

# **MEETING OF THE MOUNT PENN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **March 30, 2021**

The Mount Penn Borough Council met in regular session on March 30, 2021 via Zoom. President Goodman brought the meeting to order at 7:33 P.M. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Responding to roll call were, President Goodman, and Council Members: James Cocuzza, John Fielding, Richard Lombardo, Ryan Maurer, Roger Reto, and Tom Staron. Also in attendance were Mayor Nowotarski, Chief Serafin, Solicitor Tom Klonis, Engineer Christopher Falencki, and Secretary Bette Petrov.

### **I. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

- Mr. Janssen spoke on the ordinance regarding inspection of commercial rental units.

### **II. ENGINEERING**

- Engineering Report February 16 – March 22, 2021 submitted to Council. Mr. Falencki spoke on the various issues asterisked.
  - Regarding 270 Friedensburg Road two Zoning Hearing Board meetings took place (March 16 & 30, 2021);
  - Regarding Road Projects, Mr. Falencki will meet with Mr. Okonski;
  - Awaiting funding on Glenn Terrace;
  - Awaiting permit approval for Endlich Avenue (Krafczek);
  - Craig Bonenberger, McCarthy Engineering, is now our Zoning Officer. Discussion continued over zoning issues, costs incurred, telephone costs by residents, fees, and procedures to be followed;
- Mr. Falencki, under the direction of President Goodman, submitted a grant to Chrissy Houlahan's office. Will need the signed resolution and support letters in the morning.

### **III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- Moved by Mr. Fielding, seconded by Mr. Maurer, to approve the minutes of February 23 and March 09, 2021. The motion carried unanimously.

### **IV. FINANCE REPORT**

- Moved by Mr. Maurer, and seconded by Mr. Reto to accept the Treasurer's Report for February 2021. The motion carried unanimously. The following balances were reported.

Checking	109,472.52
Savings	32,699.26
Liquid Fuels	63,048.20
PIB Loan	40,319.40
Fire Tax	16,057.29
Ambulance Tax	3,206.97
Petty Cash	50.00

Mr. Maurer made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fielding, to ratify check #18669 - #18679 dated March 09, 2021 inclusive of on-line payments for a total of \$32,552.90; and check #18670 - #18695 dated March 24, 2021 inclusive of an on-line payment for a total of \$25,538.06 from the General Fund. Additionally, check #1327 - #1328 dated March 09, 2021 for a total of \$6,072.36 from Liquid Fuels. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Maurer instructed Ms. Petrov to see if it is possible to transfer the check for tires from the General Fund to Liquid Fuels.

- Mr. Maurer proposed an increase in rent for the MPBMA in order to offset expenses such as the new roof. Mr. Staron interjected and conveyed what MPBMA satisfies in behalf of the Borough, such as 100% each of computer security monthly and Comcast. Mr. Staron will approach MPBMA requesting their contribution to the roof repair.

## **V. COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **A. STREETS:**

- Mr. Cocuzza conveyed Mr. Okonski submitted a list of items regarding streets. Regarding South 20<sup>th</sup> and Fairview, Chief Serafin stated there is a line of sight problem. Additionally, St. Catherine school bus parking, 3 spots by the parking lot, and Woodvale Avenue issues were discussed. Mr. Okonski will measure and map each area for an ordinance and signage;
- Mulching is being done;
- Street sweeping will begin the last week in May. A sweeper can be rented saving \$900 if the street crew is permitted to do it themselves. There will be an additional savings of \$400 if St. Lawrence partakes in the cleaning. Mr. Cocuzza made the motion, seconded by Mr. Reto, to have the street crew do the street cleaning, and to rent the sweeper not to exceed \$3900. The motion carried unanimously;
- The light post was taken out at 26<sup>th</sup> and Perkiomen Avenue. Signal service made repairs;
- Borough street patching will begin June 1<sup>st</sup> for two weeks; followed by two weeks of patching in St. Lawrence. Mr. Okonski will provide a list of patching;
- Complaints regarding the parking lot have been addressed.

### **B. PARKS & PUBLIC PROPERTY:**

- A bid spec has to be prepared and issued for bidding covering the repair and or replacement of the Borough roof. Mr. Fielding made the motion, seconded by Mr. Maurer to authorize the Engineer to spec out both the repair and complete replacement of the roof, inclusive of putting the specifications out for bid. The motion carried unanimously;
- Residents have complained about the personal information on the parking lot stickers.

### **C. SOLID WASTE & PUBLIC UTILITIES: No Report**

### **D. PERSONNEL: No Report**

### **E. INSURANCE/PENSION: No Report**

### **F. CODES: No Report**

## **VI: LIASION REPORTS:**

### **A. Fire Company:**

- Mr. Lombardo would like the Borough to compose a letter regarding identifying gas and electric shut-offs, possible hazards etc, and forwarded to all businesses.

### **B. MPBMA:**

- Exeter Township is planning on repaving Mayer Street. In accordance with their Ordinance, if a negative event occurs with water pipes, etc during the next ten years, it is the responsibility of MPBMA to repave the street. Therefore MPBMA will now have to replace a water main (not currently budgeted) prior to the street being repaved.

- C. AVMA:** - No Report
- D. Planning Commission:** No Report
- E. Police Commission:** No Report
- F. RCAV:** No Report

#### **VI. OTHER REPORTS:**

- A. Mayor:**
  - Trying to coordinate interviews for crossing guards.
- B. Solicitor:** No Report.
- C. Secretary:** No Report

#### **VII. ORDINANCES:** N/A

#### **VIII. RESOLUTIONS**

- Mr. Klonis delivered verbiage on Resolution #27-21. Mr. Cocuzza made the motion, seconded by President Goodman, to accept Resolution #27-21. The motion carried unanimously.

#### **IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

#### **X. CORRESPONDENCE:**

#### **XI. NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **XII. ADJOURNMENT:**

- Mr. Fielding made the motion for adjournment at 9:17 P.M. seconded by Mr. Maurer. The motion carried unanimously.

Workshop meeting scheduled for 7:30 P.M. Thursday, April 22, 2021.

The next regularly scheduled Council meeting will be held 7:30 P.M., Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Bette E. Petrov*  
*Secretary/Treasurer*