

MINUTES OF SEVEN VALLEYS BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, November 2, 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 Gregory W. Kinard, William Stiles & Zachary Stiles, Mayor Douglas Wagner, Secretary Cheryl D. Bahn, Solicitor D. Michael Craley and Zoning Officer Wayne Smith. Rebecca Kinard, Dave Dietrich and Edwin E. Zeigler 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 October 5, 2015 meeting approved as circulated.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Todd Howdysshell was present to report on the 125th Anniversary Celebration. Plans are for the week end of the Community Yard Sale July 7-8, 2017. Perhaps expand it to be more of a Community Fair with games, entertainment and souvenirs. They plan to ask for help from the Fire Company with the location and with small games of chance. The Borough would be allowed to appropriate seed money that would be returned to the General Fund. Mr. Craley asked if a History Book was written for the Centennial.
2. Mr. Tim Lau, property owner of farm ground in the Borough, was present to let Council know that he is having a problem with a property owner on Cherry St who is claiming that the farmer and tractor can not enter the farm property off from Cherry St and placed a post close to the right of way allowed by the Ensminger. Tom & Laurie Ensminger, 17 Cherry St, were present in support of Mr. Lau as well as Denny Ilyes the farmer of the property. A truck can get through, but not a combine. Since this issue is not on a public street, it is a civil issue. Mr. Lau may want to contact his attorney.
3. In a separate issue, the right of way, off Church St now has a garage build in the center of the right of way. Additionally the Rail Trail Parking lot is an issue to the right of way. The County is in the process of taking over the property from the Eysters. It may be time to clarify this issue.
4. Connie Patterson was present to thank Council for reimbursing her for the cost to attend the Tax Collector Conference and earn the 6 credits currently mandated for her as Tax Collector.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

No written report

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

1. DEP has asked for one minor change in the draft Floodplain Ordinance that was sent to them for review. Mike will make the change. **Motion** by W. Stiles/Z. Stiles to authorize Mike to advertise the Flood Plain Ordinance of consideration for adoption at the December 7th meeting. Motion carried unanimously.
2. **Motion** made by W. Stiles/G. Kinard to adopt Resolution 2015-1 appointing , ratifying and confirming appointments to the Zoning Hearing Board. Beth A. Kinard 12/31/2016, Beverly Kunkle 12/31/2017, Jolene McDonald 12/31/2015. Alternate Member Gary Landis 12/31/2015. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Lee Faircloth , Gordon Brown Engineering, will prepare sketch plan if necessary in regard to the Eyster property that is being transferred to the County..

4. Mr. Jeff Rehmeier YCSTSA Solicitor, contacted Mr. Craley reporting that the YCSTSA will begin water shut offs through York Water for non payment of Sewer bills. He was concerned that water shut off may cause an unsafe and unsanitary condition. This could be covered under the Zoning Ordinance as persons are required to have public sewer and public water to their property.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Curb painting – on hold until spring
2. H & H has not done the work on Maple Street.
3. John checked Mulberry St NCT will put shavings in the pot holes to hold it for the winter. Possibility to firm up the base and tar and chip work to be done in the spring.
4. Police update. Consensus of Council that the Borough will continue to use the State Police in the Borough.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Greg Kinard presented the 2016 Draft Budget that had been developed by the Budget Committee. The proposed budget calls for revenues of \$95,090.00 along with cash and investments to total \$271,823.00 available in the General Fund and revenues of \$15,359.43 along with cash and investments to total \$25,169.43 available in the State Highway Aid Fund. Total expenditures of \$95,025.01 in the General Fund and \$11,650.00 in the State Highway Aid Fund. The budget includes a 1.2 mill Real Estate Tax, the 1/2 of 1% Earned Income Tax and the 1/2 of 1% Real Estate Transfer Tax. This reflects no change in current rate of taxation.
2. **Motion** made by W. Stiles/G. Kinard to accept the draft Budget presented as the proposed budget for 2016 and to authorize the Secretary to advertise the proposed budget and authorize the Solicitor to advertise the 2015 real estate tax ordinance for 1.2 mills for 2016. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - Period Ending 10/31/2015

PLGIT	\$ 3,552.12
Peoples Bank	<u>\$ 176,998.78</u>
	\$ 180550.90
PLGIT Balance State Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 6,922.72

Motion made by G. Kinard/Z. Stiles to approve, accept and file statement for audit. Plus pay the November payment to SWIF, York Water as invoiced and \$200.00 Valley Tavern Halloween reimbursement. Motion carried unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS/AROUND THE TABLE

1. Lien Collection Report - 5 outstanding.
2. The Sewer Authority report was reviewed by Council.
3. Wayne Smith was present with his report. The report was reviewed by Council.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl D. Bahn
Borough Secretary