

MINUTES OF SEVEN VALLEYS BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, February 6, 2017

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 Gregory W. Kinard, Rebecca A. Kinard and Gary L. Landis; Mayor Douglas Wagner, Secretary Cheryl D. Bahn, Solicitor D. Michael Craley. John J. Neal, Zachary Stiles and William Stiles were 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 January 4, 2017 meeting approved as circulated.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Meg Fullerton, representing the 125th Anniversary Finance Committee was present to report that the Celebration will be held August 11 & 12, 2017 with an informational kick off at the Community Yard Sale July 8th. The Committee wants to send a letter to persons who might be interested in donating to the Event. She was inquiring what was necessary to process check received and pay expenses. The Borough could either open a Special Events Account or use a sub account within the General Fund.
2. **Motion** made by R. Kinard/G. Kinard to authorize addition of a Line Item to the General Fund Accounting to accommodate any donations and expenses for the 125th Anniversary Celebration. All checks will be made out to Seven Valleys Borough. An accounting will be made to the Committee monthly and more often if requested. \$500.00 has been budgeted to as seed money for the event.
3. Question if the Borough Letterhead should be used for communications to invite dignitary's to the event. It would be the best if the Seven Valleys Anniversary Committee would have their own letterhead.
4. A list of all Committee Members will be presented to Council at the March 6th Borough Council Meeting.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

No written report.

SOLICITOR'S PORTION OF THE MEETING

1. The Sewer Authority has sent a letter to the owners of 69 Main St to repair issues and in regard to the fact that there are only four edus assigned to the property. The Code Enforcement Officer has also sent notice for several issues at the property and has spoken with the owner.
2. Act 172 Incentives - This law took effect January 21, 2017. The law permits the Borough to implement tax credits by Ordinance as incentives for their volunteer fire departments and non-profit emergency medical services agencies. A credit of up to 20% of the Municipal Real Estate Tax Liability of a certified Active Volunteer is allowed. Also allowed is a credit, in the form of a refund, towards a certified Active Volunteer's Earned income tax. There is only one or two Active Firemen from the Seven Valleys Station that live in the Borough that would also need to be certified. The certification standards would need to be developed. Other incentives could be implemented by the borough in the form of gift cards etc. No action was taken at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished Business

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** made by G. Kinard/Landis to appoint planning Commission Members as follows: John McDonald for a term ending 12/31/2018, Larry Garland for a term ending 12/31/2018, John Neal for a term ending 12/21/2019 and retain John Patterson for a term ending 2017. One Vacant Position ending 2020 is available. Motion carried unanimously
2. Dirt and Gravel Low Volume Road Grants may be available. The Low Volume Dirt Road Grant needs to have an ESM (Environmental Sensitive Maintenance) Certified person make the application (a Borough Official must take a two day course and pass the test. Class is fee, but need to pay hotel and expenses.) The grant would not pay to pave the gravel road. No action taken
3. Motion by Landis/R. Kinard to adopt Resolution 2017-1 ratifying and confirming the appointments to the Seven Valleys Zoning Hearing Board including Beth Kinard for new 3 year term until 12/31/2019, Beverly Kunkle term expires 12/31/2017 and Jolene McDonald term expires 12/31/2018. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Motion** by G. Kinard/Landis to authorize a donation of \$200.00 to the York County Quick Response Team. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Sarah White, a senior at Spring Grove High School, wrote that every year they host an event called miniTHON which is a 12 hour marathon to raise money for the Four Diamonds Fund. This fund supports pediatric cancer patients and their families to ensure they will never see a bill while they are being treated at Penn State Children's Hospital. She was looking for support in raising money for this foundation. No action was taken.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - Period Ending 1/31/2017

PLGIT	\$ 7,281.94
Peoples Bank	<u>\$ 128,439.35</u>
	\$ 135,721.29
PLGIT Balance State Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 6,276.21

Motion made by R. Kinard/Landis to approve, accept and file statement for audit. Also pay monthly payment to State Insurance Fund, York Water and Met Ed - \$336.89, Paradise Township - \$1,709.18. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS/AROUND THE TABLE

1. PUC has granted Met Ed a rate hike that will increase our street lighting bill by approximately \$130.00 per month. We are still saving money if we consider what the increase would be if we had not installed LED lights – just not as much as promised. While our current contract runs through 12/2018, APPI has notified the Borough that rates are low and that this is the time to look forward to keep our rates low.
2. Ethics statement are due to be filed with the Borough before May 1, 2017
3. YCBA – March 30, 2017 Stewartstown
4. PSAB- May 7-10, 2017 Hershey
5. Steve Detwiler of H & H called in response to an inquiry to his office from the Borough. He advised the amount of concrete that had to ordered is a minimum of 4 yards. This is true or you pay a delivery fee. The cost of materials remained the same the use of some of the concrete was different. There is a guarantee on the job for one year.
6. Lien Collection Report –3 outstanding liens.

7. The Zoning/Code Enforcement Report as distributed to Council was reviewed. The Zoning Hearing Application for 21 Church St is on hold pending changes to be made by the Applicant's Attorney. The Borough needs to be sure that the 60 day time period re-starts on the date the changes are submitted. As if not, the Planning Commission would need to meet in February.
8. The Sewer Authority report was reviewed by Council.
9. John Mc Donald indicated that he could be trained to do Traffic Studies in the Borough.
10. Tax Collector filed Delinquent 2016 Real Estate Taxes with the York County Tax Claim in the amount of \$1,180.75.

With no further business to come before council, President McDonald adjourned the meeting at 8:10 pm. Next Borough Council Meeting will be Monday, March 6, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Seven Valleys Fire Hall, 35 Main Street, Seven Valleys.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl D. Bahn, Secretary