

THE MOUNT WOLF BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

AUGUST 13, 2024

The Mount Wolf Borough conducted a meeting Tuesday August 13, 2024. The meeting was called to order by President Darryl Main at 7pm

ATTENDANCE:

The following Council Members were present: Josh Parish, Pat Poet, President Darryl Main, Vice President Dennis Naylor, Michael Barlett, Dan Schleg (arrived at 7:06pm) and Brian McKenna

Officials: Mayor Maureen Starner, Engineer: Chris Owens, Treasurer: Jennifer Reiner, Secretary: Bonnie Bentzel, Attorney: Beth Kern

ABSENT:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA:

A motion was made by: Dennis Naylor and seconded by: Michael Barlett to approve the minutes from the July 9th and July 23rd meeting. The motion was passed unanimously. A motion was made by Josh Parish and seconded by Michael Barlett to approve the agenda. The motion was passed unanimously.

VISITORS:

Edward Ritter, Candidate for PA-47 State House

Jacob Bush, Eagle Fire Company

Christine Hess, Resident

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Christine Hess brought to the attention of the Borough with the noise from Geogia Pacific. Christine Hess was asking how the Borough can handle the noise. Mayor Starner stated that she will contact Georgia Pacific and see if she can resolve the issue. Christine Hess also was questioning the garbage contract. Christine Hess was asking if the residents could pick and choose who they would like for trash pick-up or if the residents could opt out of trash pick up. Mayor Starner stated that each resident can not pick and choose who picks up your trash pickup or opt out of trash pick up.

Chief Bush stated the fire company was called to Yellow Breeches Creek for the search and rescue of the 10-year-old boy lost on the water. They were also called to the train accident on Sunday evening (August 11th). Chief Bush stated that someone came in to speak with the fire fighters regarding the train accident.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Chris Owens handed out papers of a diagram for grate replacement. The grate that is being replaced is located at South Second Street (by the Fire Department). The grate will be delivered in about 4~6 weeks. A motion was made by Josh Parish and seconded by Pat Poet to purchase the grate at the cost of \$387.00. The motion was passed unanimously. The fee for the grate will come out of our liquid fuels account.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Beth Kern reported that she reviewed the Employee handbook and made some suggestion for additions to the Handbook. Beth Kern stated that she will email the Council members the Employee handbook with her suggested additions. She also asked the Council members to email her any suggestion that they may have for the Employee handbook and stated that she will attend our next Committee meeting to answer and discuss any questions.

An amendment to the agreement with ACES baseball to include 100 South Sixth Street. Beth Kern stated that Devon Myers will forward the new agreement with the addition to include 100 South Sixth Street. Pat Poet asked why we needed an amended agreement. Darryl Main informed Pat Poet that the original agreement only included the baseball fields at Greiman Park and not the baseball field located at 100 South Sixth Street. A motion was made by Josh Parish and seconded by Brian McKenna to approve the amended agreement with ACES baseball to include 100 South Sixth Street. The motion was passed unanimously.

ZONING OFFICERS REPORT:

Pat Poet questioned why we have not received any report from our zoning officer. Bonnie Bentzel stated that she will contact Chris McDermott and ask for a report for the next Council meeting.

Mayor Starner stated that she did hear from Chris McDermott regarding a fence that was put up at 107 North Third Street without a permit. Mayor Starner read the following email from Chris McDermott.

“I am reaching out to you regarding the fence permits. This has already been a completed project at the subject address. I did a site visit last week to get an idea of what it looks like being a corner property with a six-foot fence. Technically that permit would have been denied. It has two front yards. The resident would have had the option to schedule a variance from the zoning hearing board for the placement of the fence. It did not interfere with any site triangle provisions as the garage is in the rear door. The resident will have 10 days to respond with possible extension.”

Darryl Main asked Beth Kern if we could offer the resident an extension so they have time to file the paperwork with for the zoning hearing. She stated that as long as they continue the process and file the application. Beth Kern stated that the Council needs give them a hard date to say you have until this date to file an application for zoning hearing. Beth Kern also stated that the Council need to let the resident know that there's no guarantee that the zoning relief that they're seeking will be granted by the Zoning Hearing Board and that the resident needs to fix the fence at this point in time to make compliant with the zoning ordinance or they apply for the zoning hearing and I would just give them a date and inform the resident if you don't do either of those things by this time period the borough will have no choice but to proceed with enforcement. Which would be a judgment to have you remove the fence. Darryl Main suggested that we give the resident 30 days to file for an application, after that the Zoning Hearing Board has 60 days to meet.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Payment of Bills ~ Report of Finances ~ Receipt of Payments

A motion was made by: Josh Parish and seconded by: Pat Poet to approve the Payment of Bills, Report of Finances and Receipt of Payments. The motion was passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Starner stated that she does have a wedding to officiate on Friday August 16th, 2024.

Mayor Starner reported that she received a letter from Susquehanna Lions Club to request the shut down of the streets for the Halloween Parade which will be held on October 20, 2024. A motion was made by Dennis Naylor and seconded by Dan Schleig to close Maple Street from Center Street to the Park for the Halloween Parade. The motion was passed unanimously. Mayor Starner stated that she will contact the Susquehanna Lions Club to let them that their request has been approved.

Mayor Starner stated that she did receive multiple complaints about Brunner's Island and the noise that was coming from there. Mayor Starner stated that Kristie Masemer (East Manchester Township Manager) talked with a representative from Brunner's Island and told them there were a lot of complaints from our residents regarding the noise. The representative from Brunner's Island informed Kristie that if they can not eliminate the noise within the next 24 hours, they will shut it down until they figure out a fix to dissipate the noise.

STREET'S REPORT:

Dennis Naylor reported that all the curbs are painted in the borough.

The backhoe is leaking again. Mayor Starner asked Jenn to report at next meeting how much the Borough has spent on the backhoe this year. Darryl Main stated that the Council may want to start looking into a new or used backhoe.

Dan Schleig reported that Deitz and Nauman has our radar signs.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT:

Dan Schleig reported that he received a call from Mike Paulson that Keith informed that the camera at the park is not working. Dan asked Brian to go down to the park and reset the system.

Josh Parish stated that he did hear from Mark Sands. Mark Sands is a resident of Mt. Wolf Borough. Last year Mark Sands did Halloween in the Park. Josh Parish stated that Mark Sands will be in contact with Mayor Starner and Dan Schleig regarding having this event again.

Mayor Starner stated that she informed Mark Sands that he will need to come to a Council Meeting to let the Council members know of these suggestions and ideas.

PROPERTY AND SERVICES REPORT:

Brian McKenna reported that Hess Painting started today scraping the building.

BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT:

Michael Barlett reported that Council will need to decide before the next Committee meeting what things the Borough may need or what so they can be put into the budget for 2025. Michael Barlett asked Jennifer Reiner, Treasurer, if she could email him, they information that he is requesting prior to next meeting. Michael Barlett stated that he will have it one a spreadsheet and asked Bonnie Bentzel to have it printed out for all Council members by next meeting.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT:

Josh reported that he did go through the borough to see if there were any damages from the storm. Mayor Starner noted there was a tree down.

Josh Parish reported that we did have the National Night Out. It was a good turn out but was cut short due to the weather.

PERSONNEL REPORT:

No report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Darryl Main asked Council to approve the deposit from York County Treasurer. A motion was made by: Dennis Naylor and seconded by Pat Poet. The motion was passed unanimously. Darryl Main stated that he will draft a letter. Mayor Starner asked that Council to arrive to the committee meeting @ 6:30 to approve the letter to residents.

OLD BUSINESS:

No report

NEW BUSINESS:

Pat Poet asked Beth Kern if we need to make an announcement stating the meeting is being recorded. Beth Kern stated yes and made the suggestion that a sign be placed at the sign in sheet stating that the meeting is being recorded. Beth Kern also stated that the recording of each meeting will be deleted only after the minutes are approved. Bonnie Bentzel stated that she will have a sign up for next meeting.

A motion was made by: Pat Poet and seconded by: Dan Schleig to adjourn the meeting. The motion was passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at: 9:10pm

The next Committee Meeting will be held on: August 27, 2024

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