

Mount Wolf Borough Minutes

Regular Meeting

April 12th, 2022

Convene:

The Mount Wolf Borough Council met in regular session on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, beginning at 7:00PM. The meeting was called to order by Council President, Darryl Main.

Attendance:

The following Council Members and other Officials were present:

Council: Michael Barlett, Todd Hess, Darryl Main, Denny Naylor, Josh Parish, and Dan Schleg

Officials: Engineer Chris Owens, Municipal Volunteer Secretary Anya Barlett, Mayor Mo Starner and Attorney Devon Myers

Absent members: Treasurer/Zoning Officer Rachel Kling

Visitor Attendance:

- John Klinedinst (C.S. Davidson Inc.)
- Jimmy Weire III (ACE Hardware)
- David Gazieid
- Joyce Santiago (114 S. 4th St.)
- Alex Snyder (Seth Predix Properties)
- Jacob Bush (Eagle Fire Co.)
- Ashley Bush (Eagle Fire Co.)
- Michael P. Shaffer (197 N. 2nd St.)
- Herbert Poe, Jr. (900 Jerusalem School Rd)

Agenda/Minutes:

A Schleg/Naylor motion was made to approve the March 8th, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes as presented with the following errors mentions: the misspelling of council member Dan Schleg's last name. There is no 'h' at the end of his last name. Councilmember Naylor wanted to remove 'to review' from page 5 under Streets, first paragraph. Motion passed unanimously.

A second amended motion by Barlett/Schleg to approve redacted and updated Treasurer's Report on page 4 of the March 8th, 2022, Regular Meeting Minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

A Barlett/Hess motion was made to approve the March 22nd, 2022 Committee/Non-Voting Meeting as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments:

Joyce Santiago discussed Northeastern Senior Community Center and the importance of the organization within the community. They are actively seeking donations and are the only senior center in York Co. that still operates under a church. Santiago wanted Council Members to be aware of upcoming fundraiser, provided a flyer of their services and asked council to be on the lookout for any location that may be more suitable for their needs as they are currently not handicap accessible.

Jimmy Weire III discussed mowers and pricing for Council to consider replacement options. President Main asked questions about removing existing one. Weire stated Borough would receive 15% discount. Naylor confirmed stock availability. Borough members will review quotes and decide.

Dave Gazieid from the Baseball team and asked Council who the maintenance contact was. As it's their 6th season, they wanted to make sure they do their part keeping up the maintenance. Attorney Myers explained current schedule policy and stated it was councils' intent to open the field to the public ahead of time and other teams' schedule. Schleig verified current reservations. Attorney Myers asked if practice schedule was available, but Dave explained it is to be determined. President Main asked what timeframe they were expecting. Dave said 9am – 5pm Sundays starting May 1st – end of August. A Barlett/Schleig motion was made to approve dates and times mentioned previously. Naylor requested condition that two teams coordinate schedules to avoid conflict. Attorney Myers added condition to amend motion to include conditional use of field with Wolfs team and signed agreement. Barlett/Naylor motion was made to approve. Motion passed unanimously.

An amended Parish/Naylor motion was passed to approve York Area Recreational League signed agreement of using field. Motion passed unanimously.

Resident Michael Shaffer addressed Borough and would like to sit on council to occupy a current vacancy. Borough discussed next steps whether possible conflicts due to current employment and whether Mr. Shaffer needs to be voted in with Board of Elections.

Jacob Bush from Eagle Fire Co. shared a list of upcoming 2022 Fundraising events which Council member Parish read aloud to Council:

April 16 th – Easter Bunny Breakfast followed by Egg Hunt at Mt. Wolf Park	May 21 st – Armed Forces Bingo	Sept. 10 th – Last Chicken BBQ
April 30 th – Mother's Day Wine Bingo	June 11 th – Chicken BBQ	Sept. 17 th – Corn Hole Tournament
May 6 th – 8 th – Mother's Day Flower Sale	June 25 th – Summer Bash Bingo	Oct. 1 st – Spooky Nights Bingo
May 7 th – Chicken BBQ	July 9 th – Nick Aldinger Day	Oct. 10 th – 14 th – Fire Prevention Week
	July 16 th – Chicken BBQ	Nov. 12 th – Gobbler Bingo
	August 6 th – Campfire Bingo	Dec. 10 th – Santa Breakfast
	August 20 th – Chicken BBQ	

A Parish/Schleig motion was made to approve above mentioned Eagle Fire Co. fundraising events. Motion passed unanimously.

Additionally, Mr. Bush addressed Council regarding current designation change issued a few weeks ago from Fire Chief York Co. Apparition Committee as it will affect all York Co. Bush thoroughly discussed issue with current brand-new fire truck, pricing of buying a replacement that would be a smaller pumper and two-year timeframe to meet change requirement. The change was due to apparatus classification and the weight of current truck, thus, to be classified as engine. Council frustrated with designation change, how it will affect emergency services and the fact it is a brand-new truck. Bush explained report from C.S. Davidson and replacing Eagle Fire Co. roof in the next 5-10 years. Fire Co. cannot build up. Discussion of alternative options like a pole barn ensued.

Engineer's Report:

Engineer Chris Owens reported on the following:

Storm Sewer Replacement details for project of Pipe replacement for 3rd and 4th street repair project. In years previous, Borough Council made the connection, may or may not be illegal as originally thought. Borough discussed with Owens connection issue, future replacement and bid status.

President Main suggested using ARPPA funds to replace sidewalks in Borough in front of Baseball field and Greiman. A Naylor/Barlett motion passed to prepare and receive bids on replacing sidewalks. Motion passed unanimously.

A Naylor/Barlett motion passed to inspect inlets and prepare bid for scoping of underground stormwater pipe.

Naylor requested going over street projects with Owens like Tiger alley and other areas.

Borough Council studied Land Development Plan review.

Solicitor's Report:

Attorney Devon Myers reported on the following:

Sewer Authority briefly mentioned.

Baseball team agreement between Mt. Wolf and Borough. Discussed in Public comments above. Council will reevaluate agreement next year to look at possible increase.

Open Fire Ordinance Review/Advertise. Attorney Myer's concerned having to inspect all properties and possible burden of having to do so. If Borough does do inspections, suggest having a fee to cover time of inspecting, processing, and any cost the Borough will incur. Jacob Bush from Eagle Fire Co. explained their process of documentation. Bush stated will not charge the Borough of service although Parish and Hess suggested it be a donation. Borough discussed scenarios of a one-and-done inspection vs continuous inspections as well as what any agreement or ordinances should cover. Mayor Mo concerned of possible misuse and Attorney Myers reviewed current ordinance. Council Member Parish offered suggestions. Attorney Myers will make discussed changes and encouraged Borough to look over said changes. Mayor Mo requested records be kept at Borough office and Bush stated Eagle Fire Co keeps records as well. Borough discussed \$30 fee be used for now, subject to change. Fee will be decided at later date.

President Main will reach out to school district for tax collection status.

Legislation passed to put very small cell towers on top of buildings for better service. Becoming more mainstream and discussed small wireless facilities ordinance.

Inch and Co. update: No parking ordinance on Maple Street, updates on traffic study and no parking ordinance. Resident Poe Jr. spoke up and asked where he as a resident is to park going forward. Borough expressed that it is a state road, and it is out of their control. Poe Jr. continued to express his frustrations. Borough suggested he reach out to his legislator. Poe Jr. said it was on the Borough since they allowed the apartments to be built in the first place.

A Parish/Barlett motion passed per recommendations by the state to authorize advertisement of ordinance to restrict parking on Maple Street between Plain Street and the railroad crossing. Naylor opposed motion, passed 5 to 1.

Current Penn Waste refuse contract discussion due to increased tipping fees. Attorney Myers suggested possible shared contract with Manchester Borough and Mt. Wolf Borough to split future fees. Council authorized Attorney Myers to draft a joint agreement to be reviewed at next meeting.

Zoning Officer's Report:

Kling absent. See attached report of provided Zoning Permits Issued and Ordinance Violations. Borough reviewed. Mayor Mo will send letter regarding 131 North 3rd Street barking dog complaint.

Mr. Klinedinst from C.S. Davidson Inc. provided Council members with background about highest density of area that would allow more rental units based on current housing. Mr. Klinedinst recommended changing height restrictions to 14 or 15 per acre and currently not compatible. Borough discussed future variances with Mr. Klinedinst and density limits. Mr. Klinedinst provided Borough with infographic of Mt. Wolf map.

Mr. Snyder from Seth Predix Properties addressed Borough regarding 91 S. 3rd Street. The building meets two of the criteria for blighted property: any structure unfit for human habitation and utilities disconnected for two or more years, meeting blighted property law. Attorney Myers verified law. A Naylor/Parish motion passed to certify variance and overlay certification. Mr. Snyder said Borough would have to apply for request for permitted use vs special exception. Council Member Parish asked if suggestion would be granted for R3 to be made multi-use family. Mr. Klinedinst concurred.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Kling absent. Reviewed payment of bills from March – April. In addition to bills presented, President Main presented a \$2,000 invoice from Zeager Bros., Inc. to pay for mulch. A Barlett/Parish motion passed to pay mulch bill. Motion passed unanimously.

Borough Members reviewed *Check Register for the Period from March 9th, 2022 to April 12th, 2022*. Council President Main made motion to pass. Decision was unanimously approved for resolution.

Borough Members reviewed *Income Statement for the Three Months Ending March 31st, 2022 and March 31st, 2022 Balance Sheet*.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Mo reported on the following:

1 wedding in the Borough

Inch & Co. requested contact to spread their team of 30-50 volunteers for Earth Day, April 21st 2022. Borough discussed possible projects and will reach out to Keith to formulate a volunteer to-do list.

Police board normal. Going forward Borough will have a say at their meetings.

Sent courtesy letter regarding Second and Maple parking violations.

VFW wants to hold Memorial Day parade/Street Closure Request. A Naylor/Hess motion passed to grant annual Memorial Day parade/Street Closure Request. Motion passed unanimously.

Reported on recent citizen's complaints/concerns.

Discussed a person who reached out to Mayor Mo interested in being Borough inspector.

Streets:

Councilperson Denny Naylor reported on the following:

Street sweeping status, date to be determined. Will propose date in next meeting. President Main suggested using door tags like last year for smoother process. Borough agreed unanimously.

President Main brought up Field Conference for railroad crossing along Maple St. on Thursday April 21st at 11am. Mayor Mo and President Main will attend.

Parks and Recreation:

Councilperson Dan Schleig reported on the following:

Discussed replacing lights at current pavilion and receiving upcoming quotes. Requested additional funds to cover wiring concerns. Camera installation update.

Explanation of increased bills for quarterly payments.

Bundle update and dugout damage caused by vandalism, discussed inserting camera to catch vandal. Completing camera install and discussed new camera features.

Proposed using drone to capture new aerial footage of Mt. Wolf borough. Council agreed.

Community Park Events - PTO Spring Fling requested using Borough lot for food trucks, whether permit was needed. Borough discussed. No permit needed

Borough discussed lawnmower quotes and what will be best for Borough needs. Process of elimination determined approving 61" deck from ACE Hardware. A Schleig/Barlett motion was passed to not exceed \$9,800K in purchasing new lawnmower. Naylor requested adjustable/upgradable seat. Schleig will inquire.

Properties/Services:

Security Camera Update. Funds request for improvement of maintenance of Borough Owned equipment. Council authorized Pete Schilling to conduct internal property inspection.

Budget & Finance:

Councilperson Michael Barlett reported on the following:

Status of moving funds to Traditions Bank. President Main suggested Councilperson Barlett reach out to Treasurer Kling regarding sending required documents to move funds.

Health and Safety:

Councilperson Josh Parish reported on the following:

Police Board Comments.

Mayor Mo and Councilperson Parish attended Appreciation Dinner at Northeastern Regional Police Department that honored the men and women who served the Borough.

Borough website is live.

Personnel:

Councilperson Hess working on standard operating procedures.

Council President:

Council President Darryl Main reported on the following:

President Main and Councilperson Barlett met with USI regarding Workers Comp. Gave update.

Community Day – no update

President Main attended Grant Workshop earlier in the day in Lebanon, PA. Councilperson Parish suggested getting a grant writer for future Borough needs. Attorney Myers suggested using C.S. Davidson. Borough discussed options.

Discuss work projects/ordinance review suggestions for next committee meeting.

President Main reminded Borough Council members to review website and suggest any changes.

Returned phone call from baseball team interested in replacing dirt at field behind Borough office. No agreement, no construction. Discussed the request of putting dirt on the road to aid with tri-axle access to field.

Correspondence: None

Old Business:

Council Member search and vacancy board search, leads and available appointments. See above.

New Business:

Municipal Grant Seminar to be held in Lebanon, PA, at Lebanon Expo Center on April 12th at 9am.

A Schleig/Hess motion to approve Mt. Wolf Resident Billet as new Borough employee.

Executive Session:

A Barlett/Schleig motion was made to adjourn the regular Borough Council meeting and move into Executive Session at 10:08PM. Motion passed unanimously.

At 10:46PM Borough Council moved back with the regular Borough Council meeting.

Anya Barlett, Recording Secretary