

Minutes – August 9, 2017

McSherrystown, Pennsylvania

Council of the Borough of McSherrystown met at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 9, 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, David W. Bolton, Michael J. Calderone, James A. Forbes and Stephen J. Pascoe. Councilmember Robert D. Niedererr was absent. Councilmember Joseph E. VonSas arrives late. Other Borough Officials in attendance included Mayor Anthony J. Weaver, Robert Campbell, Esq. Solicitor; Scott J. Cook, Manager and Luanne M. Boring, Secretary/Treasurer. Michael F. Woods, Chief of Police was absent.

Minutes of the conditional use hearing and regular meeting held July 12, 2017 were approved on a motion moved by Councilmember Bolton. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Calderone. Motion carries.

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

Communications noted included the following:

7/20/17 PA DEP – Act 101 Recycling Program Performance Grant for the year 2015. The grant reflects the 254.6 tons of residential and commercial materials recycled by the citizens and businesses. The check has been received August 7th in the amount of \$2,364.

Councilmember Joseph VonSas arrives at 7:02 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A Certificate of Special Recognition was presented by Mayor Weaver to Nita J. Lawrence. A copy of the recognition will be part of the minutes of this meeting as Mrs. Lawrence was thanked for her years of service as Crossing Guard. Nita was joined by members of her family and she was congratulated by the board.

Dillon Reck of New Oxford, a member of Scout Troop 120 was here to attend a public meeting as part of project he is working on. He was thanked by the board members for his interest.

REPORTS

Mayor Weaver reported that he swore in Officer Lehman last Wednesday, August 2nd. The officer will start here next Monday and will be with another officer for two weeks, then on his own.

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The mayor also noted that school is starting the week of August 21st.

In Police Chief Woods absence his monthly reports were had been submitted for the months of June and July. The June report included 120 calls for police services. There were 2 criminal arrests, 6 summary arrests and 3 parking tickets issued. Patrols traveled 1,803 miles, using 200.3 gallons of fuel and averaging 9.0 mpg. The July report included 147 calls for police services. There were 3 criminal arrests, 24 summary arrests and 1 parking ticket issued. Patrols traveled 2,220 miles, using 247.3 gallons of fuel and averaging 8.9 mpg.

Manager Cook's report for the month of July included rebuilding the storm sewer box at N. Sixth St. and Willow St. alley. Blacktop was applied to the sewer ditch at the borough office and the driveway apron on Maple St. alley. Sprayed weed killer along miscellaneous street curbs and miscellaneous areas on recreation grounds. A new sewer lateral was installed at 417 North St. and miscellaneous streets were swept during the month. Trash containers were emptied at the parks and Borough offices. Daily maintenance and repairs was performed on police vehicles and borough vehicles and equipment. Mowed and maintained all recreation areas as needed. Dragged and lined all ball diamonds as needed. Gasoline usage totaled 170.7 gallons, diesel usage was 54.0 gallons and SAVES used 321.8 gallons of diesel and 7.0 gallons of gasoline.

Cook says the temporary parking lot is in for Lions Football. The Recreation baseball director has advised they will be having a fall ball program for 10-12 year olds using the former softball field.

Safety Committee Chairman Pascoe reported the flashing school signals will be turned on for the August 22nd school start-up.

Highway Committee Chairman Bolton reported that Emily Cramer is pleased with the patchwork done in the 600 block of Main St. and that N. Third St. residents are happy with work done there.

Sewer Committee Chairman Pascoe reported that the new lateral has been installed for the new home in the 400 block of North St. and that Sewer Specialty is to begin work on the three intrusions.

Manager Cook added that there are eight miscellaneous areas total needing work by Sewer Specialty. He noted that in addition they charge \$3500 fee for two men with two vehicles to do the required work. The pricing has been approved here and is through COSTARS.

Once the work is completed here, Cook will look at the budget to see if we can camera more lines by the year end and then have our engineer look at them over the winter for repairs to be done later in the next year.

Planning and Zoning Committee Chairman Forbes acknowledged that Mark Reichart,

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Zoning Board Member alternate, has agreed to step up and be Chairman of the Zoning Board. Matt VonSas has agreed to be the alternate member of the board.

Councilmember Bolton spoke that he appeased a resident who is concerned of truck traffic traveling to the South St. complex. He showed her that it is in an industrial zone and that we cannot limit traffic or times trucks travel to the facility.

Bolton spoke with Township Supervisor Brillhart about the Bon Ton Builders development. He learned that Manager Cook had dealt and resolved the concerns there.

Cook says he spoke with Deb Musselman of Adams County Conservation who is overseeing the project and approved the design of the storm drain area at this time saying there is a reason why it is permitted to be this way at this time during the project. As far as the weeds there Cook has just sent a letter to the owner and Council Member Forbes acknowledged they have been taken care of recently.

Building and Grounds Committee Chairman VonSas reported that Manager Cook and he have met today with Patriot Energy which provide a program for commercial account meters based on usage. Our average use here would be a cost savings of \$500 over a three year period. Patriot Energy would be a supplier of electric with a quote for a three year rate of .0658. We are currently paying .06703 through Met-Ed. The negative would be if we pull out during those three years we would be paying the remaining term less usage.

There was discussion and options for other terms as well, including a 48 month term for .06430. With TMI expected to close and possibility of Met-Ed prices increasing in the next several years members agreed it should be considered.

Councilmember VonSas moved a motion to accept the proposal for a 48 month term at a rate of .06430 from Patriot Energy Group to provide electric for all of our borough accounts. Councilmember Bolton seconded the motion. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Weaver reported that he has issued a Bon-fire permit for Delone for August 31st at 7 p.m. in the enclosed field as done in previous years. SAVES will be on stand-by.

Councilmember Bolton reported attending the recent ACTPO meeting. The 2019-2040 long range plan was adopted. Bolton also reported attending PSAB board meeting and reported on several legislations in committee.

Bolton noted that Adams County website is willing to add to our website as far as meeting tabs and posting ordinances and resolutions.

Manager Cook has obtained information from ACNB regarding our request for refinancing our sewer upgrade loan with Hanover Borough. He indicated that the four percent rate is tough to beat with rate increases in recent months. Government lending is

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a possibility but with that comes fees for bonding and closing costs. The balance we currently owe will be paid off in three to four years.

Solicitor Campbell agreed that we should stay the course because it would not be costs effective for the three remaining years to refinance.

NEW BUSINESS

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

President McKim-Bortner announced the meeting will recess and an executive personnel session is to be held next Wednesday, August 16th at 7 p.m. Council Member Niedererr called the executive session as he cannot be here this evening and has a matter to discuss. The Borough Council and Mayor will meet here next Wednesday.

Adjournment was declared at 7:44 p.m. on a motion moved by Councilmember Bolton, seconded by Councilmember Calderone. Motion carries.

Luanne M. Boring
Borough Secretary

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The meeting held August 9, 2017, recessed to an executive personnel session was held Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Municipal Building, 338 Main Street, McSherrystown, Pennsylvania with President McKim-Bortner presiding.

Those in attendance included Patricia McKim-Bortner, Joseph E. VonSas, David W. Bolton, Michael J. Calderone, James A. Forbes, Robert D. Niedererr and Stephen J. Pascoe as well as Anthony J. Weaver, Mayor.

The regular meeting was called back to session at 8:01 p.m. by President McKim-Bortner.

Adjournment was declared at 8:03 p.m. on a motion moved by Councilmember Bolton, seconded by Councilmember Calderone. Motion carries.

Luanne M. Boring
Borough Secretary