

Minutes – April 10, 2019

McSherrystown, Pennsylvania

Council of the Borough of McSherrystown met at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 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.

At this time President McKim-Bortner welcomed Andrea Willet, Secretary/Treasurer in training.

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

Minutes of the regular meeting held March 13, 2019 were approved on a motion moved by Councilmember Calderone, seconded by Councilmember Niedererr. Motion carries.

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

Communications

4/3/19 DCHS Interact Club Sleep Out for the homeless event is scheduled for April 26 & 27. Council approved this annual event on a motion moved by Councilmember VonSas, seconded by Councilmember Forbes. Motion carries.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - None

REPORTS

Mayor Weaver reported that there will be a drug take back at the Moose on Saturday, April 27th but that he is unsure of the time period. The successful event held last year will be a drop-off drive-thru and Chief Woods will be there. Weaver also reminded residents that the police department has a drop off here that is emptied when needed. These programs help keep narcotics off the street.

According to the mayor, Officer Stephen Smyers is celebrating his 30th anniversary here this date. He saw him today and offered his congratulations for his service.

Mayor also related that Ryan Blessing was sworn in on March 28th. He is actually on patrol this evening with Chief Woods.

A proclamation was issued by Mayor Weaver for Delone Squirettes Varsity Basketball

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Team for their PIAA Class 3A championship and impressive season. March 28th was set aside as a special day of recognition for the 2018-2019 season. SAVES provided them with a send-off procession out of town and then on the 28th, took the girls on the fire truck to the various clubs and St. Teresa Campus here in town. He offered his congratulations to Coach Jerry Eckenrode.

Police Chief Woods submitted his report for the month of March. That report included 119 calls for police services. There were 2 criminal arrests, 36 summary arrests and 7 parking tickets issued. Patrols traveled 2,820.0 miles, using 344.6 gallons of fuel and averaging 8.2 mpg.

Manager Cook's report for the month of March included building two picnic tables for the new pavilion. Two posts were replaced on the guardrail at South Street Recreation Park. A guard post was installed at the storm box at the South Street Recreation Park and five foot of damaged storm pipe was replaced in that area. All trash and recycling containers were set out at recreation parks. The new lawn was raked and seeded for new pavilion areas. Plywood and shingles were installed on the new pavilion. Snow plows and salt spreader were removed from trucks. Trash containers were emptied at the parks and Borough offices. Daily maintenance and repairs were performed on police vehicles and borough vehicles and equipment. Snow was plowed, salt and cinders were applied on streets as needed. Snow was removed from sidewalks and salt applied. Gasoline usage totaled 232.3 gallons and diesel usage was 49.2 gallons. SAVES used 422.3 gallons of diesel.

Cook reported that Dale Ault, Hanover Borough Water Dept., has contacted him concerning the fire hydrant 300 block Main St. mid-block. They were flushing hydrants and a valve broke off and there are no longer parts available to repair the hydrant dating back to 1926. They shut it down. The cost to replace it totals \$9500. That includes the new hydrant, labor, materials, Penn DOT permit costs and for flaggers. Cook spoke with Fire Chief Lawrence and he definitely wants it replaced.

Councilmember Calderone moved a motion to approve the replacement of the fire hydrant mid-block in 300 block of Main Street at a total cost of \$9500. Councilmember Koontz seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Manager Cook reported that street sweeping has begun and should be completed by end of next week. Cook has spoken with Chief Woods about the replacement of signs that have faded. The new signs will have the no parking as 7 a.m. till 11 a.m., so no dates will be needed on them. The signs are put up the day prior to the sweeping in the afternoon, so this will work for the notification.

A total of eleven tickets have been issued by the police department for the first two days of the sweeping this week.

Finance Committee Chairman Forbes reported receiving May 1st renewal rates for insurance from Steve Hartlaub, Weber Insurance. The premium increased from \$37,550

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to \$40,019, an increase of \$2,569. Last year the Borough switched to EMC insurance from Selective, saving \$10,000. This includes property, auto, liability and workers compensation. Hartlaub explained that commercial auto has increased across the board and our workman's compensation went up.

Councilmember Forbes moved a motion for renewal of the insurance thru EMC at a cost of \$40,019. Councilmember Pascoe seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Under Recreation - Manager Cook reported that the ballgames are starting the third week in April and no parking has been posted for 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. with a 15 mph there.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Weaver acknowledged that he failed to mention that suspicious people have been knocking on doors asking for money. If this happens residents should contact the police department.

Manager Cook reported receiving the traffic study from LTAP (Local Technical Assistance Program) for the intersection of North and N. Second St. as previously approved here following concerns of a vehicle parked northwest side of N. Second St. The memorandum noted no parking on the one side of the street and that nine accidents (angle crashes) were reported at or near the intersection in the last five years. At 25 mph and in order to get a clear sight distance there, there needs to be 148 feet. With the vehicle parked there Cook lost the consultant at 125 feet. The existing conditions are thirty feet from the corner now due to a fire hydrant there. If the 148 feet is needed, then there will be one parking space lost there.

As far as the North St. side of the intersection there, only twenty feet is needed beyond the intersection, so there would be an additional fourteen feet available that could be whited out for parking as currently the no parking is thirty-four feet.

It is recommended the ordinance be amended in Section 205:23 that parking is prohibited at all times 148 feet from the sight view eastbound travel lane on North Street in a northerly direction on N. Second St. Exact measurements will be taken there.

Councilmember Pascoe moved the motion to approve the amendment to the ordinance to extend the no parking area from the curb face on northwest corner of N. Second Street an additional 20 feet. Councilmember Niedererr seconded the motion. Motion carries. Solicitor Campbell will prepare and advertise the ordinance for adoption at our next meeting.

Councilmember Koontz moved a motion to remove yellow paint on North Street at the N. Second Street northwest corner intersection an additional fourteen feet, keeping the required twenty feet from the intersection. Councilmember Forbes seconds the motion. Motion carries.

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NEW BUSINESS

Manager Cook requested approval to send the newly hired Secretary to a training course offered by PATH on April 30th in Chambersburg at a cost of \$80.

A motion moved by Councilmember Calderone to approve to send Andrea Willet to the training at a cost of \$80. Councilmember Koontz seconded the motion. Motion carries.

President McKim-Bortner acknowledged receiving a letter from Police Officer Kyle Freeman, formerly employed here, and subpoenaed to court for an arrest made while here. Freeman is asking for ten hours payment for his service here.

A discussion was held and Solicitor Campbell spoke saying the Borough should require documentation from his current employer, the Township, that he was not being paid by them during that same time. The police contract says that an officer is paid at 1-1/2 salary if off duty for court time.

Mayor Weaver says he has checked area municipalities to see how it is done and according to Hanover Borough it is paid as long as the fine money comes here.

Councilmember Koontz moved a motion to approve that former officer Kyle Freeman get paid for time in court on behalf of the Borough at a rate of time and one-half, once we get a letter of confirmation from his current employer that he was not getting paid there at the same time. Councilmember Forbes seconds the motion. Motion carries.

Councilmember Koontz requests a personnel session for a personnel issue regarding correspondence received by Council.

Approval to pay listed expenditures totaling \$108,823. (General Fund - \$65,278; Highway Aid Fund - \$2,931 and Payroll Fund - \$40,614.) was given on a motion moved by Councilmember Calderone, seconded by Councilmember VonSas. Motion carries.

Recess was declared at 7:37 p.m. on a motion moved by Councilmember Koontz, seconded by Councilmember Pascoe. Motion carries. The room was cleared of public participation at this time.

The meeting was called back to order in an executive personnel session at 7:45 p.m. by President McKim-Bortner.

The public were brought back to the meeting room. The regular meeting was called back to order at 8:18 p.m. by the President McKim-Bortner.

Adjournment was declared at 8:20 p.m. on a motion moved by Councilmember Forbes, seconded by Councilmember Koontz. Motion carries.

Luanne M. Boring
Borough Secretary