

MINUTES OF SEVEN VALLEYS BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, December 7, 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 Dave Dietrich, Gregory W. Kinard, Rebecca Kinard, Zachary Stiles and Edwin E. Zeigler, Mayor Douglas Wagner, Secretary Cheryl D. Bahn, Solicitor D. Michael Craley and Zoning Officer Wayne Smith. William Stiles was absent from the meeting. The meeting was held at the Seven Valleys Fire Company, 35 Main St, in Seven Valleys Borough.

Hearing no corrections, President McDonald declared the minutes of the November 2, 2015 meeting approved as circulated.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Gwen Loose, Executive Director of the Rail Trail Authority and Peggy Schlichter, Friends of the Rail were present to speak of the recent Pumpkin Walk fund raising event on the Heritage Rail Trail in Seven Valleys. Volunteers came forward to organize a fund raising event for the Authority. The event drew hundreds of more people than expected. The first time event crowd filled all parking lots in town - visitors were respectful of Borough properties. As a way of thank you to the borough, the authority authorized Ms. Loose to present the borough with a small check of appreciation. **Motion** was made by Z. Stiles/Dietrich to return the check to the Rail Trail Authority as a donation to the Pumpkin Walk fund raiser. Motion carried unanimously.
2. John Neil, Councilman elect, was present at the meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

No written report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No written report

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. John reported that the Barry Myers, Rail Trail, will try to work something out with Tim Lau so as to allow access to his farm property.
2. Curb painting – on hold until spring
3. H & H has not done the work on Maple Street so they will do it in the spring.
4. Chief Greg Bean, South West Regional Police, contacted the Borough to report that they are still working on possibly serving the Borough by trying to be able to offer a less expensive option.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion by R. Kinard/G. Kinard to adopt Ordinance No.1-2015 replacing Chapter 65 of the Code of Borough Ordinances to comply with the most recent requirements of the PA Flood Plain Management Act relative to construction in floodplain areas. Motion carried unanimously.
2. Motion by Dietrich/G. Kinard to adopt the annual Real Estate Tax Ordinance No. 2 - 2015 setting the 2016 Real Estate Tax rate at 1.2 mils and providing a Tax Certification fee of \$25.00. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Seven Valleys has abandoned the street banner decoration program that was started in 1999. There are only three banners left that have not deteriorated. **Motion** made by G. Kinard/Zeigler to donate three Christmas Banners to New Salem Borough for their banner program. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - Period Ending 11/30/2015

PLGIT	\$ 15,135.67
Peoplesbank	\$ <u>154,328.06</u>
	\$ 169,463.73

PLGIT Balance State Liquid Fuels Fund \$ 6,293.88

Motion made by R. Kinard/Dietrich to approve, accept and file statement for audit. December payment for State Insurance Fund, York Water, Council Salary \$4,440.00, Borough News \$90.00, Mayor \$840.00, Secretary \$625.00, Tax Collector Commission for 2015 and payroll taxes. Also, authorization for the Secretary to pay regular bills in December so checks are returned by the end of the year. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS/AROUND THE TABLE

1. Note: \$14,078.60 was deposited into PLGIT 5/28/98. This is reserved as "Building Fund Money". The proceeds from the Centennial Event in 1992 was donated to the Borough's Building Fund. Interest will be added annually to this note line. \$14,078.60 x 5% (Average 1999 interest) = \$14,782.53. Currently the "Building Fund" would have \$21,183.27. We are currently receiving .5% interest on the funds in Peoplesbank. Mr. Craley added that a prior board can not tie up money, so it could be used in another way. The Secretary was asked to report on the interest rates for a one year CD at Peoplesbank at the next meeting.
2. The LED Street lighting work shop November 9, 2015 was canceled due to no State Budget. I did send the last electric bill to Geoffrey Bristow, PA DEP He replied with an analysis that would have been done at the Workshop. "Seven Valleys leases 42 street lights from Met-Ed, including 100 Watt sodium vapor (SV) lights (29) plus 250 W SV lights (13). These lights cost you approximately \$630 per month (~\$7,560/year). By changing out the 100W SV to 50W LED, and by changing the 250W S to 130W LED, your bill will drop to about \$400/month (\$4,800/year). That's a savings of \$230/month (\$2,760/year). The conversion to LED represents a 37% reduction in the bill." Met Ed has installed LED Lights in several locations so persons could see the differences etc.
3. Lien Collection Report - 5 outstanding.
4. The Sewer Authority report was reviewed by Council.
5. Wayne Smith was present with his report. The report was reviewed by Council. Mr. Dietrich asked about the neighboring property that had 13 puppies for sale. If they are all under 6 months of age; the property is still in compliance as the number of dogs, and still must keep them quiet as per the Ordinance. Mr. Smith will continue work on 34 Church St property. He will cite the property with help from Mr. Craley.
6. The property at 42 Main has transferred back to the bank as a foreclosure debts will be settled in the future.
7. Greg Kinard, Gary Landis, John Mc Donald and John Neal are the newly elected Council persons. They must take their oath and sign an affidavit of Residency at the January 4th, 2016 meeting. Mr. Landis will not be able to continue to serve on the Zoning Hearing Board as an alternate. There will need to be a replacement named for him as well as for the vacant planning Commission.
8. 2016 Training for newly-elected Municipal Officials 1/15 & 16, Dauphin County, 1/29 & 30, Adams County and 2/5 & 6, Lancaster County (\$125.00) John should decide by the January Meeting if he wants to attend.
9. Secretary Bahn presented certificates to Gregory W. Kinard in recognition for 20 years of service to the Borough. One from State Representative Kristen Phillips-Hill and one from the York County Boroughs Association.

With no further business to come before council President McDonald adjourned the meeting at 7:56 p.m. Next Borough Council Meeting will be Monday, January 4, 2015 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl D. Bahn
Borough Secretary