

Mill Village Borough Minutes: Wednesday – March 3, 2010

President Ted Szall called the Mill Village Borough Council meeting for March 3, 2010 to order at 7:30 p.m. followed by the salute to the flag.

Those also present were: Ed Falconer, Linda Falconer, Steve Sherred, Borough Solicitor – Tim Sennett, Employee Dawson Bogert Sr. and Catherine Wise - Secretary. Guests: Kevin & Cindy Miller.

Steve Sherred motioned to accept the agenda with the following additions: The state auditor will be coming on March 24th, and Mr. & Mrs Miller not “Williams” under Scheduled Speakers. Linda Falconer seconded, all in favor, motion carried.

Linda Falconer motioned to pass the Consent Agenda including the Minutes from the February 3, 2010 meeting with the following corrections (all the 3-way signs were put up on the stop signs, minutes should have read “West” of the borough on Route 6, Not “East” under #3 in Unfinished Business and it was discussed keeping Drain covers uncovered as a Job for Dawson)and the February 28, 2010 Treasurer’s Report, Ed Falconer seconded. All in favor, motion carried.

Treasurer’s report: February 28, 2010

General Fund: \$ 39,309.45

State Fund: \$ 31,622.67

Capital Reserve: \$ 10835.22

Petty Cash: \$ 26.42

Secretary Report:

- The Cemetery Association will be meeting on Monday, March 22nd at the borough building at 7:00 p.m.
- Insurance Agent Dan Petruso sent over a quote for guard rail insurance for \$50.00 a year. Linda Falconer motioned to purchase the insurance. Due to limited guard rails and a \$1000.00 deductible Linda rescinded her motion, it was decided that it is not a necessary to purchase for the borough.
- A New Borough Officials Sheet was reviewed and will be ready for the next meeting.
- Thank you letters were sent to Mr. Beeman and to Kathy Williams for her years of service.
- The Erie County Tax Collection Committee remarked that Senator Jane Earl has introduced a bill which would establish a countywide collection of Real Estate as well as Income Tax.

Borough Maintenance Report: Dawson Bogert Sr.

- Snowplowing is just about over.
- Maintenance on the Lawn Mower, it is ready for spring.
- The weight limit signs will be installed soon.

Jobs for Dawson Bogert:

- Uncover Drain Covers before the spring rains come.

Public Comment:

- Discussion was held on Home Occupation for Mr. & Mrs. Miller. Procedure for a Hearing for a Conditional Use permit was discussed. A hearing would have to be set up and presented to the Mill Village Borough Council, not the Zoning Hearing board. The costs of a hearing and if they could have signs on their property for their business were discussed with Mr.& Mrs. Miller. Ed Falconer motioned to table the hearing date until the applicants decide if they want to go forward with their home business and the costs associated. Linda Falconer seconded the motion. All voted yes.

Committee Reports:

Unfinished Business:

- Steve Sherred made a motion to pay monthly bills, seconded by Ed Falconer. All voted yes.
- Correspondence was read and reviewed. The following items were submitted for review: *Summit Township Newsletter, Zoo Newsletter, Grant Announcement for Watershed Education Projects, Agresti Law Firm – Judicial Lien Free Sale, Audit Report for Earned Income Tax Collector, Spring Road Maintenance/Ltap Training/Dirt & Gravel Road programs, Stormwater Management Plan Advisory Committee*(A copy of the Watershed ordinance will be requested.), *PSAB Wake up to the Issues Breakfast/PSAB Welcome Note and Folder.*
- Ed Falconer discussed the purchase of reflectors to be installed around Mill Village to mark guard rails, ditches, culverts, etc. Cost for Twelve 27” reflectors for guard rails will be \$106.20. A case of Twenty Five 48” Guide posts are \$257.75 and the Soil Anchors are Twenty Five for \$87.25. Steve Sherred motioned to pay up to \$500.00 for the 2 different reflectors and soil anchors. Ed Falconer seconded the motion. All voted yes.
- Two quotes were received for the replacement of the Guard Rails on Old Meadville Road. Shingledecker’s was: \$1,500.00 and Green Acres was \$1,250.00. Council accepted Green Acres quote. No motion necessary. Motion was made at previous meeting.

New Business:

- There will be an Easter egg hunt at the Mill Village Firehall on Sunday, March 28th. Linda Falconer motioned to purchase 2 medium Easter baskets for no more than \$40.00, Steve Sherred seconded the motion. All voted yes.
- In regards to Senator Earl’s bill on the collection of Real Estate Taxes, Ed Falconer motioned to send a letter to Senator Earl stating that Mill Village Borough is Not In Favor of replacing their elected Real Estate tax collector with a county wide collection system and that they are not in favor of the current state mandate that forces a countywide collection of Earned Income taxes that has already been forced on municipalities. Steve Sherred seconded the motion. All voted yes.
- Linda Falconer called the property owner about the car parked across from the Post Office and it has been removed.
- Linda Falconer motioned that Ted Szall and Linda Falconer will attend The Wake Up to the Issues Breakfast on April 9, 2010. The Borough will pay the \$10.00 fee for each of them. Ed Falconer seconded the motion. All voted yes.
- Revisions to the new Employee Job Description form was tabled until the next meeting.
- Linda Falconer motioned to apply for County Aid for costs associated with Street Lights. Ed Falconer seconded. All voted yes. Motion Carried.
- Steve Sherred motioned to appoint Steve Yovich to the Mill Village Council after council receives his “Letter of Intent” and is sworn in by Mayor Joe Sam. Ed Falconer seconded the motion. All voted yes, motion carried.
- Ed Falconer motioned to donate \$200.00 to the Erie Zoo. Ted Szall seconded the motion. All voted yes. Motion Carried. A letter will be sent to County Councilman Ebert Beeman stating Council’s concern about the County’s diversion of funds that were allocated to the Erie Zoo and other regional assets.
- Discussion was held on Parking right of ways on South Main Street. Council talked about No Parking Anytime signs being installed, to help with traffic. A traffic study would have to be done, but council does have an Ordinance for parking 85 feet along the street in front of the Fire Hall on South Main Street. Ed Falconer will speak with PennDot about placing No Parking signs along that section of the road

General Comments from Council President:

- Ted reported on the Seminar he attended. There is grant money available for Land Acquisition and Parks and Trails. Council feels that a park may be a good idea for Mill Village residents. Tim Sennett remarked that a Recreation Board could be used to acquire the grant money and develop the park. LeBoeuf Township will be asked if they would like to proceed with a joint venture. Linda Falconer will be the contact person for the community and will ask if a park is something the community wants and if anyone has any ideas or

would like to help with the planning. Linda will post a sign at the Post Office asking for the communities input.

General Comments from Solicitor:

- Tim Sennett, who sits on the Zoo board, thanked council for their donation to the Erie Zoo.
- Tim reported that the agreement with Armstrong Cable is a 15 year agreement starting in 2006. They are in compliance with the agreement and can raise prices after notifying the borough of their intentions.

General Comments from Council:

Mayor Sam – Absent

Councilwoman Roberta McLaughlin – Absent

Councilwoman Falconer – We will be having Community Days this year and it will be earlier this year.

Councilman Falconer – No Comment

Councilman Sherred – No Comment

Councilman Mulson – Absent

Steve Sherred moved to adjourn meeting at 9:25 p.m. Seconded by Ed Falconer, all in favor, motion carried.

Next regular meeting will be held on **April 7, 2010** at **7:30** pm.

