

MINUTES OF SEVEN VALLEYS BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, February 2, 2009

Council President Lynn W. Krebs called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Salute to the Flag. Those in attendance in addition to Mr. Krebs were Council members David M. Dietrich, Larry E. Garland Gregory W. Kinard, John A. McDonald & Edwin E. Zeigler, Mayor Trabert A. Ellis, Solicitor D. Michael Craley and Secretary Cheryl D. Bahn. Rebecca A. Kinard was absent from the meeting.

The minutes, page 191 corrected to delete 1st paragraph. President Krebs declared the minutes of the January 13, 2009 meeting approved.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Nothing to Report

SOLICITOR'S PORTION OF THE MEETING

Zoning - 35/37 Church St – Letter received from owners. They understand that they are not permitted to rent the little white house and intend to use it as a part of 35 Church St once the family has moved to a permanent residence.

Motion by Dietrich/Garland to have the Borough Solicitor write a letter to Mr. Smith in response to enforcement report indicating that he was waiting for council direction in the matter. The letter will indicate that Mr. Smith is to inspect the little white house on the property. If it qualifies as a dwelling unit according to the Zoning Ordinance with kitchen and bathrooms (complete housekeeping facilities); then he is to ask them to disconnect the property from the sewer. If it is not a separate dwelling unit and used only as an accessory to their home, then the Borough will not require them to disconnect as it would be part of their home. There may not be three living units (3 dwelling units) on that property. Motion carried unanimously.

The Borough has received first communication regarding Cable Franchise Renewal. Secretary will find date current contract is due for renewal.

Motion by McDonald/G. Kinard to authorize Mr. Craley & Mrs. Bahn to contact Todd Eachus, as necessary, to begin the process in regard to the franchise renewal. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sink hole in the grass by underpass is still in need of attention.

NEW BUSINESS

Penn DOT has changed the program that they use for the Liquid Fuels Report. Beginning in 2009 a new dotGrants system must be used to file. PennDOT is asking for an Intermunicipal agreement to permit access to the Department system dotGrants. They are also asking for an authorizing resolution to be submitted along with the agreement before we can start using the system.

Motion by McDonald/Dietrich authorizing signature of the agreement with Penn DOT to gain access to the dot. Motion Carried unanimously.

Motion by G. Kinard/Garland to appoint Secretary Cheryl Bahn as the voting delegate for the annual PSAB Conference March 22 – 25, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

Doug's Lawn Care was called out 1/21/2009 at 11:00 pm to apply road salt to Cherry Street. The street had become very icy due to water run off from fire hoses used to control a structure fire. The secretary was directed to send a request to the owner of the structure, Tom McMillen asking for reimbursement of \$405.00 as invoiced by the contractor.

Call to DCED confirmed that the grant that we are scheduled to receive toward Maple Street Reconstruction is not a reimbursement grant. The funds must go to pay an invoice. The Secretary will contact Ron Miller's Office to try to find out what the time frame might be until we get a contract from DCED.

Main St Curve

Letter dated 1/21/2009 was received from Penn DOT regarding the safety study on the Main Street Curve. The results are as follows:

- York County Maintenance will remove a portion of the grassy area encroaching on the eastbound shoulder for a distance of approximately 300' to allow rainwater to drain into the inlet box on that side instead of running across the roadway.
- Skid test results are within normal limits indicating there are no roadway surface deficiencies including during wet weather.
- Signing changes include Penn DOT installing a new, oversized (36" x 36") right turn warning sign with a 20 mph speed advisory plaque and a new offset road intersection warning sign to replace the existing right side road warning sign. The chevron size will be increased from 18' x 24' to 30' x 36' to provide better driver visibility during inclement weather.
- Penn DOT will continue to monitor the above changes to determine their effectiveness in controlling drivers speed.
- Also discussed was the row of arborvitaes on the property at 87 Main St that blocks the available corner sight distances from both Maple St and East Street. The trees are to be removed from the Penn DOT clear sight triangle.
- Additionally, ivy on the property of 85 Main St blocks the available corner sight distance from East St looking west onto Main St. The Borough acknowledges its obligation to achieve a clear sight triangle free of obstructions, according to the permit since both local roads access a state highway.

A copy of the letter was FAXED to Wayne Smith. He has been asked to do what is necessary to establish a clear sight triangle at the intersection of East and Main.

STATEMENT - Period Ending 01/31/2009

	PLGIT	\$ 11,928.03
	PLGIT I	\$ 54,894.65
	Peoples Bank	\$ 3,530.42
	Peoples Bank CD	\$ 75,000.00
	York Federal Tax Collector Account	\$ 50.00
	Balance	\$145,612.72
State Liquid Fuels Fund	PLGIT	\$ 605.16

Motion made by Dietrich/McDonald to pay the bills as listed on the Financial Report and to approve the financial statement and place it on file for audit. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS & AROUND THE TABLE

- \$75,000.00 General Fund CD taken out for 10 months at 3% - matures 11/27/2009
- Street sign for Mulberry St was ordered. John McDonald will install it when it arrives.
- Ethics Statements are to be filed with the Borough Secretary by May 1, 2009.
- All financial documents for 2008 have been delivered to the Auditor
- Wayne Smith has written to owners of 72 Main St regarding their property. He is also working on 34 Church Street.
- Copy of letter to Ambulance Company received from Springfield Township. They are verifying the number of calls from each ambulance company that comes into the Township.
- Mr. McDonald indicated that the January meeting that was canceled cost taxpayers over \$200.00. He asked that if a council member can not make the meeting that they contact the Secretary so we would know if we can not have a meeting.
- Copy of letter received to Penn DOT District-8 from York County Parks in regard to the bridge underpass keeping Penn DOT apprised of the various reported incidents of vehicles striking the bridge – 8 strikes in the last two years. The bridge is listed on the National Registry of Historic Places since May 1995.
- Emergency Management Plan - Carlene Stough, EMC, is asking to have each council member to look through the Emergency Management Plan this month as it is time to update the plan.

With no further business to come before council President Krebs adjourned the meeting at 8:05 pm. Next Borough Council Meeting will be Monday, March 2, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl D. Bahn, Borough Secretary