

Mill Village Borough Minutes: Wednesday, September 10, 2008

President Ted Szall called the Mill Village Borough Council meeting for September to order at 7:30 p.m. Those present were: Steve Sherred, Ed Falconer, Linda Falconer, Roberta McLaughlin, Don Mulson, Mayor Joe Sam, Borough Solicitor-Tim Sennett, employee Dawson Bogert Sr. and Catherine Wise.

Steve Sherred motioned to accept the agenda, Linda Falconer seconded, all voted yes. Linda Falconer made a motion to approve the minutes from the August meeting and the September 2008, Treasurer's report, Roberta McLaughlin seconded both, all in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's report:

General Fund: \$10,008.81

Depot Street: \$ 18,941.56

State Fund: \$ 74,722.91

Capital Reserve: \$ 10,682.51

Petty Cash: \$33.33

Secretary Report:

- The Quick books payroll subscription and internet service has been split with LeBoeuf Township, for cost effectiveness.

Borough Maintenance Report from Dawson Bogert:

- Dawson painted part of the plow in front of the building
- The Railroad sign on Woods Road needs painted. A letter needs sent to the railroad concerning this.
- 2 break-away safety vests will be ordered for roadway work. The order will be put in with the Fire Departments order.
- Catch basins on the corner of Gillette Street need cleaned off.

Committee Reports:

Unfinished Business:

- Roberta McLaughlin made a motion to pay monthly bills, seconded by Linda Falconer, all in favor, motion carried.
- Heat loss in the garage was tabled.
- In regards to the EMS Coordinator, Ted Szall stated that he may be interested in volunteering for the position in the near future. Ed Falconer mentioned he would be his assistant.
- Discussion was held on fixing the electric line and boxes. Talked about the meter and combining boxes. They will be moving the boxes on a Sunday in the near future.
- A letter was sent to the railroad concerning the tree stump by the creek.
- Variance Hearing costs were discussed. The newspaper article was costly. Numerous letters were sent that were not necessary. In the future, only adjourning property owners need to be sent letters. Packets need to be reduced to cut costs. Ted Szall stated that variance hearings should be citizen sensitive and cost effective. Tim

Sennett stated that he felt that legal council should be consulted concerning hearings. The last hearing was over \$700.00.

- The new zoning book is being worked on. It was requested that Mark Corey be present at the next meeting concerning this.

New Business:

- Leaf Clean up was discussed., collection is usually in October. Schedule for the 1st & 3rd Saturday mornings in October. Leaves need to be in clear bags with no grass clean-up. Information will be put in the newsletter.
- Steve Sherred volunteered his wife to publish the newsletter.
- A Railroad underpass meeting will be on October 1, 2008 at the elementary school at 5:00 p.m. Someone from council should attend to get information concerning their plans. It was discussed whether they will be building a bypass, while they are fixing the underpass.
- Ed Falconer motioned to move the next meeting to October 8, 2008. Roberta McLaughlin seconded. All voted yes.
- Tim Sennett sent a letter stating that he does need to be at all the meetings. He feels it is cost effective. He charges the lowest hourly rate and does not charge for travel time. He feels that he does need to give legal advice concerning different matters that arise at the meeting and needs to be present to be current on the facts.
- The budget meeting will be advertised. The committee will meet on October 15, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.. The committee will consist of Roberta McLaughlin, Linda Falconer, Don Mulson and Catherine Wise.

General Comments from Council President:

- Spoke with Shingledecker's, the pipe is scheduled to be delivered on September 23rd and then they will begin work on the bridge.
- The stream needs to be looked at and fixed, so that the community will not have to pay for any future damage that may be possible.

General Comments from Council:

Mayor Sam – No report

Councilwoman Kathy Williams – No report

Councilwoman Roberta McLaughlin - No report

Councilwoman Falconer - Halloween hours will be 6:00-8:00 p.m. October 31, 2008.

Councilman Falconer – Discussion was held on replacing the truck. Information was collected on trucks and costs. Discussion was held on bidding the truck or using a COG, checking on interest rates and how much state fund money can be used for the purchase. Tabled for next meeting.

Councilman Sherred – No Report

Councilman Mulson – No Report

Edward Falconer moved to adjourn meeting @ 8:35 p.m. Seconded by Roberta McLaughlin, all in favor, motion carried.

Next meeting will be held on **October 8, 2008** at 7:30 pm