

MINUTES OF SEVEN VALLEYS BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, March 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, Gary L. Landis, Zachary Stiles and William Stiles; Mayor Douglas Wagner, Secretary Cheryl D. Bahn, Solicitor D. Michael Craley. John J. Neal 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 February 6, 2017 meeting approved as circulated.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Officer Shawn Taylor, PA State Police was present to introduce himself. He reported that there are not many calls in the Borough and speeding through the Borough does not seem to be a problem. Council asked questions regarding the Stop Sign at the Rail Trail Bridge, how to remove abandoned vehicles parked along the streets and reports of automatic weapon fire on the Rail Trail. A towing agency would have a way to find out the owner of the vehicle. It is permissible to place a notice on the vehicle that it will be towed if not removed. They are willing to come out and look at a vehicle and make a determination if they can have it moved.
2. Amy Howdyshell was present to present the list of Committee Members for the 125th Anniversary Celebration. Their next meeting is 4/20/2017 at 6:45 pm. They are planning on a Social at the Fire Hall 8/11 and a Car Show, Chicken BBQ and Ice Cream Social on 8/12.
Entertainment/Activities/Speakers – Becky Kinard and Tina Stiles
Games – Crystal and Victoria Yeager
Food & Souvenirs – Todd & Amy Howdyshell
Advertising/Promotion - Meg Fullerton and Pete Kinard
History – Pete Kinard and Todd Howdyshell
Finance – Meg Fullerton and Dave Hostetler

ENGINEER'S REPORT

No written report.

SOLICITOR'S PORTION OF THE MEETING

No written report.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Motion** by W. Stiles/G. Kinard to authorize Meg Fullerton and Dave Hostettler to incur debt and sign contracts on behalf of the committee. They will submit request for payment to the Borough. Motion carried unanimously.
2. The Anniversary Committee will write an article for the Spring Newsletter promoting the Anniversary Celebration. It will be needed by the May 1st Council Meeting. The release of the Newsletter and the street sweeping will be delayed until mid May.
3. It was suggested that a Photo ID be provided for Rodney to use while he is delivering the Newsletter.
4. John McDonald will check with NCT to see if they would be willing to clean the storm drains/inlets in the Borough.
5. Complaints were received regarding open burning at **21 Mason Ave**. Open burning is only allowed on the third Saturday with the permission of the Fire Chief. A large fire was started 2/11 at 7:30 and burning late into the night and again on 2/12. The fire is not in any container and the flames are high. This property owner has been visited previously by Wayne Smith & John

McDonald regarding open burning and the property posted with such notice. Council would like to have notice the current enforcement officer send a notice to this owner one more time stating what the rules are for burning and that any future incidents will result in citation being filed. Residents should call 911 to report an unlawful fire in the Borough.

- 6. A Report for February was not received from SPCC. No information has been received other than that the Planning Commission would meet on 3/21 and that the Zoning Hearing would be scheduled for 3/23 regarding 21 Church St. Neither the Planning Commission nor the Zoning Hearing Board has been contacted to find out if they are available for any meeting. If the Zoning Hearing is 3/23 it would need to be advertised not later than 3/9. The applicants did sign a waiver of the time requirement to hold the Zoning Hearing within 60 days of the application receipt. The enforcement notice sent to 69 Main St did not contain necessary appeals provisions. The Secretary will continue to monitor and copy council on all emails sent to SPCC.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - Period Ending 2/28/2017

PLGIT	\$ 8,017.44
Peoples Bank	<u>\$ 135,202.14</u>
	\$ 143,219.58
PLGIT Balance State Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 5,941.48

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. Motion carried unanimously.

The invoice for January from SPCC was reviewed by Council. There were several questions to be addressed. It appears to be rather high for services rendered. **Motion** made by R. Kinard/W. Stiles to pay SPCC - \$1,920.00 for January Services. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS/AROUND THE TABLE

- 1. While our current Electric Supplier Contract runs through 1/2018, APPI notified the Borough that rates are low and that this is the time to look forward to keep our rates low. A new contract was signed with WGL Energy for a 47 month period ending 12/2021 at \$0.04258/kWh.
- 2. Ethics statement are due to be filed with the Borough before May 1, 2017
- 3. YCBA – March 30, 2017 Stewartstown - John McDonald & Mayor Wagner will attend.
- 4. PSAB- May 7-10, 2017 Hershey – Secretary Bahn will attend.
- 5. Lien Collection Report –3 outstanding liens.
- 6. There was no Zoning/Code Enforcement Report for February.
- 7. The Sewer Authority report was reviewed by Council.
- 8. Zac & John are planning to make a listing of pot holes in the Borough. Council will then find someone to do the repairs.
- 9. The Borough received a letter for Penn Dot. They are conducting randomly selected traffic counts on municipal owned streets. The count is to be done March – June. Park St from Oak St to Church St was selected.
- 10. The Legislation regarding payment for State Police Services in Municipalities not having local police service. Seven Valleys is small enough that it should not be included in any legislation.
- 11. Gary Landis is looking toward having the stream near the Fire Company Parking lot designated as kids only fishing area. There is a youth fishing day March 25th for youths and their mentor.

With no further business to come before council, President McDonald adjourned the meeting at 8:16 pm. Next Borough Council Meeting will be Monday, April 3, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the Seven Valleys Fire Hall, 35 Main Street, and Seven Valleys.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl D. Bahn, Secretary