

Minutes – December 13, 2017

Council of the Borough of McSherrystown met at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, December 13, 2017 in the Municipal Building, 338 Main Street, McSherrystown, Pennsylvania with Patricia D. McKim-Bortner presiding.

President Mc-Kim 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, Michael J. Calderone, James A. Forbes and Stephen J. Pascoe. Councilmembers David W. Bolton and Robert D. Niedererr were absent. Other Borough Officials in attendance included Mayor Anthony J. Weaver; Robert E. Campbell, Esq., Solicitor; Scott J. Cook, Manager and Luanne M. Boring, Secretary/Treasurer. Michael F. Woods, Chief of Police, was absent.

Minutes of the regular meeting of council held November 8, 2017 and the special meeting held November 20, 2017 were approved on a motion moved by Councilmember Calderone, seconded by Councilmember VonSas. Motion carries.

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

Communications noted included the following:

11/22/17 McSherrystown Senior Center thank you for recent updates to the facility as the camera system was installed and roof extension built. They are thankful for constant maintenance efforts.

11/22/17 PA Family Council writes concerning Act 42 of 2017 gambling expansion law. After a brief discussion on the new gambling law and urging to prohibit it here by adopting a resolution a motion was made.

Councilmember Von Sas moved a motion to take no action on Act 42 of 2017 at this time. Councilmember Forbes seconded the motion. Motion carries with Councilmember Calderone voting nay.

11/28/17 PA DOT traffic data collection on municipally owned roads scheduled for October through February. The data is to be used for potential safety improvements. There were no sightings yet that this has been done here.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - none

REPORTS

Mayor reported that he officiated the tree lighting ceremony on November 26th. He thanked the Heritage Association for the holiday lighting in town.

Mayor Weaver has been sworn-in for his next term by District Justice Bowman on

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December 11th.

Police Chief Woods submitted his report for the month of November which included 131 calls for police services. There were 45 summary arrests and 2 parking tickets issued. Patrols traveled 2,717 miles, using 295.4 gallons of fuel and averaging 9.2 mpg.

Manager Cook's monthly report for November included completing the roof extension on the Senior Center building. Re-installed bumper blocks, planted bushes and mulched at the Senior Center Project. The leaf collection was begun with the vacuum on site throughout town and unloaded at Happy Ramblers. Raked and vacuumed leaves at the South Street Recreation and Main Street Parks. Street swept all streets to collect leaves along curb lines. Removed picnic tables and trash totes at the parks and placed them in storage at Public Works and removed temporary football parking posts, ropes and signs. 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. All recreation areas were mowed and maintained as needed. Gasoline usage was 195.7 gallons and diesel fuel usage was 50.0 gallons. SAVES used 248.21 gallons of diesel and 17.5 gallons of gasoline during the month.

Cook reported that he needs to meet building certification requirements by May to obtain 45 credits. He has a course for 6 credits available in January 18 at a cost of \$125.

Councilmember Von Sas moved a motion to approve the class for Scott Cook for January 18th at a cost of \$125. Councilmember Pascoe seconded the motion. Motion carries.

When questioned about recreation equipment, Cook indicated that he make sure that it is cleared out over the winter months.

Sewer Committee Chairman Pascoe questioned Cook on continued maintenance. Manager Cook indicated they will be working on them weather permitting in the months ahead.

Planning and Zoning Committee Chairman Forbes spoke of the two areas in Walnut Street Alley where trees are overgrown into the street. Manager Cook added that he has sent a notice to one property owner on November 24th regarding stored trash and the overgrown trees. They took care of the trash but did nothing so far about the trees.

Solicitor Campbell related that it is okay for the Borough to cut off trees that are encroaching into the right-of-ways and especially since it is a safety issue.

Cook will send a second notice to the property owner along with information on the costs and fines. In addition, another property will be sent a notice as well.

Building and Grounds Committee Chairman Von Sas recently spoke with a public works employee concerning the street sweeper and the need for extension to clean some storm sewer pipe, as they come up short with current equipment. Manager Cook will have a

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cost estimate for an extension as he will soon meet with a company representative who is coming here to address winterization.

Solicitor Campbell has brought a check with him tonight as a result of a Sheriff's Sale back in May. Proceeds from the Wheeler property sale amounted to \$12,013.75 for the Borough. Campbell was pleased this ongoing delinquent matter had been settled.

OLD BUSINESS

The secretary/treasurer acknowledged that the budget has been advertised and laying out but that we had no public interest. Former Borough Secretary, Mary Clare Weaver, was always one with interest and that we could count on to be here each year but is deceased.

The budget for 2018 as duly advertised was approved on a motion moved by Councilmember Forbes, seconded by Councilmember Calderone. Motion carries. The budget was approved with no increase in taxes.

Ordinance 2017-3, tax ordinance for 2018, as duly advertised was approved on a motion moved by Councilmember Forbes, seconded by Councilmember VonSas. Motion carries.

Ordinance 2017-4, Changing of Compensation for Council and Mayor, as duly advertised was approved on a motion moved by Councilmember Forbes, seconded by Councilmember Pascoe. Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval to pay expenditures as listed and year end bills was given on a motion moved by Councilmember Pascoe, seconded by Councilmember Calderone. Motion carries.

The reorganization meeting will be advertised to be held on Tuesday, January 2, 2018 at 6 p.m.

Mayor Weaver asks for an executive session regarding a police matter.

A recess was declared at 7:31 p.m. on a motion moved by Councilmember Forbes, seconded by Councilmember Calderone. Motion carries.

The meeting was called back to order in an executive personnel session by President McKim-Bortner at 7:34 p.m.

The regular meeting was called back to order at 7:46 by President McKim-Bortner.

Adjournment was declared at 7:47 p.m. on a motion moved by Councilmember Forbes, seconded by Councilmember Calderone. Motion carries.

Luanne M. Boring
Borough Secretary