

MEETING OF THE MOUNT PENN BOROUGH COUNCIL
February 13, 2018

The Mount Penn Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at the Borough Hall. President Staron brought the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Responding to roll call were Mayor Nowotarski and Council Members: Tom Staron, Roger Reto, Claudia Hurwitz, Troy Goodman, and Jim Cocuzza. Also in attendance were Police Chief Ray Serafin, Engineering Representative Jim Mohn, Property Maintenance Inspector Adam Bender, and Secretary Christeena Hauck. Rick Lombardo and Mark Dudash did not attend.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

- Ms. Rosie Skomitz addressed Council regarding the resolution to ban Fracking and Hydrolic Fracturing within the Delaware River Basin. Mr. Reto questioned the natural gas development language in the resolution. Ms. Karen Feridun, founder of Berks Gas Truth, was called for clarification. She explained natural gas development would be drilling and maybe harmful to the water table and other natural resources. After discussion, Mr. Cocuzza made the motion to approve the Ban on Fracking/Fracturing Resolution # 23-18, seconded by Mr. Reto. The motion carried. Mr. Goodman voted no.

Mr. Staron called for an Executive Session at 7:37 P.M. to discuss litigation and personnel issues. Regular Session resumed at 8:45 P.M.

Ms. Hurwitz made the motion for the street supervisor to complete and submit a weekly plan of action to the streets committee, and for both road crew members to complete and submit daily activity reports, effective Tuesday, February 20, 2018.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None.

II. FINANCE REPORT: No Report.

III. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. STREETS:

- Ms. Hurwitz reported tires were purchased for truck 60; the old tires were sold to St. Lawrence Borough.
- Ms. Hurwitz made the motion to purchase a time clock at a cost not to exceed \$300.00, seconded by Mr. Reto. The motion carried unanimously.

B. PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTY: No Report.

C. SOLID WASTE & PUBLIC UTILITIES: No Report.

D. PERSONNEL: No Report.

E. INSURANCE/PENSION: No Report.

F. CODES: Mr. Bender reported the letters for business owners to participate in the Knox program are ready to be distributed. They will be hand delivered.

IV. LIASION REPORTS:

- A. Fire Company:** Mr. Staron reported the 50th annual fastnacht sale was successful.
- B. MPBMA: No Report.**
- C. AVMA:** Mr. Goodman reported the board is in the process of hiring a new maintenance person.
- D. Planning Commission: No Report.**
- E. Police Commission: No Report.**
- F. MPP: No Report.**
- G. RCAV:**
 - After discussion, Mr. Reto made the motion to contribute an additional \$1,200.00 above the 2018 budgeted amount of \$5,300.00 to fund the 2018 playground program, seconded by Mr. Goodman. The motion carried unanimously.
 - A discussion was held regarding the request of RCAV for the 2017 budgeted grant match of \$16,400.00 for improvements to the tot lot. The grant was not awarded to RCAV in 2017. The 2018 budget line item for the tot lot improvements is \$8,200.00.

V. OTHER REPORTS:

- A. Mayor: No Report.**
- B. Motley Associates:**
 - Mr. Mohn explained the MS4 Steering Committee. After discussion, Mr. Reto made the motion to advertise for the adoption of this ordinance at the next Council meeting, seconded by Ms. Hurwitz. The motion carried unanimously.
 - Mr. Mohn reported an email was received from the PennDot Engineer working on the Perkiomen Ave project asking if work can be performed in the evening hours. After discussion it was decided work can be done in the evening from 7:00-10:00 P.M. Only paving and milling would be allowed after 10:00 P.M.
 - Mr. Mohn will contact the property owner of Mount Penn Plaza to discuss the possibility of installing a “No Left Turn” sign at the exit onto Perkiomen Avenue. This would require the vehicles intending to make a left turn to exit at the traffic light on 26th St.
 - Ms. Hurwitz made the motion to submit a letter of support for Mount Penn Borough Municipal Authority’s PA Small Water and Sewer grant application, seconded by Mr. Cocuzza. The motion carried unanimously.
- C. Solicitor: No Report.**
- D. Secretary: No Report.**

VI. ORDINANCES: None.

- VII. RESOLUTIONS: 23-18-**Motioned by Ms. Hurwitz, seconded by Mr. Reto to appoint Jim Cocuzza Chief Administrative Officer of the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: A discussion was held regarding the Carsonia Park maintenance list submitted by Mr. Worrall. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

IX. CORRESPONDENCE: No Report.

X. NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Hurwitz thanked Mr. Bender for a great job with the shoveling violations. Sixty tickets were issued to properties that did not clear from their sidewalks after the twenty-four hour grace period following the storm. The intent of the program is to have no tickets issued and all properties shoveled or cleared of ice and snow without warnings or violations.

XI. ADJOURNMENT: Ms. Hurwitz made a motion for adjournment at 9:19 P.M., seconded by Mr. Reto. The motion carried unanimously. The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held Tuesday, February 28th at 7:30 P.M. at Borough Hall.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christeena Hauck