

Minutes – November 8, 2017

McSherrystown, Pennsylvania

An executive session was held at 6 p.m. for the purpose of discussion of the conditional use hearing with the solicitor. The session ended at 6:40 p.m. on a motion moved by Councilmember Forbes, seconded by Councilmember Calderone.

Council of the Borough of McSherrystown met at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, November 8, 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, Joseph E. VonSas, Michael J. Calderone, James A. Forbes, Stephen J. Pascoe and Robert D. Niedererr. Councilmember David W. Bolton was absent. Other Borough Officials in attendance included Mayor Anthony J. Weaver, Robert E. Campbell, Esq., Solicitor; Michael F. Woods, Chief of Police; Scott J. Cook, Manager/Zoning Officer and Luanne M. Boring, Secretary/Treasurer.

Minutes of the regular meeting and conditional use hearing held October 11, 2017 were approved on a motion moved by Councilmember VonSas, seconded by Councilmember Niedererr. Motion carries.

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

Communications noted included the following:

10/23/17 ACBA meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 20th at 6:15 p.m. at The Pike. Councilmember Bolton messaged that he will be attending that meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION-none

Rachel Williams from The Gettysburg Times was welcomed here tonight.

REPORTS

Mayor Weaver publicly thanked SAVES for their assistance with Trick-or-Treat not only here but in their service area. He indicated that a thank you letter was sent by the secretary.

Police Chief Woods submitted his report for the month of October which included 141 calls for police services. There were 4 criminal arrests and 68 summary arrests. Patrols traveled 3,274 miles, using 373.3 gallons of fuel and averaging 8.8 mpg. In addition, Woods reported that the department was top in the county for stops during the month and is impressed with his new officers.

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Woods added to the mayor's thanks to SAVES, saying there were no issues whatsoever during the Trick-or-Treat event.

Manager Cook's monthly report for October included continued work to build a roof extension on Sr. Center building. Brush was chipped on-site throughout town once each week. The E-Cycling drop off event was overseen at public works and items delivered to Penn Township. The public works garage was cleaned up and floor areas power washed. All streets were swept during the month. Trash was emptied at all parks and borough offices on a weekly basis. Daily maintenance was performed on police vehicles and borough vehicles and equipment. Mowed and maintained all recreation areas as needed. Gasoline usage was 187.6 gallons and diesel fuel usage was 110.4 gallons. SAVES used 377.9 gallons of diesel and 11.0 gallons of gasoline during the month.

According to Manager Cook, the senior center project completion involved trim, gutters, painting and landscaping. He publicly wants to thank Piney Lawrence for his assistance and also Daniel Smith Roofing. Both provided their expertise and donated time, tools and material.

Cook wishes to attend updates for Pesticide Class credits. On 12/4 in Grantville at a cost of \$95 and in York a wastewater sewer certification at a cost of \$125. Councilmember Pascoe moved a motion to approve the classes at a cost of \$95 and \$125. Councilmember Calderone seconded the motion. Motion carries.

The senior center camera system has been installed and the last camera in place. The DVR records 30 days and is an impressive view of the building and surrounding area. It also covers the rear of the Adams Realty building that had vandalism in the past.

Councilmember VonSas suggested the Borough contact Felch and obtain a price to have him set up a system to tie into our internet here. It is a one-time fee and that way we would have access here.

In the absence of Recreation Committee Chairman, Councilmember Niedererr questioned the relocation for storage of baseball equipment. It has not yet been moved but did learn that the available area for storage at the K of C is under the stage and we would need to obtain bins and locks, so as to keep everything together as currently stored.

Zoning Officer Cook reported receiving the first Heartland Development application for its model home there.

Solicitor Campbell reported that council has met in an executive session to discuss the conditional use hearing and based on findings of fact a decision will be rendered at a special meeting to be held Monday, November 20th at 6 p.m. in Borough Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

Approval to pay expenditures as listed was given on a motion moved by Councilman

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Calderone, seconded by Councilman Niedererr. Motion carries.

The need to adopt Council/Mayor fees by ordinance was discussed. In a recent PA Borough News there was an article that stated that the mayor must accept pay if council accepts their pay. The compensation was made part of the appointments/compensation resolution the past sixteen years. Up to this time Mayor Weaver had donated his pay back to the Borough.

Manager Cook reported attending recent tax meetings at York and Adams. He says they passed the budget and our share for next year is \$8.37. There is good news that the 2% collection fee is being reduced to 1.85%. They are still chasing delinquent taxes and that Act 32 is working. The bureau is working to get pricing for new roofing and bullet proof glass in the collection area.

The drafted budget for 2018 was discussed. Manager Cook indicated that for some time we worked with a negative budget until funds began to come in. As of 10/31 there was a positive balance of \$823.24. It was noted that the police contract has not yet been finalized, so those updated salaries, etc. will need to be added once known. Cook highlighted certain lines budgeted, offering explanations. He noted that there is approximately \$48,000 in miscellaneous reserves should they wish to utilize that towards the senior center building roof and police. The budget will be discussed further at the special meeting on November 20th, as the meeting will be advertised to include other business.

Chief Woods requested an executive session.

A recess was declared at 7:50 p.m. on a motion moved by Councilmember Calderone, seconded by Councilmember Pascoe. Motion carries.

The meeting was called back to order at 7:55 p.m. in an executive personnel session by President McKim-Bortner.

The regular meeting was called back to order at 8:05 p.m. by President McKim-Bortner.

Adjournment was declared at 8:06 p.m. on a motion moved by Councilmember Forbes, seconded by Councilmember Calderone. Motion carries.

Luanne M. Boring
Borough Secretary