WOLF BOROUGH MINUTES

December 8, 2015

### **CONVENE**

The Mount Wolf Borough Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, December 8, 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, Ronald Witmer, Mayor Mo Starner, Secretary Steve Kehler, Zoning Officer Sande Cunningham, Attorney Joe Gothie and Engineer Chris Owens were present.

**Visitors in Attendance** -- James Arex attended the meeting.

### **AGENDA/MINUTES**

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

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

**Flood Plain Ordinance** - A Marquis/Amsler motion was made to adopt Flood Plain Ordinance 2015-3. The motion was passed unanimously.

**New York Wire Property** - The owner of the New York Wire property will need to fix and stabilize the wall and also plant grass.

**Property Corner of North 5th and Center Street** - Barry Rudisill and Ray Creep, the owners of the property on the corner of 5th and Center Street are repairing the sidewalk that runs along Center Street. They met with Chris because to discuss if the Borough would pay for the replacement of the handicap ramp due to asphalt being laid over top of the ramp causing run off water to flow on the sidewalk. Council agreed that they are not responsible for the repair because Center Street is a state road and the paving was done by the state. The owners also want to discharge the sump pump onto 5th Street. This would violate the Water Discharge Ordinance that the Borough has in place.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

**Weed Ordinance** - A Marquis/Davis motion was made to adopt Weed Ordinance 2015-4. The motion was passed unanimously.

## **ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT**

Sande Cunningham handed in the month's report for permit applications. There is not much activity because of the winter months.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Mo Starner reported that she performed one wedding. She also met with Ron and Mary Toomey about their dog. They were very appreciative of her visit.

## **STREETS**

**Estimate to Rebuild Driveshaft-** Dan Davis had an estimate for \$225.00 from Quiqley Motor Company to rebuild the driveshaft on the Borough's Maintenance Truck. A Naylor/Jordan motion was made to approve the rebuilding of the driveshaft. The motion was passed unanimously.

## **INSURANCE**

No report.

## **PARKS & RECREATION**

**Mount Wolf Park Trees** - Bartlett Tree Service began pruning the trees on December 4th. The tree removal will happen in the spring as well as planting new trees on Arbor Day.

## **BUDGET & FINANCE**

**Payment of Bills** – A Jordan/Davis motion was made to approve the payment of bills #2906 - #2932 in the amount of \$26,145.36 with the addition of the bill to advertise the ordinances for \$377.80. The motion passed unanimously.

**2016 Budget** - A Davis/Jordan motion was made to increase the taxes .3 mil due to NERPD's budget increase. The motion was passed unanimously.

An Amsler/Marquis motion was made to set the tax rate for 2016 at 4.2 mils raising it from 3.9 mils. The motion was passed unanimously.

## **HEALTH & SAFETY**

Dan Davis reported on the following:

**Changing Locks on Borough Buildings** - Dan met with Kleppers about changing the locks on the borough buildings. A Marquis/Jordan motion was made to authorize the installation of a master key system for \$815.00 which will include five separate zones with one key for each zone and four master keys. The motion was passed unanimously.

**NEYSA Freezer** - Dan contacted NEYSA about unplugging and thawing their freezer since there is nothing in it and it is using a lot of energy.

## **PROPERTIES AND SERVICES**

No report.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

There was no report this month.

## **VISITORS**

- James Arex was present to sit in on the meeting.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Various Christmas card were shared that local businesses sent the Borough.

## **Miscellaneous**

**Bi-municipal Committee** - Bill and Mike have started meeting with Manchester Borough to share ideas to make the community better. Those on the committee include Julie Hilliard, Tom Brenner, and Adam Bowman. They will be meeting again on January 25, 2016.

## **Old/New Business**

**Council Positions** - Mayor Mo will swear in the council members since the District Judge cannot be at the meeting on January 4, 2016. Mike, Bill and Dennis will be sworn in. Les will be re-appointed. Someone will need to be appointed to fulfill the last 2 years of Ronnie's term.

**Solicitor Search** - The Borough has received proposals from CGA Lawfirm and Blake E. Yost for the position of Borough Solicitor. Dan, Les, and Pat will set up a time to interview them within the next month.

## **ADJOURN**

At 8:48 PM a Witmer/Amsler motion was made to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Mandy L. Davis, Recording Secretary