

Mill Village Borough Minutes: Wednesday – August 5, 2009

President Ted Szall called the Mill Village Borough Council meeting for August 5, 2009 to order at 7:30 p.m. followed by the salute to the flag.

Those also present were: Roberta McLaughlin, Kathy Williams, Ed Falconer, Linda Falconer, Steve Sherred, Borough Solicitor – Tim Sennett and Catherine Wise - Secretary. Absent from the meeting was Mayor Joe Sam and council member Don Mulson. No Guests Present

Linda Falconer motioned to accept the agenda as read, Steve Sherred seconded, all in favor, motion carried. Steve Sherred motioned to pass the Consent Agenda including the Minutes from the July 1, 2009 meeting and the July 31, 2009 Treasurer's Report, Kathy Williams seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer's report: July 31, 2009

General Fund: \$28,451.56

State Fund: \$ 64,391.75

Capital Reserve: \$ 10,820.27

Petty Cash: \$20.15

Secretary Report:

- Secretary attended the Open Records seminar. It was suggested that a Record Retention policy be established at the Borough, due to new laws. Emails concerning borough business on personal computers are open records under the new laws.
- The Depot Street bridge fund account has been closed out. A report from Mark Corey was sent concerning the completion of the bridge. Check #1639 to Mark Corey will be reimbursed to General Fund from State Fund.
- The secretary bond will be checked into concerning the amount it covers and the cost of increasing the amount. Steve Sherred motioned to increase the coverage amount to \$125,000 - \$150,000 or to the cost of \$200.00 per year. Kathy Williams seconded. All voted yes.

Jobs for Dawson Bogert:

- Update street signs. Fix the signs, paint the posts, order new signs where needed. A new weight limit sign is needed for Woods Road and a post.

Public Comment:

Committee Reports:

Unfinished Business:

- Roberta McLaughlin made a motion to pay monthly bills, seconded by Steve Sherred. All voted yes.
- Correspondence was read and reviewed. The following items were submitted for review: *PennDOT Information Sheets, Municipal Claims/Liens on Tax Sale Properties. Governor's Center – Land Use Planning.*
- Water is not flowing through the pipe at the Trailer Park, the pipe needs replaced. Ed Falconer will inform the park's owner of the type and price of pipe needed. They will request that the owner pay for the pipe (18" smooth-plastic) and maybe the asphalt or gravel replacement. Ed will be in charge of having the pipe installed, he will get a quote on the cost of installation for the next meeting. Steve will acquire the name and number of the owner. After installation ditching will be done from the driveway to the stream.
- A letter was received from the DEP concerning the Yovich Septic System at the Old Fire Hall. It stated that the septic is installed properly.
- Council members Ed Falconer, Ted Szall & Steve Sherred will look at ditches around the borough and decide which ones need cleaned out.

- Community Days: A Pot Luck Dinner/Dance will be held at the Firehall on August 29, 2009. Dinner will be held at 5:00 and the band will play from 6:00-10:00/11:00. Linda Falconer will contact Susan George to talk about the fundraising activities for that day and she will contact the Mill Village Fire Department on the plans for that day. Discussion was held on providing Troyer Farms Chips, Hot Dogs and Pop during the day for a \$2.00 donation, if food is not to be provided at the Fire Hall. Kathy Williams will distribute flyers at the Post Office for the dinner/dance. Linda Falconer will ask the Fire Department to post the “Community Days Pot Luck Dinner Dance” on their sign.
- The railroad sign on Depot Street has grapevines growing on it. The railroad will be contacted. They will also be asked to check all the intersections for sign damage.
- Discussion was held on the railroad bridge and the underpass.

New Business:

- Steve Sherred motioned to advertise for bid the tarring and chipping of all Mill Village borough streets. Ed Falconer seconded the motion. All voted yes.
- Linda Falconer motioned to Appoint Joyce Spitznogle to the Act 32 income tax collection committee as a primary voting delegate for the Borough, with Catherine Wise and Ted Szall as 1st & 2nd alternates. Roberta McLaughlin seconded. All voted yes.
- Linda Falconer presented Roberta McLaughlin with a gift from the Borough’s Association for 10 years of service. Ed Falconer has also received a gift for 26 years of service.

General Comments from Council President: Ted made comments on the Casino money and the fact that the money is not being used for what it was intended. He dislikes the fact that taxes in the county are being increased instead of using the money that is available and budgeting accordingly. Ted would like to look at the Mill Village Borough taxes at the end of the year and consider lowering borough taxes if feasible. He feels that small government is better and the people don’t want high taxes.

General Comments from Solicitor:

- Tim Sennett suggested that our County Borough Association would be the best representatives for change in the County.
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General Comments from Council:

Mayor Sam – Absent

Councilwoman Kathy Williams – Her garage windows were hit by a BB’s from BB gun. Neighbor kids may be responsible.

Councilwoman Roberta McLaughlin – Commented on how Joey Melnick’s trailer and land is looking very nice.

Councilwoman Falconer –The house next to Kathy’s house is being maintained. The Car and Pool were removed. The garage is being emptied out. The grass was mowed and the yard picked up.

Councilman Falconer – The new truck is due for inspection. Ed will set up the service schedule for the truck.

Councilman Sherred – Would like to note that some of the teenagers have been seen speeding down borough streets. Either parents need to be called, if the culprit can be identified or a license plate number needs to be written down and turned into the state police.

Councilman Mulson – Absent

Roberta McLaughlin moved to adjourn meeting at 8:50 p.m. Seconded by Linda Falconer all in favor, motion carried.

Next regular meeting will be held on **September 2, 2009** at 7:30 pm.

