

MT WOLF BOROUGH MINUTES

February 14, 2012

CONVENE

The Mount Wolf Borough Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, February 14, 2012, beginning at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Council President, Pat Poet.

SWEARING IN

Mayor Josh Bowers swore in the following official:

Dennis Naylor - Council Member

ATTENDANCE

These council members and other officials were present:

Council - Ted Fadely, Lester Jordan, Bill Marquis, Dennis Naylor, Pat Poet, Ronald Witmer, Secretary/Treasurer Steve Kehler, Mayor Josh Bowers, Borough Engineer – Adam Anderson, Solicitor/Zoning Officer - Joe Gothie arriving at 7:05.

Councilman Don Dierdorff was absent.

VISITORS

1. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Nicholas from Visual Reality were present to set the date of August 11, 2012 for the car show. He asked that 3rd Street through 6th Street be blocked off as well as Maple Street through Walnut Street. A Witmer/Jordan motion was made to have the car show. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Stan and Bonnie Gladfelter were present to talk to the Council about their plans to file for a quiet title to add the alley to their lot. They have talked to Chuck Wolf to see if he owns it, he said it is not his land. They will be sharing the property with their neighbors, Leroy and Dot Brown. The Council can see no problem with this plan and gave them the okay to carry on with their plans.
3. Charles Stambaugh was present to give the yearly tax report. He noted that Brick Staining Technologies has is the only business in the Borough that failed to pay their Occupation Tax. Attorney Gothie noted a complaint could be filed against them at the District Justice's office. Mr. Stambaugh also wanted the Council to consider ordering more Mount Wolf History Books since he has had some requests from people for a copy. He has a quote for 500 books. The Borough Council will get some quotes from other businesses before making a decision.

AGENDA

A Naylor/Jordan motion was made to approve the agenda as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

MINUTES

A Marquis/Jordan motion was made to approve the minutes from the January 2, 2012 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A Witmer/Fadely motion was made to approve the 1/31/12 Treasurer's Report and the Payment of Bills -- #1670- #1691 for the amount of \$19846.52. Motion passed unanimously.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Adam Anderson was present to update the council on what was found at Diehl Funeral Home. The Sewer Authority televised the line and found there were some pipes broken and one of the pipes being on the corner of Maple St. and Main St. where the icing problem is occurring. Adam recommended that the pipe under the sidewalk be replaced and then televise up the line and try to flush and clean out the debris. The Borough needs to find out who is responsible for taking care of the line. Research will be done by looking at past permit applications and reading past minutes. As for now, Adam will make a plan and the Borough will apply for grants.

Adam also mentioned that Georgia Pacific relocated one of its sewer laterals.

He also wanted to know of any plans to work on streets this year. Dennis said he would survey the streets when it gets warmer and get back to him.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

No report

COMMUNICATIONS

Steve Kehler shared some items of interest to the council. He also read a letter from the SPCA asking the Borough to adopt an Ordinance to prohibit tethering dogs for long periods of time. Attorney Gothie will present an ordinance to be adopted at the next meeting in March.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Attorney Joe Gothie reported on the following:

1. A draft for the Street Opening Permit was passed around for the council members to review.
2. 198 S. 4th Street is doing work and has failed to obtain a permit; he will be following up on this.

PARKS & RECREATION

No report.

STREETS

Dennis Naylor reported on the following:

1. The sink hole on 4th Street has been cold patched for now.
2. The expenses from the September flooding were presented to FEMA on January 5th. Pat met with them another time and they agreed to give \$2,890 for the flood damage. The only thing that will need to be done is filling out a form when the damage has been repaired.
3. East Manchester Township is contemplating buying a new backhoe and may be interested in selling their current backhoe to Mt. Wolf Borough. Dennis is waiting to see how much they will want for the used backhoe. A Naylor/Witmer motion was made to allow up to \$15,500 for a backhoe. Motion passed unanimously.

PROPERTY AND SERVICES

The garbage collection contract will be expiring at the end of July. Will look into what the rates will be to extend it for another two years.

INSURANCE

No Report

HEALTH AND SAFETY

No report.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

No Report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Josh Bowers reported on the following:

1. The VFW does not want the new flag pole put up in the park because they have already bought the supplies needed to repair the existing flag pole that is in the park.
2. Having done research on surveillance cameras, the lowest package would cost between \$2,500 to \$3,500 to install 4 to 6 cameras. The Mayor would like to use a local company, Advantage in Hellam, who does a lot of work for boroughs.
3. Has been asked to participate in Meals on Wheels with the Senior Center.
4. Ordering 12 green safety shirts for the borough. Calling around for the best pricing.
5. NEYCSA is going to place a batting cage near the basketball court at Greiman Park. NEYCSA has full responsibility to maintain the batting cage.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

The sewer rates will be going up.

A Jordan/Marquis motion was made to continue having Adam Anderson as Borough Engineer and Attorney Joe Gothie as the Solicitor/Zoning Officer. Motion passed unanimously.

A Marquis/Jordan motion was made to raise the Auditors pay to 13.00/hour. They need to claim on their own. Motion passed unanimously.

A Naylor/Marquis motion was made to hire Dale Sowers as a substitute crossing guard. Motion passed unanimously.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Pat reported that Garman's driveway is being fixed and will let her know when it is completed.

ADJORN

A Witmer/Marquis motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.

Mandy L. Davis, Recording Secretary