

Minutes – June 13, 2018

McSherrystown, Pennsylvania

Council of the Borough of McSherrystown met at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 13, 2018 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, Michael J. Calderone, Steven E. Clingan; James A. Forbes and Stephen J. Pascoe. Councilmember Robert D. Niedererr was absent. Other Borough Officials in attendance included Scott J. Cook, Manager and Luanne M. Boring, Secretary/Treasurer. Mayor Anthony J. Weaver; Robert Campbell, Esq., Solicitor and Michael F. Woods, Chief of Police were absent.

At this time President McKim-Bortner recognized Scott Cook, Manager. She acknowledged that in April he was employed here for 25 years. Cook was congratulated by the board members.

Minutes of the regular meeting held May 9, 2018 were approved on a motion moved by Councilmember Calderone, seconded by Councilmember Pascoe. 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:

5/29/18 PA DOT invited public officials to a meeting followed by a public open house plans display for the Eisenhower Drive Extension Project. The meeting will be held June 21st 4:30 to 5 at SAVES.

6/11/18 Henry Nunez, 612 Main St., wrote requesting a handicap on-street parking space in front of his house. Nunez has two small children with Autism and in addition the one has heart issues with an open heart surgery.

Manager Cook spoke of Penn DOT Publication 212 which allows the municipality to post for handicap parking, but cannot charge for it. There is currently one on Fairview Avenue which is no longer needed there, so he could take that one and put it on Main St. if approved. Nunez understands it is not reserved parking, but rather anyone with handicap parking could utilize.

Councilmember VonSas moved a motion to approve the handicap parking on-street in front of 612 Main St. Councilmember Pascoe seconded the motion. Motion carries.

6/11/18 Wee Willie Sherdel book launch invitation for June 27th was received. It will be held at the K of C lower level from 6 to 8 p.m. An RSVP is requested by June 20th.

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6/11/18 PA Auditor General has completed the Liquid Fuels Audit for the year 2017. There were no findings and the report has been provided for our files.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Carl Zumbur, Troop 107, was in attendance as he is working on his Citizenship/Community Merit Badge. He was welcomed by President McKim-Bortner and board members.

REPORTS

In Police Chief Woods' absence it was acknowledged that his report for the month of May was distributed. The report included 148 calls for police services. There were 8 criminal arrests, 52 summary arrests and 4 parking tickets issued (one regular and three street sweeping). Patrols traveled 3,854 miles, using 434.5 gallons of fuel and averaging 8.8 mpg.

Manager Cook's report for the month of May included setting out of no parking signs for continued street sweeping and weed control spraying. Brush was chipped on-site throughout town once each week. A 2 x 8 section was added to the welcome sign and dusk to dawn lights were replaced at the Borough/Police garage and one at the senior center building. Misc. streets were cold patched throughout town. 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. All ball diamonds were dragged and lined as needed. Gasoline usage totaled 172.1 gallons, diesel usage was 87.4 gallons and SAVES used 360.6 gallons of diesel and 11 gallons of gasoline.

Cook acknowledged that he has received his updated credits for Building Code Official.

The property at 138 Main Street was addressed at this time. Cook says that he spoke with Todd King at the solicitor's office concerning an ongoing issue there. A company from Texas had purchased the property last year and two individuals had rented to own the property in the fall. There was no electric or water at the property and had paid for an electric reconnect. In the spring he learned they are still living in the garage and applied again for electric permit for the house. Klunk's Electric would not do the work there because of its condition. He spoke with a company that oversees the property and spoke to a guy that wanted them evicted but not taking steps.

He is asking permission to have our solicitor write the company that the property is not livable and in particular the main structure to have it possibly condemned. The pipes in the house have frozen and the meter was removed by Hanover Borough. Typically he could put condemn but in this case, not this.

Councilmember Forbes moved a motion to approve that Solicitor Campbell's office write the owner a letter advising of this condition of the property at 138 Main St.

Councilmember Calderone seconded the motion. Motion carries.

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In an effort to develop the North Street Park at the Walk Track, Cook has prepared an estimate for a pavilion, tables, benches and in addition two separate areas for a dog park. A four sided pavilion 18' x 28' with two ten foot picnic tables and benches has an estimated cost of \$12,500., with the work to be done in-house by the Public Works employees. Two areas of 150 x 200 each on the west side of the track with farm posts and farm wire could be constructed for the dog park. Photo of a similar park in the area was presented. The estimated costs with gates and ten foot gates for mowers would be \$3,100 and with concrete pads and a picnic table would bring the total cost to \$5,000. As far as liability we have blanket coverage. There was \$20,250 budgeted and \$15,411 left after the vehicle lift purchased. \$12,355 is available in the Recreation Development Fund to be used towards the two projects. There was no word to replace slide at the Moose Park for \$6800.

Councilmember Calderone moved a motion to proceed with the projects at the North Street Park with construction of a pavilion and dog park. Councilmember Pascoe seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Zoning Officer Cook has presented his monthly enforcement report.

OLD BUSINESS

Manager Cook reported that grass & weeds have been addressed at McKinsley Heights and that land had been filled in for mosquito deterrent. Each year the county puts out word to not let standing water. This pond there is not an issue as the County Conservation District is aware and approved. They will be spraying for the West Nile in town and as in the past we will be notified.

NEW BUSINESS

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

The start-up of the new garbage contract will be July 2nd, as both parties outgoing and incoming agreed to move it from the 9th and signed an agreement to that fact. Neiderer Sanitation has ordered recycling bins and the Borough will store and deliver them.

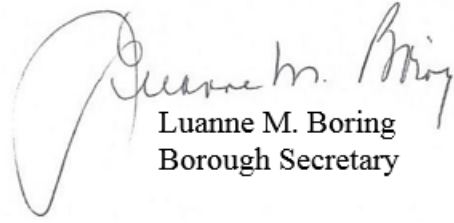
A recess was declared at 7:42 p.m. on a motion moved by Councilmember Calderone, seconded by Councilmember Pascoe. Motion carries.

President McKim-Bortner called the meeting back to order in an executive personnel session at 7:47 p.m.

The regular meeting was called back to order at 8:08 p.m. by President McKim-Bortner.

Adjournment was declared at 8:10 p.m. on a motion moved by Councilmember Calderone, seconded by Councilmember VonSas. Motion carries.

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Luanne M. Boring
Borough Secretary