

MINUTES OF SEVEN VALLEYS BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, August 3, 2015

Council President John McDonald called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Salute to the Flag. Those in attendance in addition to Mr. McDonald were Council members Zachary Stiles, Gregory W. Kinard, Dave Dietrich, William Stiles, Rebecca Kinard & Edwin E. Zeigler, Solicitor D. Michael Craley and Zoning Officer Wayne Smith. Mayor Douglas Wagner and Secretary Cheryl D. Bahn were absent. Also present were residents Richard Weidman and Christine Davis

President McDonald informed those present of Mrs. Bahn's recovery from surgery, recuperation at home and wishes for her speedy recovery, a sentiment echoed by all present.

Hearing no corrections, President McDonald declared the minutes of the July 6, 2015 meeting approved as circulated.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Weidman, 132 Main Street, was present due to the notice received concerning grass and weeds. He indicated that he had mowed the grass and weeds, but was concerning that the cutting the vegetation on his bank along the street would cause water runoff. He will provide Zoning Officer Smith with a letter citing the need for stabilization of the bank and Mr. Smith will review it and the premises.

Christine Davis, 17 Church Street, was present due to the notice received concerning grass and weeds. She indicated that she had ornamental plants that were not weeds. She will provide Zoning Officer Smith with a letter citing the plants present and Mr. Smith will review it and the premises. She understands that if she is still unsatisfied, she can return to council with her concerns.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

No Report.

SOLICITOR'S PORTION OF THE MEETING

No Report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Curb painting - Nothing new
2. Street pavement report. President McDonald received one written estimate from H&H Excavating for \$4,950.00 to fix the holes on Maple Street. He indicated we could either accept this estimate or seek others. **Motion** by W. Stiles, seconded by Dietrich to authorize H&H Excavating to fix Maple Street. Motion carried Unanimously.
3. Floodplain Ordinance Update. Mr. Craley will speak with Engineer Spangler and have information for the September meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The refuse contract will expire at the end of the year. This issue will be tabled until September. In the interim, we will ask our current carrier if they will agree to extend the contract for an additional year. Mr. Craley will see if Red Lion's bids are higher or lower, as they will be dealt with in August.
2. President McDonald wants everyone with a NIMS certification to provide him with a copy.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT:

Motion by R. Kinard, seconded by Z. Stiles to pay the bills as listed on the Financial Report and to approve the financial statement and place it on file for audit. Also to pay \$285.00 to York Stenographic Services for attendance at a zoning hearing, State Insurance Fund, Met Ed, and York Water Co. Motion carried unanimously.

ZONING/UCC REPORT

Mr. Smith gave the Codes Report, with emphasis on the notices for weeds and grass. If compliance is not met, unoccupied properties are to be mowed and liened, owners/occupants of occupied properties are to have criminal citation filed against them. Mr. Smith has the discretion to initially determine when a property is or is not in compliance and to work with people to achieve compliance. Aggrieved persons may come to council if they are unsatisfied with his determinations.

Mr. Smith, Mr. Craley and Mrs. Bahn will recommend an increase in the fee for zoning hearings based on the factors which the MPC allows. This will be discussed with the fee schedule in January.

CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS/AROUND THE TABLE:

1. Secretary's Report, Trash/Liens Collection and STSA reports were reviewed.
2. W. Stiles indicated that Gary Landis, 135 Church Street, is interested in the vacancy for the zoning hearing board. Council will need to approve two resolutions in September, one to move the existing alternate to a regular board member, second to approve Mr. Landis as alternate. Mr. Craley will discuss the terms of their appointment with Mrs. Bahn, and the resolutions will be acted on in September.
3. President McDonald indicated that Planning Commission Chairman Kessler will likely be unable to attend any future meetings due to health issues.
4. W. Stiles indicated that the "flower patch" across from the post office has a sign in it which may be in violation of the zoning ordinance. Mr. Smith will investigate.
5. G. Kinard inquired about the RV at the Church Street curve and a shed constricted on Maple Street behind the Garland property. Mr. Smith will investigate.
6. R. Kinard indicated that fires and backhoe activity have been occurring on weekends at the old Growmark property. Mr. Smith will investigate.

With no further business to come before council President McDonald adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Next Borough Council Meeting will be Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Michael Craley, Solicitor