

Mill Village Borough Minutes: Wednesday, December 7, 2005

President Cris Peters called the Mill Village Borough Council meeting for December to order at 7:30 p.m. Those present were: Rustin Peters, Roberta McLaughlin, Kathleen Williams, Linda Falconer, Jim Heilbrun, employee - Dawson Bogert, Jr. and Solicitor Tim Sennett. Absent from meeting: Randy Foltz, Mayor Steven Yovich and employee Dawson Bogert Sr. Guests Present: Robert Allison and Laura Breon, E.T. Reporter

Kathy Williams made a **motion** to accept the minutes from the November 2005 meeting. Seconded by Roberta McLaughlin, all in favor, **motion carried**.

Treasurer's Report: General Fund - \$ 10,336.92 State Fund - \$40,799.09 Capital Reserve- \$ 9,495.61 Petty Cash- \$35.58 – Roberta McLaughlin made a **motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Rustin Peters, all in favor, **motion carried**.

Burning Ordinance: President Cris Peters made a **motion** to open the floor for public comment regarding the proposed burning ordinance. Seconded by Kathy Williams, all in favor, **motion carried**.

Guests:

Robert Allison wanted to make a public comment on the proposed burning ordinance. Mr. Allison wanted Council to know that he was in favor of not burning garbage, however he would like to be able to burn leaves and sticks since he has such a large yard in the Borough. Mr. Sennett said that the burning of leaves in this ordinance is prohibited. Roberta McLaughlin said that she was in favor with Mr. Allison about being able to burn leaves. Linda Falconer said that she was not in favor of changing the proposed ordinance. Rustin said that he was not in favor of the ordinance at all, he felt that issuing the permits and enforcing them would be too expensive for the Borough. Jim said that he wants to be able to burn leaves but would still like the burning ordinance. Kathy said she would be in favor of burning leaves, but she would still want the burning ordinance. Cris said she would like to see leaf burning exempt, but she still wants the rest of the burning ordinance in place. Mr. Sennett said Council would need to address these issues under New Business by making a motion to modify the draft. Mr. Sennett also said that there would be a typographical error change on page three (3), section six (6), paragraph 1A: which should state: "or responsible adult" which is inserted in the wrong place in that paragraph. It should be at the end of that paragraph.

Maintenance Report:

- Ernie Brown will be having surgery on his shoulder soon so he will not be able to put the radiator in the Borough truck.
- Dawson reported that the replacement on the ceiling tile and insulating the ceiling at the Borough Building had been started.
- The employees missed one leaf collection pick up this fall.
- During Thanksgiving one of the plow shoes got caught on the railroad rail and twisted off the plow truck.
- Dawson told Council that the railroad may have put patch between the railroad rails on Woods Road since he plow during Thanksgiving, but he wasn't sure with the snow on the road. Rusty said he didn't think that anything had been done and that we should send another letter to the railroad about this issue.
- The truck was inspected and needed some parts to pass the inspection.
- Xmas wreaths had a malfunction on South Main Street. A wire over Route 6 had come apart at a previously spliced area. Zewe Electric will be fixing the problem with a bucket truck.
- Depot Street 10-Ton Weight Limit sign is missing. Dawson said he would have to wait to install the new sign in the spring because the ground was too frozen to get the sign in.

Jobs for Borough Employee:

- Proceed with insulating Borough Building

President's Report:

No report.

Mayor's Report:

Absent

Old Business:

- Armstrong Cable TV Contract update – Tim Sennett told Council that the agreement is now done. Tim asked Council to make a motion to re-advertise their intent to adopt the cable TV contract ordinance at the next January meeting. Roberta made a **motion** to re-advertise the cable TV contract intent for adoption for the January meeting. Seconded by Jim Heilbrun, all in favor, **motion carried**.
- Report from Linda on cost for new furnace replacement in Borough Building. Linda told Council that Mr. Merry sis come and look at the Borough furnace. He told Linda that the current furnace is the original one. He would get a price to Linda as soon as he could on a new 80,000 BTU or 90,000 BTU unit.
- Report from Linda regarding more cement roadblocks being put on Depot Street. Linda said she talked to Bob Rohrer and he said he would do it as soon as he gets his excavator back home from Erie.

- Sally sent an email to Mike DePaoli from PennDOT regarding Council's concerns about semi trucks traveling on Route 6. Sally told Council that she was just waiting on a reply from Mike.

Correspondence:

Letters Received From – None

Letters Sent To – None (all correspondence done with email)

New Business:

- Burning Ordinance revision: Kathy made a **motion** for a change to the Burning Ordinance that would prohibit the burning of refuse, rubbish and trade waste, but would allow, without a permit and without containers, the burning of wood, leaves and paper. Seconded by Roberta McLaughlin, all in favor, **motion carried**.
- Roberta made a **motion** for the Reorganization meeting for 2006 and the monthly meeting to be combined and advertised for Tuesday, January 3rd, 2006 at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Rusty, all in favor, **motion carried**.
- Election Day Results: the following candidates and write-in votes filled all Council Seats: Kathy Williams (R) 56 votes – term 4 years, Linda Falconer (D) 50 votes – term 4 years, Steve Sherred – four (4) write-in votes – term 4 years. James Heilbrun (R) 55 votes – term 2 years. Joseph Sam (D) – nine (9) write-in votes – term 4 years. Will fill mayor seat.
- Sally asked Council to consider changing truck insurance because Erie Insurance would not put Dawson Bogert, Sr. on the Borough's policy. They said he would have to be accident free for (five) 5 years before that would allow him to drive the truck, but the most cost effective route was through Bush Insurance in Cambridge Springs. The Borough currently has liability and worker's compensation through Bush Ins. (Selective Insurance Co.) and they would just add on the truck policy. The cost would be approximately \$486.00 more per year. Right now we pay \$614.00 per year. If Council goes with Selective Insurance it would be \$1,100.00 per year. However the insurance agent said that in May 2006 when all our policies come due, we could have him shop around for a package plan that would save money on all the insurances we are currently paying. Kathy Williams told Council that her husband Randy would plow, but he ran into the same obstacle as Dawson, Sr.; Erie Insurance would not insure him to plow for the Borough. Council decided not want to go with a more expensive insurance company. They felt that even if they switched insurances that weren't sure if Dawson, Sr. would be able to plow since he worked for the School District and had to be to work early to plow for them. Sally said she thought that Dawson, Sr. said that would not be a problem with his schedule. Roberta said it would be nice to get someone to plow that would be available during the day and that had done it before, like Rusty. Rusty interjected and said "I would do the plowing for \$20.00 per hour, but I can't do it for the same hourly rate that you pay the Borough employees, because I would be losing money." "I would have to take time off from my regular hourly job rate to plow when it was need, and I can't do it for \$10.00 per hour or it would be like I was paying the Borough to plow their streets." Tim Sennett raised concern with Rusty being on Council and being an employee at the same time. Sally told Tim that if the population in the town were below 3,000 people then this would be permissible according to Borough Code. Tim looked it up and did find this statement to be true. Roberta said that Council needed to get someone on now so that it doesn't have a problem with the roads being plowed. Cris said "I would be in favor of Rusty plowing when and only when Dawson, Jr. can't plow." Sally also told Council that Dawson, Jr. may be having surgery soon and would need a relief driver for this situation also. Cris said the problem is that someone will do it for a while then they quit because it's only a part-time sporadic type job. Roberta made a **motion** that Rusty would be the backup driver for the Borough for \$20.00 per hour and if Rusty needed a back up driver he would call Ed Falconer (to be paid at \$10.00 per hour) to fill in for him. Seconded by Jim Heilbrun, all in favor, **motion carried**. Cris said she would call Ed to tell him.
- Linda wanted to send \$200.00 to the Erie Zoo for a donation to help keep it going. Cris wanted to know if this could be put on the agenda each year to see if Council had the money to send to the Zoo. All agreed that this would be a good idea. Linda made a **motion** to send the Erie Zoo a donation check in the amount of \$200.00 for this year. Seconded by Roberta McLaughlin, all in favor, **motion carried**.

Secretary's Report:

- None.

-Kathy made a **motion** to pay all bills, seconded by Linda, all in favor, **motion carried**.

-Linda made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 p.m. Seconded by Roberta, all in favor, **motion carried**.

Council went into Executive Session. There will not be action taken after the executive session.

NEXT MEETING FOR COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON Tuesday, January 3, 2006 AT 7:30 P.M. This will be the monthly meeting combined with the reorganizational meeting for 2006.