

Minutes – April 12, 2017

McSherrystown, Pennsylvania

Council of the Borough of McSherrystown met at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 in the Municipal Building, 338 Main Street, McSherrystown, Pennsylvania with Patricia McKim-Bortner presiding.

President McKim-Bortner led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and the Invocation for Divine Guidance.

Present on roll call were the following members of council constituting a quorum: Patricia D. McKim-Bortner, David W. Bolton, Michael J. Calderone, James A. Forbes and Robert D. Niedererr. Councilmembers Joseph E. VonSas and Douglas S. Duvall were absent. Other Borough Officials in attendance included Mayor Anthony J. Weaver; Robert Campbell, Esq. Solicitor; Michael F. Woods, Chief of Police; Scott J. Cook, Manager and Luanne M. Boring, Secretary/Treasurer.

Minutes of the regular meeting held March 8, 2017 were approved on a motion moved by Councilmember Bolton with a correction that Highway Committee Chairman is himself and not Duvall. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Niedererr. Motion carries.

The Financial Review and Budget Analysis reports were presented by the treasurer. There were no questions of those reports.

Communications noted included the following:

3/29/17 McSherrystown Heritage Day Association re: proposed flag display in the Borough's Main Street Park on Memorial Day. Approximately 200 9"x12" flags on sticks to be placed around the perimeter of the park along the sidewalk. Installation would be May 25th and they would be removed June 1st. If successful, they may ask for permission to display them July 4th week.

Members of council were in agreement and appreciative of this effort to honor veterans and brighten our park.

4/6/17 DCHS Interact Club moderator, Patricia Morrocco, requests permission to hold their annual sleep out for homeless at the high school on 4/28-4/29. A copy of the letter was given to Chief Woods. Woods acknowledged that the police will be out all night patrolling and in the vicinity.

Councilman Bolton moved a motion to approve the sleep out for homeless event. Councilmember Calderone seconds the motion. Motion carries.

4/11/17 Wellspan Health is partnering with the Adams County Library System to launch Get Outdoors (GO) Adams! It is a summer long physical activity similar to the program offered in York County and other areas. The fifteen wooden posts will be hidden in Adams County Parks. Each 4"x4" post approximately 3-4' tall will have a slanted board affixed to its top on which would be a unique etching plate. Participants use crayons or

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colored pencils to rub an etching of the picture into the program guide available at all Adams County libraries. Post to be installed prior to start of program on June 3rd and removed at the conclusion mid-August. They are requesting to place one at the South Street Recreation Park. A report will follow at the end of the program.

Councilmember Calderone moved a motion to approve participation in this GO Adams program. Councilmember Niedererr seconded the motion. Motion carries.

They will be notified of the approval asking that Manager Cook have say in location of the post at the park.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION - none

REPORTS

Mayor Weaver thanked SAVES for their help during the March snowstorm, saying it was very much appreciated that they manned the station and had food for those crews working during the storm. He thanked Chief Woods and Scott Cook for their department's efforts.

The mayor brought up the fact that areas of town are not lit up at night especially in the developments. There are restrictions in the deeds but learned from Manager Cook that there is no way for the borough to enforce them. In particular, the streets without street lights are Cricket Lane, Eric Dr., Westview Dr., Squire Circle and Maria Dr. In these developments exterior lighting is required but people are not maintaining them and tearing them out and not replacing them.

Solicitor Campbell advised that if it is a violation of land development you can address it there, but the Borough cannot enforce deed restrictions.

Councilmember Forbes commented that he will look into this matter.

Police Chief Woods submitted his report for the month of March which included 130 calls for police services. There were 3 criminal arrests, 7 summary arrests and 1 parking ticket issued. Patrols traveled 2,154 miles, using 235.6 gallons of fuel and averaging 9.1 mpg. Woods also distributed his yearly accident report to officials.

He noted that the Moose has increased their \$250 donation to \$500 per month.

Chief Woods reported that the department lost one of its part time officers, Keoni Lauer, to West York full time. Kyle Freeman is doing a phenomenal job at his training with a 94 average. Woods will be recalculating the part time hours with remaining budget dollars.

Manager Cook's report for the month of March included cleaning and painting picnic tables as needed and setting them out at pavilions. Placed trash toters at all recreation parks and repaired damaged siding on the senior center. The plows and cinder spreader

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were removed on trucks, cleaned snow from storm water catch basins and cleaned up public works grounds and buildings. All ball diamonds were prepped for spring practice. Trash containers were emptied at the parks and Borough offices. Daily maintenance and repairs was performed on police vehicles and borough vehicles and equipment. Plowed snow, applied salt and cindered streets as needed. Cleaned snow from sidewalks and applied salt. Gasoline usage totaled 256.0 gallons, diesel usage was 35.5 gallons and SAVES used 388.3 gallons of diesel and 60.2 gallons of gasoline.

Cook noted that the street sweeper was delivered and a day long demo given. They are taking care of an issue found. As far as the old sweeper, Cook would like to put that on Munici-Bid for two to three weeks. The scrap metal pricing will be determined.

The storm sewer billing issue with Conewago Township has been turned over to our engineer. A thirty day extension has been given.

Under Solid Waste Committee, Manager Cook says he has been in contact with the commercial and residential collectors and both are interested in another year, as we had an option for two years and last year had extended one, so one more is being considered. Cook noted that the YCSWA had an increase of \$3 ton beginning 2017 and that is already built into contract stipulations.

Chairman Calderone recommends that we renew these contracts for another year.

Councilmember Bolton moved a motion to approve the extension of the waste hauling contracts for one year for both the residential and commercial which is through July 8, 2018. Councilmember Niedererr seconds the motion. Motion carries.

Manager Cook reported that the recent E-cycling collection held here yielded three tons of materials taken to Penn Township.

Highway Committee Chairman Bolton reported that he had received a call from a resident about a sink hole in the 600 block of Main St. He was in contact with Manager Cook and Columbia Gas was there in a couple days to patch it, so he appreciated the turnover.

Recreation Committee Chairman Niedererr spoke about the Summer Fun Program and its decline in numbers the last several years. He had previously reported this trend to the board saying there is not much interest and now the three supervisors needed must have their child care clearances which has become an added expense. He recommends that the Borough drop the program for this year and asked the thoughts of the board. Members were in agreement and suggested it be an option for future years or a similar program be established.

Councilmember Niedererr moved a motion to drop the Summer Fun Program this year due to the declining trend of numbers and background costs for the needed supervisors. Councilmember Calderone seconded the motion. Motion carries.

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Manager Cook has met with Recreation Committee Chairman Niedererr at the South Street Recreation Park concerning requests to relocate the horseshoe pits to a more suitable location away from where children play. There are teams who get together and plan and they are willing to put them in if we buy the materials. There were two locations that were determined suitable. One is near the former Boyd's Building off Cheetah Park area and one behind the small pavilion along the fence area.

Councilmember Bolton moved a motion to approve the relocation of the horseshoe pits, allowing teams to put them in with the Borough supplying materials. Councilmember Niedererr seconds the motion. Motion carries.

Civil Service Committee Chairman Bolton handed out his reports, noting there is currently no Civil Service list. He says that Freeman will be on the road the end of July. There are gaps and Huntingdon is part time and can work limited hours up to FT but not with benefits. They highly recommend to put out an advertisement for a list because having one is essential.

Chief Woods related that there is \$15,000 in the budget for part time in 2017. He will determine what funds are remaining and average it out.

Mayor Weaver says that we have to do something to have a list ready as we are getting into warmer weather and will have increase in calls.

Chief Woods added that Huntingdon is doing well here but has his name in other places for a full time position.

Councilmember Bolton moved a motion to advertise for a Civil Service List of Act 120 certified applicants. Councilmember Niedererr seconds the motion. Motion carries.

OLD BUSINESS

Young Lungs at Play proposed at the last meeting was discussed. There are options to adopt regulations prohibiting tobacco use at public parks. The solicitor will prepare an ordinance to add it to our park regulations. Manager Cook says a fine would be \$50 to no more than \$1,000. He referred to Chapter 146 regulations for the solicitor's research.

Councilmember Bolton reported attending the ACBA meeting in March and read from notes saying that council had supported the small games of chance resolution a few years ago but not the radar use other the state police. He is looking to adopt and join in support by other groups.

Councilmember Bolton moved a motion to adopt the resolution in support of the small games of chance noting that clubs want to be allowed to generate more funds to allow to donate to the community. The motion died for lack of a second.

Chief Woods spoke of the resolution for support of radar saying he is all for it but no

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manpower here. He added that there would be an expense to buy a machine and training would be needed to operate it. He would like it said that he is not recommending it as a money maker.

Mayor Weaver says he has reservations about it although he trusts our department. He does not believe that the state police should be the only ones with it.

Chief Woods related that a three car video system is being purchased with donations. The McSherrystown Home Association has given a substantial donation for that purchase.

-Councilmember Bolton noted that it has come to a point to raise taxes or take donations and contributions.

-Councilmember Forbes commented that he has bad feelings about club interactions with the Borough.

-Mayor Weaver stated that the clubs have been part of our recreation programs for years and acknowledged the respect they give us.

-Chief Woods added that they came to us with a vehicle, video system, etc.

Councilmember Bolton amended his motion to adopt both resolutions as presented. The motion died for lack of a second.

Councilmember Bolton continued with his report of upcoming meetings and events. A regional shredding is scheduled for October 21st and would like to know if there is interest. There would be a cost determined if opened up and would be pro-rated.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval to pay expenditures as listed was given on a motion moved by Councilmember Calderone, seconded by Councilmember Niedererr. Motion carries.

Manager Cook has been approached by N. Fifth St. Diner owner concerning two on street handicap parking spaces. Cook recalled Labor and Industry inspection that required one sign on the building for an off-street space. He recommends considering one off-street.

Councilmember Calderone moved a motion to approve one handicap on-street parking space in front of the diner. Councilmember Niedererr seconds the motion. Motion carries.

President McKim-Bortner has received notice from the MBPOA of their intentions to meet for contract negotiations. Smyers, Sprankle and Woods will represent them. Dates will be determined. President McKim-Bortner appoints Councilmember Niedererr and Councilmember VonSas to representatives for the Borough Committee.

Adjournment was declared at 8:19 p.m. on a motion moved by Councilmember Calderone, seconded by Councilmember Bolton. Motion carries.

Luanne M. Boring, Borough Secretary