

MT WOLF BOROUGH MINUTES
July 11, 2017

CONVENE

The Mount Wolf Borough Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, July 11, 2017, beginning at 7:00 P.M. The meeting was called to order by Council President, Bill Marquis.

ATTENDANCE

The following council members and other officials were present:

Council -- Bill Marquis, Dave Mickley, Dennis Naylor, Mayor Mo Starner, Engineer Chris Owens, Zoning Officer Sande Cunningham, and Attorney Devon Myers. Absent were; Secretary Steven Kehler, and Pat Poet. Mike Amsler arrived at 7:40.

VISITORS IN ATTENDANCE

The following visitors were present:

Todd Hess, James Arex, and Shane Degiovanni with Eagle Fire Company

AGENDA/MINUTES

A Davis/Jordan motion was made to approve the minutes as corrected. The motion was passed unanimously.

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

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Chris Owens reported on the following:

MS4 - Chris presented a handout with information from the June 29th Steering Committee meeting of the YCPC dealing with the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement. The committee decided on the 4B cost share scenario which has Mt. Wolf Borough contributing \$7,162.00 a year over the next five years for a total of \$35,808.00. The next Steering Committee meeting is August 9th.

There was discussion about how cost calculations were reached, what would happen if we did not join, and what other municipalities were doing.

Chris explained some of the factors that effect cost, such as impervious ground and population load. If a municipality doesn't join they would have to come up with their own pollutant reduction plan or be fined by the DEP.

Attorney Myers reported that some municipalities were applying for waivers, but most would still have to join the Agreement. She also reported that CGA Law Firm, along with other municipal solicitors were working to get language in the agreement that would provide for refund of unused contributions back to the municipalities.

A Naylor/Mickley motion was made to advertise the Agreement for approval at the August meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Bids - Chris reported on the bids for the street projects. Fitz&Smith, Inc. came in with the lowest bid for the amount of \$11,776.00. A Naylor/Jordan motion was made to accept the Fitz&Smith, Inc. bid. The motion passed unanimously.

The bids came back for the repair to the concrete channel on Walnut St. but all the bids were over the \$19,700.00 cut off. A Naylor/Mickley motion was made to reject the bids and advertise for additional bids. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Mo asked about damage to the sidewalks around the street polls. She wondered if the damage is the homeowners responsibility or the company that put the poll in. After some discussion it was the opinion of the Engineer that it would be impossible to show that damage was caused by the poll so it would be the homeowners responsibility.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Devon Myers reported on the following:

The Handicap Parking Ordinance has been updated by taking out the fee for installing the Handicap Parking signs and updating the fine. It will be approved as part of the codification process.

The conditional use permit for 88 Maple St. was ready and presented to be signed.

Attorney Myers asked about the Claybaugh property because time was running out for him to get it cleaned up. Bill and Denny had met with Mr. Claybaugh at the property to view the progress and what still needed to be done. Mr. Claybaugh asked for more time due to his age and he was having trouble finding anyone to help him. Council agreed to give him another 30 days. Denny will follow up with Mr. Claybaugh.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT

Sande provided Council with the permit log for the month along with a list of violation letters mailed out.

Someone had asked to open a restaurant at 541 Maple Street. Sande wanted to verify that a Conditional Use Permit would be required as the property had not been a restaurant in over a year. Attorney Myers confirmed that a Conditional Use Permit would be needed. Sande will pass the information along.

Bill expressed concern about Borough residents not know what products require a permit and asked for suggestions on how to correct that. Mike thought door hangers would be a good idea and will bring more information to next month's meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The check register through July 10th was presented showing checks #3465 to #3491 totaling \$31301.32. A Amsler/Jordan motion was made to approve checks #3465 to #3491 and pay all bills. The motion passed unanimously.

CITIZENS COMMENTS

James Arex had some comments on respect and common courtesy in the public sector. He also recommended that we have more copies of the Agenda available for citizens attending the meeting.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mo Starner shared that she had preformed a few weddings in June and that she was looking for help for the upcoming Block Party. Mike and Dave said they would be willing to help.

There has been some questions about putting a stop sign at Maple and S. 2nd St. Bill contacted the Police and LTAP about the intersection. There has only been one accident reported and no traffic study at that intersection. LTAP said stop signs are not effective for controlling speed but the state is going to do a speed study for the Borough at no charge. The Police do write tickets for stop sign violations although not a lot of them.

STREETS

Denny reported on the following:

The banners that the Senior Citizen Center members were making are ready and will be dropped off at the borough building.

Les commented that Georgia Pacific was blocking Maple Street with trucks at different times of day and had two large containers sitting on Main Street taking up parking for the residents.

INSURANCE

No report.

PARKS & RECREATION

Mike Amsler reported on the following:

The field drag has been moved away from the A/C unit behind the Borough building as it was blocking access to service the unit.

Mike is still trying to get a new tube to replace the one that was burned in the Community Park.

The Wolves ball team offered to pay to have another camera installed. Mike is getting estimates. The ball teams Certificate of Insurance should be in by the end of the week.

BUDGET & FINANCE

Les Jordan reported on the second quarter balances highlighting areas where we are over or need to monitor.

PROPERTIES & SERVICES/INSURANCE

Dave Mickley reported on the following:

The A/C unit at Borough building is leaking and has not been serviced due to the cage that is around it preventing access. Haller looked at it and recommended replacement over repair due to the age of the

unit. Bill received quotes from Haller and Kling's. Both were around the \$6000.00 - \$6500.00 mark for a new A/C unit and furnace. Dave is going to call around to see about putting a fence around the outside A/C unit instead of the cage so it could be accessed for service.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Police Department - The binding arbitration hearing took place with both sides presenting and now the arbitrators will meet to decide. The Borough should have an answer within a few months.

Andy Fry has resigned, the department will be covering his shifts with overtime until the arbitration decision comes back.

Bill asked for the speed trailer to be placed on Center Street. Mo will speak to the Chief.

PERSONNEL

Keith is having surgery on his knee on the 17th of July. Dave Heckert will be replacing Keith's position while he recovers.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Bill presented information on webinars from PSAB. They can be done online either live or by simply watching later by a link available upon request.

Bill thought we should have a person to evaluate the Boroughs buildings and equipment and lay out a plan for maintenance and replacement over the long term. The council will consider this and discuss it again in August.

ADJOURN

At 9:05 P.M. an Amsler/Mickley motion was made to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously.

Dan Davis, Stand in Recording Secretary