

## **BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES**

**MARCH 9, 2015**

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Council President James Collins II called the March 9, 2015 Borough Council meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Council stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

James Collins II, Matt Hockley, Lois Stoner, Pam Still, Leroy "Cork" Shildt, Ed Kendall, Borough Secretary/Treasurer Cheryl D. Smith, Solicitor Mike Scherer and Mayor P. Scott Boise

**MEMBERS ABSENT** Deborah Halpin-Brophy

### **PROCLAMATION-ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORDER OF DEMOLAY**

Dylan Coyle, DeMolay member, presented Council with a description of the duties and functions of the DeMolay. Mr. Coyle thanked the Mayor and Council for the proclamation. The Mayor then read the Proclamation. Council and the Mayor thanked the members present for the work they have done and gave them a round of applause.

### **APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF BILLS**

Matt Hockley made a motion to approve payment of the bills. The motion was seconded by Ed Kendall. Motion passed unanimously.

### **APPROVAL OF COUNCIL MINUTES-FEBRUARY 9, 2015**

Matt Hockley made a motion to approve the Borough Council meeting minutes of February 9, 2015. The motion was seconded by Ed Kendall. Motion passed unanimously.

### **PUBLIC OPINION SESSION**

Vince DiFilippo, 91 Margaret Drive, Mechanicsburg, PA addressed Council on his run for County Commissioner. Mr. DiFilippo presented a handout to Council on his list of some things he would do if elected. Council and the Mayor thanked Mr. DiFilippo and wished him luck.

Linda Glenn stated she was a stand in for Jodi Fritz addressed Council on the cat situation. Ms. Glenn stated they are doing very well on catching the cats and have caught 10 cats for spay and neutering and also gotten the cats their shots. Mrs. Glenn indicated the help with information they received from the last meeting.

Mrs. Glenn stated they have another situation with raccoons that is underneath her camper and is deceased. Mrs. Glenn thought it might have had rabies. She also indicated there was a

skunk in the area that has rabies and was coming toward her husband. Cork Shildt asked if she called the Game Commission. Mrs. Glenn stated she did not. Council told her to call the Game Commission. Mrs. Glenn thanked Council for their time.

Lenny Guise, 207 Chestnut Street, addressed Council concerning a citation he received on a landlord tenant form. Mr. Guise stated the house has not been rented for over 2 years but is for sale. Mr. Guise wanted to know why he got the citation. Joe Andreatti stated there is a rental registry form for that property filed with the Borough Secretary. Jim Collins stated to Mr. Guise he should have come in and removed it as a rental property. Mr. Guise is living in the property and cleaning it out. Mr. Guise's mother now lives in Lancaster.

Mayor Boise stated they are going through the landlord/tenant book and there are people who do have properties that are not registered. Council instructed Mr. Guise to see Joe.

Benjamin Kirk, 1797 N.B. Road, New Bloomfield addressed Council concerning the Heckert Subdivision. Mr. Kirk stated they added some notes to the plan, note 17, 18 and 19. There might be a correction on note 18. Sheet 2 has added where the sidewalk would be placed. Council reviewed the plans. Mr. Collins asked if he has been to the Authority for approval for capacity. The Authority needs to review where the hook up and laterals. Jim Collins indicated Mr. Kirk would need to fill out forms for the water and sewer hook-up and would be available through the billing clerk. Mr. Kirk asked it was needed just for the proposed plans now or for all lots. Jim Collins stated for all lots. The Authority would have to ok the sewer capacity available for lots. Mr. Kendall stated if there is any intention of building it would be wise to do it now.

Matt Hockley made a motion to approve the Heckert plans as submitted. The motion was seconded by Ed Kendall. Mr. Hockley asked if the plans would be finalized before they go to the water authority. Mr. Collins stated yes. Mike Scherer stated if there is not capacity when they want to build then they could not build. Motion passed unanimously.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Mike Scherer reported he was sent a letter by Cheryl asking for a comment to the auditors as to whether or not he was aware of any threatening or pending litigation. Mr. Scherer replied he replied he was not aware of any and if that was consistent with everyone knowledge. Mr. Collins replied yes, that was correct.

## **\*\*\*\*\*COMMITTEE REPORTS\*\*\*\*\***

### **HEALTH, SAFETY & WELFARE** No report

**Mayor's Report**-Mayor Boise presented a copy of the monthly statistics from the police department to Council.

Joe Andreatti who is under the Police Department has been putting in a lot of hard hours and added he was doing a great job. Cork Shildt stated some people should be warned if there in violation and give them a chance to straightened the issue out. Mayor Boise stated it is very hard to get landlords to come in and this was a warning situation and this is an awareness

campaign. Mr. Andreatti stated a lot of the tickets were voided when the landlords filled out the paperwork. Mr. Andreatti indicated he was not trying to be punitive and all he is trying to do is get the residents to comply.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE, FINANCE & BUDGET**

Pam Still made a motion to adopt Resolution 205-01, amending Resolution 2006-03 fees for permits with an effective date of March 9, 2015. The motion was seconded by Matt Hockley. Ed Kendall stated the building permit schedule did not make sense to him and needs to be more consistent. Mr. Kendall asked if the rates were justified to cover the cost for the processing the paperwork. Matt Hockley asked Mr. Kendall if was at the Committee Meetings and this was brought up then and it is not like it was a surprise. Pam Still stated in Carlisle the first \$1000 is \$80.00. Jim Collins stated the proposed prices are considerably lower than another one around the Borough. Mike Scherer stated if the Borough is cheaper than their neighbors then they passed the test. Pam Still stated a demolition fees was discussed and at the time she did not have the papers back from Denny. Ms. Still stated since the demolition fee could be for a shed being torn down to a house, the gentlemen at the COG meeting thought anywhere from \$50-\$100 was reasonable and Ms. Still took the cost down to \$50. Cork Shildt asked why a permit would be needed to tear a shed down. Mr. Hockley stated to verify the power is off or anything else. Mr. Shildt asked what if there is no power to the shed. Pam Still stated the disposal and material is also looked at. Mayor Boise indicated he tends to agree with Cork because he thought \$50 was a little high. Pam Still suggested doing a fee for a shed and one for a house. Joe Andreatti added they would want to see a burn permit or the receipt from the landfill as a follow up to insure it was disposed of properly. Cork Shildt stated that was too much money to tear down a shed. Mayor Boise stated there should be some kind of verbiage to say "movable or not movable". Mr. Scherer indicated you could exempt a structure by size or a structure that has no utilities. Motion failed by majority vote. Mr. Collins stated this would go back to committee for re-work for next Council meeting.

Cork Shildt made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-02 regarding charges for services and records provided by the Tax Collector. The motion was seconded by Ed Kendall. Motion passed unanimously.

**WCOG Report-**Pam Still reported Joe attended the COG meeting and he was able to meet Pete from MDIA.

Pam Still reported on May 11, 2015 seven running Commissioners would be present at the COG meeting.

Pam Still reported the COG has been working on their website and encourage everyone to check it out.

Pam Still reported Upper Mifflin Township is withdrawing from the COG.

Pam Still reported the salt issue was brought up and Mr. McKinght would be sending a letter to Morton salt.

Pam Still reported Cumberland County has completed an update to its hazard mitigation plan. The County Planning Office would be contacting each municipality by phone and sending

a sample resolution for adoption of the plan. Municipalities must adopt the resolution to eligible for pre and post disaster mitigation funding from FEMA and PEMA.

## **PUBLIC WORKS**

Cork Shildt reported he received a letter back from the State on the liquid fuels money and would be arriving on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of March in the amount of \$50,000.

Mayor Boise asked Mr. Shildt if he heard Sheetz's upgrade would be postponed maybe for one year. Mayor Boise spoke with the manager and there was a problem with the gas lines installation.

Ed Kendall reported almost \$11,000 has been spent for salt and anti-skid. The Borough has received 6 loads and is waiting on another load. Mr. Kendall called Dickinson Township and they provided a load of mix to help get through the last storm. They went through the State on Thursday and received salt from the State and got 16 tons salt. The Borough would have to replenish that amount back to the State.

Matt Hockley asked if anything needed done with Joe to enforce the PA Codes. Joe stated he has no enforcement framework and he has no way to enforce the codes. Jim Collins suggested contacting the fire marshal. The codes officer in Carlisle stated the code only lays out the framework but the Borough would have to have an ordinance. Mr. Andreatti stated as it stands right now he has no way to correct issues. Mike Scherer indicated he did not feel the property maintenance code is anywhere close to happening in Mt. Holly. The zoning ordinances would probably take most of the summer and the maintenance code would be at least as involved. Mr. Scherer stated if there is a crisis it can be addressed in stand-alone ordinances. Mike Scherer indicated he PA Code is a publication of the Commonwealth of PA listing all rules, regulations and other administrative documents from the government of Pennsylvania and is not the same as a Pennsylvania statute or a local ordinance. Mike Scherer stated he would like to look further into the matter for next meeting.

## **PLANNING & ZONING**

Pam Still reported Article 13, signs and Article 14, off street parking and loading has begun. Remaining is non-conforming lots uses and buildings and Article 16, administrative and enforcement and that should conclude the draft copy of the Zoning.

### **Revitalization**

Pam Still reported Kairos Design Group has merged with and will be now referred to Navarro and Wright.

Pam Still reported the next meeting is March 23, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. and they would be putting plans together for the first community event, tentatively scheduled for April 19, 2015 and would be a history walk ending at the fire hall with a pot luck event and a silent auction. Craig would be presenting some ideas to the community. There would be two more events after that.

Pam Still reported Mary Kuna from CEDC would be spending time this week talking to businesses in Mt. Holly.

Pam Still reported the Marsh Clean-Up would be held on April 2, 2015.

## **PARK & RECREATION**

Lois Stoner reported Stephanie Williams was contacted about grants available for the parking lot. There would be a County Van Partnership coming up in the spring and a mini grant from South Mountain Partnership they are looking into.

Lois Stoner reported Jim ordered some trees for Trine Park to replace the ones that came down. The cost would be \$172.

## **SHADE TREE COMMISSION** No report

Jim Collins stated he would like a short executive session after the meeting adjourns with no action to be taken and is concerning personnel.

Pam Still thanked Jim for a good job on the roads.

Pam Still stated there would be an open house for the CAEDC on December 9, 2015.

## **ADJOURN**

Cork Shildt made a motion to adjourn the March 9, 2015 Borough Council meeting. The motion was seconded by Matt Hockley. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl D. Smith  
Borough Secretary/Treasurer

Transcribed by:

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