

Mill Village Borough Minutes: Wednesday, February 6, 2008

Ted Szall called the Mill Village Borough Council meeting for February to order at 7:37 p.m. Those present were: Kathy Williams, Ed Falconer, Linda Falconer, Borough Solicitor-Tim Sennett. Employee present: Dawson Bogert Sr. Absent from meeting: Mayor Joe Sam, Rustin Peters, Mayor Joe Sam and Steve Sherred.

Guest: Roberta McLaughlin

Ed Falconer made a **motion** to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Ted Szall, all in favor, **motion carried**.

Linda made a **motion** to approve the consent agenda* except for the swearing in of Roberta McLaughlin, because the Mayor was absent from the meeting, seconded by Ed Falconer, all in favor, **motion carried**.

- *Consent Agenda: Approval of minutes from January 2008 regular meeting and the reorganizational meeting minutes.
- *Treasurer's report: General Fund: \$5,073.32 State Fund: \$61,880.06 Capital Reserve: \$10,510.09 Depot Street: \$18,635.83 Petty Cash: \$59.63

Borough Maintenance Report from Dawson Bogert:

- Report on winter plowing schedule: Dawson said the plowing is going fine, no complaints.
- Dawson purchased new energy efficient lights from Lowes for the borough sign and installed them.

Jobs for Borough Employee

- Boy's baseball sign-ups will be at the borough building on the following dates: Feb 16th from 10:00 am until 12:00 pm, February 19th from 6 pm to 8 pm and February 22nd from 6 pm until 9:00 pm.

Public Comment:

- Scheduled Speakers: None.
- Unscheduled Speakers: None.

Reports and Presentations by Invited Guest Speakers:

- Mark Corey had to cancel attending tonight's meeting because of a conflict with his schedule. He did however give a report to the secretary that he has met with Curt Sonney regarding the new requirements from DEP on issuing of the permit to rebuild the Depot Street Bridge. Mr. Sonney said he would be meeting with DEP to ask them to get the permit moving so the bridge can be installed as soon as possible. Representative Sonney felt that the new requirements for issuing the permit were not needed and he planned on finding out why the DEP is so concerned with the hydraulic study being done before the permit is issued. Ted said that he and Ed would be in charge of talking with Mark Corey regarding this issue and they would also question him on when the new zoning book would be ready and why council needs a representative at the Erie County Watershed meetings. Tim asked Ted Szall if he would like him to look into the reason for having a borough representative at the Erie County Watershed meetings? Ted said that he would like Tim to check into this for council.

Items Removed from the Consent Agenda: None

Committee Reports: None.

Correspondence

Letters Received From:

- Paul Peters – he said he would be willing to be reappointed to the Planning Commission.
- Mill Village Volunteer Fire Co. – Invitation to attend Firemen's Banquet on Saturday, March 1st @ 6:30 pm for two council members and their guests. RSVP by February 20, 2008 to Heidi Cranston @ 796-6347 (copy in with bills). Linda said she and Ed would represent borough council because they would be at the

banquet anyway. Ted asked Kathy and her husband would like to go and Kathy said she would if it fit into her family's schedule. Kathy said she would call in her own reservation to Heidi Cranston.

- D.E.P. (planning standpoint only) approval letter to Ken and Vicki Yovich regarding their septic permit (copy in with bills)
- County of Erie Tax Assessment Office: New fee's for assessment appeals application fee is now \$50.00 plus an additional \$10.00 per parcel for assessment appeals of properties belonging to the same real estate. (copy in with bills)
- Mark Corey completed the questionnaire that Erie County requested regarding Phase I Act 167 Stormwater Management Plan. (copy in with bills)
- State Ethics Forms. (copy at each council seat) to be filled out and returned to the borough building by May 1, 2008.

Letters Sent To:

- Lee DeBrakeleer – RE: reappointment to Zoning Hearing Board for M.V. (no reply as of yet from Lee)
- Melody Cornell – RE: reappointment to Zoning Hearing Board for M.V. Melody did call and say she would serve another term on the Zoning Hearing Board.
- Reminder notice to Rockdale Township regarding WC payment (phone calls also made). Council stated that they would wait one more month to see if payment is received from Rockdale and if no payment is received that a representative from Mill Village Council would be sent to Rockdale's meeting to talk to them regarding the Worker's Compensation payment.
- Bob Rohrer – Thank you letter sent.

Unfinished Business:

- Ted Szall reviewed list of items on council's tablet to be completed. Ted asked that the gravel item for the transfer station be placed on the March agenda, along with last year's bill from Waste Management for the transfer station. Ted said he would like to appoint a committee to look into finding a less expensive trash hauler for the next transfer station day. Ted also wanted Kathy to know that he liked the tablet idea that she came up with. He liked the idea of having a reminder of what council needs to get done.
- **Motion** to pay monthly bills was made by Ed Falconer, seconded by Kathy Williams, all in favor, **motion carried.**
- Linda Falconer made a **motion** to reappoint Joyce Spitznogle as receiver of 1% Wage Tax and Emergency Municipal Services Tax. Seconded by Ted Szall, all in favor, **motion carried.**
- Ed Falconer made a **motion** to reappoint Kurt Sindberg as the Zoning Solicitor for Mill Village Borough. Seconded by Ted Szall, all in favor, **motion carried.**
- Kathy Williams made a **motion** to reappoint Paul Peters to Planning Committee. Seconded by Ed Falconer, all in favor, **motion carried.**
- Ed Falconer made a **motion** to reappoint Melody Cornell to the Zoning Hearing Board. Seconded by Ted Szall, all in favor, **motion carried.**
- Ed wanted to know who was checking into the railroad culvert area North Main and Church Street. Kathy said that she was personally sending a letter to the PUC to complain that the railroad is not taking care of the culvert area. She said that she would give a copy of the letter to the borough to place on file after she completed it.

New Business:

- Ted Szall and Ed Falconer will look into purchasing a new mower for the borough lawn. Their findings will be discussed at next month's meeting. Ted said that even though Steve Sherred is not at tonight's meeting he wanted Ted to mention to council that he would like the lawn mowing contracted out. Linda Falconer said she felt that council should not do this because they have an employee to mow the lawn. Ted said they might still look into this avenue of contracting out the lawn mowing to see what the cost savings would be.
- Linda Falconer made a **motion** that "Yard Sale Days" be held on Friday, June 13th and Saturday, June 14, 2008. Seconded by Kathy Williams, all in favor, **motion carried.**

- A **motion** was made by Kathy Williams to have the “Transfer Station Day” set for Saturday, May 17, 2008 from 10 am until 2 pm. Motion was seconded by Linda Falconer, all in favor, **motion carried**.
- Ted appointed Kathy Williams and Linda Falconer to look into starting the process of continuing on with the sidewalk replacement program in Mill Village. Linda, Ed and Ted were in favor of having the residents pay for half the cost and the borough pay the other half, but they would look into this further once the committee had a chance to meet. Tim Sennett suggested that plans from Waterford, Corry and Union City be reviewed to see how those municipalities handled their sidewalk replacement projects.

No reports or General Comments from Council President

No reports or General Comments from Borough Solicitor

Reports or General Comments from Mayor and Council Members:

Mayor Sam – Absent

Councilwoman Kathy Williams – Kathy told Council that she was resigning as the EMS data input person for NIMS system. She felt that the EMS Director (David Sterns) should be filling in the data needed on line rather than another person. Dawson spoke up and told Council that they will probably need to find someone else rather than David Sterns to be the Borough’s EMS Director, because he would be leaving with his military unit to Iraq this fall. Ted asked Linda and Ed to try and see if someone on the Fire Co. would be willing to replace David Sterns since Ed and Linda would be attending to firemen’s banquet.

Council person: Empty Seat

Councilman Peters – Absent

Councilwoman Falconer – No report

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Councilman Sherred – Absent

No report from Secretary

No Public Comment

Linda **moved** to adjourn meeting @ 8:33 p.m. Seconded by Kathy all in favor, **motion carried**.

Next meeting will be held on March 5, 2008 at 7:30 pm.