

MONTROSE BOROUGH COUNCIL
PUBLIC HEARING
Regular Meeting of February 1, 2021 Postponed
February 8, 2021
7:00 PM

President Sean Granahan called the monthly meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Mayor LaMont said a prayer for guidance.

President Granahan stated those who were in attendance for the subdivision requests this will be tabled until the next meeting. He informed them there were issues that would need to be resolved before they heard the request. President Granahan suggested they contact John Watts the Zoning Officer for additional information they would need to present before the next meeting.

Adoption of Agenda: President Granahan questioned if anyone wanted to make any changes or additions to the Agenda. The following items were added: Action Item: #5. Approve Extended Warranty Backhoe; Discussion Item: #3. Revamp Subdivision Ordinance. Motion to accept agenda as amended by Councilman Todd Chamberlain; Councilman Craig Reimel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: President Granahan inquired if there were any changes or corrections to the January 4, 2021 minutes. Motion was made to accept minutes as presented by Councilman Tom Follert; Councilman Ed Herd 2nd the motion. Councilman Chamberlain abstained; motion carried.

Present for Roll Call: Sean Granahan, Judy Kelly, Ed Herd, Craig Reimel, Todd Chamberlain, Tom Follert

Absent: Randy Schuster (arrived at 8:07 p.m.)

Other Officials Present: Tom LaMont, Mayor; Michael Briechle, Solicitor; Lillian T. Senko, Secretary

Misc. Correspondence:

Beirne Wealth Consulting
RE: December 2020 Investment Report

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RE: Quarterly Report

PA Department of Environmental Protection
RE: Hinds Oil Co. Inc.

Montrose Borough Zoning Hearing Board
RE: October 2020 Meeting Minutes

The Social Security Star
RE: Newsletter

Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation
RE: Proposed Gas Well

President Granahan inquired if there were any questions or comments associated with the miscellaneous correspondence.

Councilman Chamberlain brought Councils attention to page 24 of the packet which contained the Montrose Borough Zoning Hearing Board Minutes from October 20, 2020. He stated it was specifically noted that the applicant is not modifying the public sidewalk located within the public right-of-way and the permit was granted contingent upon the information provided at the hearing. Councilman Chamberlain stated the sidewalk was modified and Council will request the Zoning Officer to look at the modification and report back to Council.

Recognition of Attendees: Alicia Krutulis, Andrew Delaney, Chief Dale Smith, Diane Mooney, Joe Kempa, Carla Whitney, Loren Whitney, Staci Wilson

Approval of A/P: President Granahan inquired if there were any questions or comments on submitted Accounts Payable. Councilman Reimel motioned to approve payment of outstanding bills; Councilman Ed Herd 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Payroll: President Granahan inquired if there were any questions or comments on submitted Payroll report. Councilwoman Kelly motioned to accept the Payroll Report; Councilman Herd 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Accounts Receivable/Deposits: President Granahan inquired if there were any questions or comments associated with the submitted Accounts Receivable/Deposit Report. No questions or comments.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: President Granahan asked if anyone had any questions or comments on the submitted Treasurer's Report. Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Councilman Reimel; Councilman Chamberlain 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Budget Report: President Granahan inquired if anyone had any questions or comments on the presented material. No questions or comments.

Street Department: President Granahan asked if anyone had any questions on the Street Department Report.

Councilman Reimel informed Council the department had been working early mornings and very hard clearing the snow.

Zoning Report: President Granahan stated there was no Zoning Report submitted for the month of January.

Code Enforcement Report: President Granahan asked if anyone had any questions on report submitted by the Code Enforcement Officer. No questions or comments.

Police Department: President Granahan asked if there were any questions or comments on the Police Report.

Chief Smith stated things have been the same, nothing out of order.

Municipal Authority: President Granahan asked if there were any questions or comments on the Municipal Authority Report. No questions or comments

Mayor's Report: Mayor Tom LaMont stated he had a meeting with the Police Department regarding detailing and disinfecting the Police Cars by wiping them down after each shift.

PUBLIC HEARING

Article IV Montrose Code §107-39 Meters

President Granahan opened the Public Hearing at 7:52 p.m.

President Granahan stated Maple Street is too narrow to allow two cars to pass in opposite directions with cars parked on each side of the road it creates a dangerous situation.

Meters will be removed as soon as possible, and “No Parking” signs will be put up.

Staci Wilson asked why it was not advertised as parking spaces eliminated which was replied because they are amending the code for metered parking.

President Granahan closed the Public Hearing at 7:55 p.m.

Councilman Reimel motioned to adopt amended Article IV Montrose Code §107-39 removal of meters on the north side of Maple Street between Chenango Street and Pine Street; Councilman Chamberlain 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Action Items:

- 1. Adopt Amendment of Montrose Code §107-39:** Reference Public Hearing
- 2. Approve Proske Subdivision:** Review tabled until next meeting.
- 3. Approve Vermeersch Subdivision:** Review tabled until next meeting.
- 4. Adopt Amended Resolution No. 2016-01 Clarification of Fees:** Councilman Follert motioned to adopt amended Resolution No. 2016-01 clarifying fees for each requested document; Councilman Herd 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

5. **Approve Extended Warranty on Backhoe:** Councilwoman Kelly motioned to approve an extended full warranty on the backhoe at a price of \$3,750.00 for sixty months; Councilman Herd 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
6. **ZHB Appoint New Member and Alternate:** ZHB Chairman Richard Griffith requested Council to appoint new candidate Teresa Larue to replace James Sample as an alternate.

Councilman Schuster motioned to appoint James Sample as member and Teresa Larue as an alternate to the Zoning Hearing Board; Councilman Reimel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion Items

1. **Does Borough Have Ordinance/Resolution Protecting Homeowners:** Resident sent in an article about telecommunication companies placing ground mounted 5G equipment on private properties without permission from the landowner. Council stated no.
2. **South Main Street/Public Ave. Crosswalk Report:** The 706-project conducted by PennDot created multiple changes in the borough. One change was the placement of the crosswalk (east to west) on South Main Street corner of Slanted Art. The handicap ramp with the crosswalk is placed so far back from the corner vehicles turning onto S. Main from Rt. 706/29 can not see the crosswalk nor people on the crosswalk until they are almost on top of them. This has been an ongoing problem.

One option from PennDot is to move the crosswalk on the southern approach to the intersection which would require reconstruction and high costs. Another option is the pedestrian signals could be placed into three second advanced pedestrian phase, and the final option would be to widen the crosswalk markings from six foot wide to twenty feet wide making the crosswalk more visible.

Councilwoman Kelly motioned to change the pedestrian signals to an advanced pedestrian phase and to widen the crosswalk markings; Councilman Reimel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

During this discussion, another crosswalk issue was discussed the one across Church Street in front of Montrose Square Apartments leading to Lee's parking lot. Cars and trucks traveling on Church Street do not stop for pedestrians and the borough office has received numerous complaints. Borough Secretary researched Pedestrian Crossing signs with solar flashing lights for pricing.

Council agreed it was an area that needed a sign drivers would be more inclined to pay attention to. Councilwoman Kelly motioned to purchase two Pedestrian Crossing flashing signs at a price of one thousand six hundred sixty-five dollars each; Councilman Herd 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

- 3. Revamp Subdivision Ordinance:** Borough Secretary and Zoning Officer to review current Subdivision Ordinance (SALDO) and report back to Council.

Executive Session

**President Granahan recessed the open meeting at 8:22 p.m.
President Granahan called to order the open meeting at 9:12 p.m.**

Following Executive Session the following motions were made:

Councilman Schuster stated a complaint came to the Mayor and Council which is beyond their capability to handle and the recommendation is to forward the complaint to Siana Law.

Councilman Schuster motioned to forward the complaint to Siana Law at a cost of two hundred sixty-five dollars and hour; Councilman Reimel 2nd the motion. Councilman Herd abstained; motion carried.

Councilman Schuster motioned to adjourn the meeting; Councilman Herd 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned 8:20 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Lillian T. Senko
Borough Secretary