

MOUNT WOLF BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 10, 2023

The Mount Wolf Borough Council conducted a meeting on Tuesday October 10, 2023. The meeting was called to order by President Darryl Main at 7pm.

ATTENDENCE:

The following Council members were present: President Darryl Main, Vice President Dennis Naylor, Todd Hess, Josh Parish, Dan Schleg, Michael Barlett and Brian McKenna.

Officials Present: Mayor Maureen Starner

Engineer: Chris Owens, Attorney: Devon Myers, Treasurer: Jennifer Reiner, Secretary: Bonnie Bentzel

ABSENT:

None

APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND MINUTES:

A motion was made by: Dennis Naylor and Todd Hess to approve the minutes for the September 12th 2023 with the correct to the spelling of Dan Schleg name and the correction of the spelling of September regular meeting and September 26th 2023 non-voting meeting.

The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by: Michael Barlett and seconded by Dan Schleg to approve the agenda

The motion was passed unanimously.

VISITORS:

Manny Vazquez

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Manny is requesting to start a new youth baseball team. The age group for this team would be 12U. He stated that he has played semi-pro baseball himself. He stated that he played until he injured himself (Tommy John Surgery). He is asking to use Greiman field on the days that the fields are not being used. Darryl stated that we will need a certificate of insurance and Devon will draw up an agreement with the Borough and baseball team. We will email the agreement to him after it is drawn up. Manny is also offering to give private lessons to the children who may need or want them. Also, a possible baseball camp to the children.

Devon suggested that once a year the Borough Council would meet with each organization to review and update all requirements for each organization.

ENGINEER'S REPORT:

Chris Owens stated that he is half way through the videos of the storm sewer and half of the maps all the pipes are labeled. Chris feels my next Borough Council meeting he will have a complete map finished. PA one call application has been filled out. PA one is requesting the form letter be sent back on Borough letterhead. Chris stated he will have this ready for month's meeting. 91 South 3rd Street, is pretty much completed. There is a stop sign that they need to place. The parking lot is completed. Dennis stated that the lighting issue on 91 South 3rd Street needs to be adjusted. He feels that they are too bright in the back. Chris stated that they may need to be "turned down". He stated he will look into it. The bill from Knisley Construction was \$2,000 over the amount. This bill will be taken out of the ARPA fund. This will be voted on at next council to pay the bill. Darryl sent Chris out to measure the enforcements from the work that Columbia Gas and they did not repair the streets as per the agreement. Emails were sent to Columbia Gas of the violations and Darryl did not get any response from them. Chris did photograph and document all streets.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT:

Fee Resolutions have been started and Devon is waiting on the zoning permit fees.

Zoning permit fees are \$100.00 for projects from \$0.00-\$20,000. For any project over 20,000 will be \$10.00 for every \$1,000.00 up to \$400,000. Devon did not send out any enforcement letter for the Center Street property. Dennis did talk to Tom Brenner who was a Trustee for Otterbein Church (he is no longer a Trustee). Tom Brenner told Dennis that they are not going to fix up the property. They are going to try and sell it. We have been contacted by a real estate agent asking on how the area is zoned. Devon asked if we have heard if the utilities have been disconnected. Darryl stated that they have not been disconnected. Josh stated that they do have a working security system because they have not disconnected. There is one sign "No Trespassing sign" in the parking lot. Devon asked if the Borough would like them to put up a "No Trespassing sign" as a courtesy request? Borough Council feels something needs to be in place just in case any children are playing in the area of the vacant building. Devon asked if the Borough would like a courtesy letter that says they will need to take steps to secure the building and to make sure that the fire company and any one that enters the property knows that it's dangerous. Devon asked if she should send the letter to Otterbein Church? The Borough Council stated "Yes, send the letter" since all other attempts by the Borough has not gotten any response from the church. Devon stated that this is just going to be a friendly courtesy letter. Darryl stated if we do not get a response from them, then legal actions will need to be taken. Michael Barlett and Todd Hess seconded the motion was to allow Devon to send a letter to Otterbein Church regarding the building at 5 Center Street.

The motion was passed unanimously.

A motion by Michael Barlett and seconded by Dan Schleig was made to change the rental property inspections from 2 years to 3 years. The motion was passed unanimously.

ZONING OFFICER'S REPORT:

One resident was not approved for his permit due to lack of information on his application. Barry Isett and Associates did reach out to the resident for the information that is needed for the application. Ever other application that was submitted has been approved and returned in a timely manner.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Payment of Bills ~ Report of Finances ~ Receipt of Payments

A motion to pay the bills was made by: Michael Barlett and seconded by Todd Hess

The motion was passed unanimously.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Starner received a "Thank you letter" for the Susquehanna Lions Club for the donation that was given. Mayor Starner also sent out a letter to Inch and Company and she has not heard anything back from them. Mayor Starner tried to do proclamation for Bud Staub without the family knowing, but his daughter already had plans for a motorcycle ride for Bud Staub for Sunday October 15, 2023. Darryl offered to read the proclamation at the fire house prior to the parade. Letters were sent out to residences who were in violation.

STREETS REPORT:

Leaf collection will start the 1st week of November. There was a traffic study at the corner of South 4th and 6th Streets. This study was not a Borough study.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT:

Dan and Brian were at the Greiman Park and noticed that there were a few lights that did not properly work. NELL asked if they could be fixed so they could have games after dusk. The Borough Council would not approve this, due to the fact all the parks close at dusk.

There was further discussion regarding reimbursement to NELL for the wood used to replace the benches at Geiman Park. A motion made by Dan Schleig and seconded by Todd Hess to approve the reimbursement. The motion was NOT approved. Brian McKenna abstained from the vote.

PROPERTY AND SERVICE REPORT:

Discussion for new tools for our maintenance crew was approved. A motion was made by Dan Schleg and seconded by Todd Hess to approve the new equipment for the maintenance crew will not to exceed \$1700.00. The motion was passed unanimously. Darryl Main abstained from the vote.

BUDGET AND FINANCE REPORT:

Michael is working on the Budget for 2024. He will have his budget ready for next Borough Council meeting.

HEALTH AND SAFETY REPORT:

October is Fire Prevention Month and the elementary students in Mt. Wolf will be visiting the Fire House. The Fire Company will be providing "Traffic Control" for the Halloween Parade.

The cost of our PPU's going to be increased in 2024 for the Police Department. This is due to the increase in Police activity in the Borough. The mayor will get back to the Chief of Police the concerns of the Borough Council members.

We are still waiting on budget numbers from the Police Department.

Josh stated that everything is going well with the Ambulance Company and he has not heard any complaints.

A motion was made by Michael Barlett and seconded by Todd Hess to amend the agenda for the receipt for fund to the Fire Company from the Association was received today and pay the bill and approve next month. The vote passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL REPORT:

No Report

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Sidewalk inspections will begin on November 4th and each Council Member will take a street (they will not do the street they live on).

OLD BUSINESS:

Halloween parade will be held on Sunday October 15th 2023.

Chris McDermott was contacted to draw up a proposal for the Borough. We are still waiting to hear back from him.

Trick ~n~ treating will be held Tuesday October 31 from 6~8pm in the borough. The Borough office will be closed that evening.

NEW BUSINESS:

An agreement letter from Klugh Animal control was received by the Borough office. A motion was made by Dennis Naylor and seconded by Todd Hess to accept the agreement to Klugh Animal control.

Darryl read a "Thank you letter" from Manchester Borough for allowing them to borrow a lawn mower from us until theirs got repaired.

Jennifer and Bonnie are requesting permission for training sessions via zoom. The Borough Council approved the Training Sessions.

A voicemail from Kim Sanger she works for an organization called JOYEL requesting to place cones out in front of The Mount Wolf Community Church on Thursdays from 12:30pm to 2:30pm so students do not have to walk to the building. The Council stated that if she wants to, she can apply for a "Loading Zone" permit in front of the building. Bonnie will call her on Wednesday to inform her.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by: Dan Schleig and seconded by Michael Barlett

The motion was passed unanimously.

Next Non-Voting Committee Meeting will be held: Tuesday October 24th 2023 at 7pm

Next Council Meeting will be held: Tuesday November 14th 2023 at 7pm