

## MT WOLF BOROUGH MINUTES

February 9, 2016

### **CONVENE**

The Mount Wolf Borough Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, February 9, 2016, beginning at 7:01 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, Bill Marquis, Dave Mickley, Dennis Naylor, Pat Poet, Mayor Mo Starner, Secretary Steve Kehler, Engineer Chris Owens, and Zoning Officer Sande Cunningham. Dan Davis was unable to attend meeting and Attorney Joe Gothie arrived at 7:10 P.M.

**Visitors in Attendance** -- Borough residents Chris Hess and Tom Crerand and Shane Digiovanni representing Eagle Fire Company.

### **AGENDA/MINUTES**

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

### **ENGINEER'S REPORT**

**Property Corner of North 5th and Center Street** - Barry Rudisill contacted Engineer Owens to ask if Mt. Wolf Borough Council would reconsider paying for the repair of the handicap ramp on the sidewalk. He had a quote from Noss for \$1,100.00 to replace the existing ramp. Borough 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.

**Maps of Storm Drains and Fire Hydrants** - Bill requested from Chris maps of the borough indicating where storm drains and fire hydrants are located.

### **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

**Prospective Solicitor** - Pat, Dan, Lester, and Mayor Mo met with four prospective solicitors for the borough. Of the four, they agreed that Margaret "Mieke" Driscoll from CGA Law Firm was the best choice. A Naylor/Amsler motion was made to hire CGA Law Firm as Mount Wolf Borough's new solicitor. The motion was passed unanimously. Mount Wolf Borough Council would like to thank Attorney Joseph Gothie for his ten years of service to the borough.

### **ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT**

**Chickens at 20 N. 2nd Street** - According to the Farm Animal Ordinance, the residents may keep the chickens. They no longer have the rooster.

**143 S. 2nd Street** - Timothy Dierdorff of 143 S. 2nd Street is adding a parking area to his property and has asked to remove the NO PARKING sign. Council would like to take a look at the sign and where it is placed before making a decision.

## **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Mo Starner reported that she will be sending letters to residents who have not cleared the snow off of their sidewalks.

## **STREETS**

Dennis reported on the following:

**Mower Repairs** - The mower will be sent to the shop to get an estimate on what it will cost to repair the machine. He will make a decision on whether to repair it or purchase a new mower based on the amount of the repair.

**Snow Removal** - The Borough needed help with removing all the snow from the storm. Colonial Lawns and Neil Gingerich were available to help. Colonial Lawns bill was for \$400.00. Neil Gingerich's bill was for \$8,000.00 which was combined with work that was also done for Georgia Pacific. A Naylor/Marquis motion was made to pay the bill in full. The motion was passed unanimously. Mayor Mo will contact Georgia Pacific about paying the other half of the bill.

## **INSURANCE**

No report.

## **PARKS & RECREATION**

No report.

## **BUDGET & FINANCE**

**Payment of Bills** - A Jordan/Marquis motion was made to approve the December 31, 2015 balance sheet and payment of bills #2965-#3003 in the amount of \$39,657.68. The motion was passed unanimously.

## **PROPERTIES AND SERVICES**

No report.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Budd Staub was present to give Mayor Mo paperwork to fill out from any damage that was a result of the storm.

## **HEALTH & SAFETY**

**Eagle Fire Department** - Shane Digiovanni represented the Mount Wolf Fire Department. He shared with Council the Fire Company's plans to sell their 2001 Attack Fire Engine. YAUFER will be giving them a reserve engine until they find a new taker.

## **VISITORS**

**Parking Spaces at Elementary School** - Christine Hess attended the Borough Council meeting to discuss the twenty parking spaces at the elementary school that are owned by the borough. During the snow storm, the plow driver piled all the snow in those parking spaces. She did bring it to the attention of the School Board that those parking spaces along the Mt. Wolf Park are for the borough residents to park in the event of a snow emergency. Mayor Mo will send the school board a letter stating what was discussed at the Council meeting. Dennis and Mike will look into purchasing signs that will specify the ownership of those spaces to be Mt. Wolf Borough, which should eliminate any confusion to the School District.

**Alley Behind Dewey Street** - Tom Crerand of Dewey Street had some concerns with the use of the alley behind his house. With all the snow and rain cars have made big ruts in the ground. He wanted to know if the Borough could put cones there to keep people from driving back there. The Borough cannot do anything because the alley is not an adopted alley.

Mr. Crerand has also had a problem with a back neighbor whose pool burst and flooded his back yard, which caused damage to his property. Attorney Gothie told him that the Borough cannot get involved in this Civil Suit but did encourage him to do accordingly to what he thinks he needs to do to get easement from the damage caused by the pool bursting.

Mr. Crerand asked if the owner of the pool obtained a permit to install the pool, and then a deck at a later date. The permit was located for the pool, but not for the deck. Council asked Zoning Officer Sande Cunningham to write a letter to the property owner asking him to obtain a permit if the pool will be reinstalled as well as any other work he may do that is above \$400.00.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

There were no communications.

## **Miscellaneous**

**Key Request Form** - A Marquis/Jordan motion was made to approve the key request form. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Moving Thermostat into Meeting Room** - The Northeastern Women of Today will be holding their meeting in the borough meeting room where there is no thermostat. It was suggested that the thermostat be moved to the meeting room so that non borough officials who use that room can have access to the heat control.

## **Old/New Business**

**Annual Meeting** - A tentative date has been set for the annual planning meeting on April 19, 2016 at 6:30 PM.

**Handicap Space Ordinance** - Council would like to consider adopting an Ordinance or a policy regarding requests for handicapped spaces. All costs involved, including purchase of the sign, pole, paint, and employee's time to install the sign and paint the space could be paid by the resident requesting the handicapped parking space after it is approved by Borough Council. This subject will be discussed at a later date.

**ADJOURN**

At 9:22 PM an Marquis/Amsler motion was made to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Mandy L. Davis, Recording Secretary