

Minutes – October 11, 2017
McSherrystown, Pennsylvania

Council of the Borough of McSherrystown met at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11, 2017 in the Municipal Building, 338 Main Street, McSherrystown, Pennsylvania with Patricia McKim-Bortner presiding.

President McKim-Bortner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Invocation for Divine Guidance.

Present on roll call were the following members of council constituting a quorum: Patricia D. McKim-Bortner, Joseph E. VonSas, David W. Bolton, Michael J. Calderone, James A. Forbes, Stephen J. Pascoe and Robert D. Niedererr. Other Borough Officials in attendance included Mayor Anthony J. Weaver, Robert E. Campbell, Esq., Solicitor; Michael F. Woods, Chief of Police; Scott J. Cook, Manager/Zoning Officer and Luanne M. Boring, Secretary/Treasurer.

The Zoning Hearing for Conditional Use was advertised for 7 p.m. followed by the regular meeting. Since the stenographer will arrive late the regular meeting will begin at this time.

Minutes of the regular meetings of council held September 13, 2017 were approved on a motion moved by Councilmember Calderone, seconded by Councilmember Bolton. Motion carries.

The Financial Review and Budget Analysis monthly reports were presented by the treasurer. There were no questions on the reports.

Communications noted included the following:

9/18/17 AC Conservation District re: Heartland Investment Properties (former Sheaffer Development). Manager Cook explained that an inspection of earthmoving activities at the site brought noted violations and corrections to be made or they would be fined.

9/25/17 AC Economic Development Corp. appreciates support for commitment to local economic prosperity. Rebranding and moving forward will be known as Adams Economic Alliance.

9/25/17 AC Office for Aging Inc. writes with report that during FY 2016-2017 they provided \$60,993.13 worth of services to 77 McSherrystown Borough residents for various services. The Borough has not provided any financial support in the recent past, but allowing to use the senior center building at no charge has been a tremendous help. They thanked us for our support and would appreciate support as we develop the 2018 budget.

10/4/17 VNA of Hanover and Spring Grove appreciates the recent gift of \$150 and interest in their organization.

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10/11/17 Wellspan Health and the AC Library thanks the borough for our participation in Get Outdoors (GO) Adams program, an initiative designed to promote local parks, trails and other public areas as places for children and families to be physically active. Statistics for the landmark located at South Street Recreation Park listed 123 participants which was 66.5% of the total of 185 that participated in the program.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Jad Sneeringer, representing his daughter Rebecca Smith, was here concerning the final subdivision plan.

Zoning Officer Cook related that 415-417 North Street is a newly built duplex. ACOPD provided a letter that they reviewed the plan and that they are in compliance. Our engineer comments have been received and distributed this date. Cook noted the developer must complete a PA DEP sewer module planning document prior to approval of the final plan.

Councilmember Bolton moved a motion for conditional approval of the Final Subdivision Plan of Rebecca Smith pending receipt of the completed PA DEP sewer module. Councilmember Niedererr seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Richard Groft, 212 Center Street, was here to bring to attention statistics that should be considered when negotiating with the police department. He spoke of the 2017 budget and noted that McSherrystown Borough is already the third highest taxing district in the county out of 42. He asked council to keep this in mind if considering a tax increase.

REPORTS

Mayor Weaver reminded that Trick-or-Treat festivities will be held October 24th from 6 to 8 p.m. same as Penn Township and Hanover Borough. SAVES will be here to light up the intersections and assist with participants crossing streets.

Police Chief Woods submitted his report for the month of September which included 172 calls for police services. There were 3 criminal arrests, 49 summary arrests and 13 parking tickets issued. Patrols traveled 3,435 miles, using 403.9 gallons of fuel and averaging 8.5 mpg.

Chief Woods acknowledged that the department will be out for Trick-or-Treat and that SAVES does a good job to assist with safety during the event.

Chief reported that the K of C does have room for the baseball equipment so arrangements will be made to have it moved from the garage.

Manager Cook's monthly report for September included painting yellow curbs at Delone Ave. and Center Street intersection and cleaned miscellaneous storm sewer boxes with the street sweeper. Senior Center project work was continued installing footers, foundation piers, columns, roof trusses and a concrete walkway. A three foot wide

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section of blacktop in front of the senior center roof extension was removed and replaced with new base and top overlay. Swept miscellaneous streets during the month. Trash was emptied at all parks and borough offices on a weekly basis. Daily maintenance was performed on police vehicles and borough vehicles and equipment. Mowed and maintained all recreation areas as needed. Dragged and lined ball diamonds as needed. Gasoline usage was 156.8 gallons and diesel fuel usage was 31.6 gallons. SAVES used 372.5 gallons of diesel and 34.3 gallons of gasoline during the month.

According to Manager Cook, the senior center project had its rough in inspection and roof is on and trim work. We received payment for half of the costs from Adams Office for Aging and have invoiced for the final payment from the grant they obtained on our behalf.

The MS4 application was submitted by September 16th by our engineer and waiver application still in as well. We will wait until after the first of the year to move forward with the required planning and public meetings to see if a fee needs to be charged. He then explained MS4 to those members of council who were not here when previously discussed.

Manager Cook will have a rough draft of the budget for review at the next meeting. He will hand it out in the next few weeks.

Solid Waste Committee Chairman Calderone reported that there was a successful electronics recycling held and that resident's participation does a lot for the environment.

Highway Committee Chairman Bolton has discussed a few spots with Manager Cook for improvement next year. According to Cook the alleys are done but needs to do one block of S. Fifth St. and is trying to build up the account. He did learn that we cannot purchase a lift with liquid fuels fund.

Sewer Committee Chairman Pascoe had discussed continued maintenance pricing with Manager Cook. Cook explained that it is COSTARS pricing but with daily charges and shifted costs categories did not think it could be cost effective. The public works will be doing repairs in house over the winter and next year which instead of spending \$25,000 will be \$10,000.

At this time 7:25 p.m., the stenographer arrived and the zoning hearing on the application of Buck M. Stuckey began. Mr. Stuckey is requesting approval for a conditional use of the McSherrystown Zoning Chapter 215-16 – Permitted conditional uses (e) for the existing building to be used as a sixteen unit rooming, boarding house. The property is located at 510 North Street in an R-2 Residential District.

See attached stenographer transcription of the hearing which began with Solicitor Campbell explaining the proceedings. The hearing ended at 9 p.m.

The regular meeting was called back in order at 9:05 p.m. by President McKim-Bortner.

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Solicitor Campbell asks for an executive session so he can point out how the hearing will proceed with giving notice of the decision.

OLD BUSINESS

President McKim-Bortner announced that she is making a change in the Civil Service Committee Chairman, as she is removing Councilmember Bolton due to his constable appointment here. She appointed Councilmember Forbes as temporary Civil Service Committee Chairman, noting that she intends to name Councilmember Niedererr once negotiations are settled. She appointed Councilmember Bolton as Recreation Committee Chairman at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval to pay expenditures as listed was given on a motion moved by Councilmember VonSas, seconded by Councilmember Pascoe. Motion carries.

The secretary asks for a personnel session.

A recess was declared at 9:10 p.m. on a motion moved by Councilmember Bolton, seconded by Councilmember Calderone. Motion carries.

The meeting was called back to order at 9:10 p.m. in an executive/personnel session by President McKim-Bortner.

The regular meeting was called back to order at 9:30 p.m. by President McKim-Bortner.

Adjournment was declared at 9:30 p.m. on a motion moved by Councilmember Calderone, seconded by Councilmember VonSas. Motion carries.

Luanne M. Boring
Borough Secretary