

MINUTES OF SEVEN VALLEYS BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
Monday, July 6, 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, Rebecca A. Kinard, & John A. McDonald & Edwin E. Zeigler, Solicitor D. Michael Craley and Secretary Cheryl D. Bahn. Mayor Trabert A. Ellis and Gregory W. Kinard were absent from the meeting.

Hearing no corrections, Council President Lynn W. Krebs declared the minutes of the June 1, 2009 meeting approved as circulated.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kay Bufflap was present to say good-bye as she is moving from the Borough before the next Council Meeting. Mr. Krebs thanked her for all her time with the Borough. One lane of Route 214 by the Bufflap house will be closed August 5, 2007 during the packing of the moving van. Fire Police will also be working there to help direct traffic.

Jason Baskett was present to present a letter requesting a waiver of the time limit for approval of the submitted subdivision plan. The HOP that they had applied for was not approved. They will try a revised application. When the revisions are made the plan can come back before the Borough Engineer and the Planning Commission.

Motion made by Zeigler/R. Kinard to approve the request for waiver until the September 2009 meeting of Borough Council. Motion carried 5-1.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

It was reported that Mr. Wallace had received two bids for the work to be done on Cherry Street. Emery Peters - \$2425.00 and H&H Excavating - \$3300.00.

Motion by Dietrich/R. Kinard to award the work to Emery Peters unless a bid from Highland Contractors that John McDonald has contacted comes in lower – and then award the work to the lowest bidder. Mr. McDonald will report to the secretary in one week with the bid price that he received. Motion carried unanimously.

It was also reported that the Borough will not be able to use a Penn DOT utility permit, but will need a Highway Occupancy Permit. The permit will take two weeks to be processed and sent to the Borough.

Mr. Wallace will be out of the office for medical reasons beginning July 28th for a period of 3-4 weeks. During that time we can contact Jeff Spangle, Mark Clark or John Hertzog.

SOLICITOR'S PORTION OF THE MEETING

The final draft of the Flood Plain Ordinance amending Chapter 48 of the Seven Valleys Code of Ordinances, following receipt of comments from PSATS and Dave Lupinski at JR Holley's office. We will need to amend the Seven Valleys Zoning Ordinance to be consistent with the Floodplain Ordinance. Mr. Craley has also drafted a draft ordinance of the changes to the zoning ordinance. A copy has been sent to YCPC for their comments, and to meet the requirements of Section 609 of the MPC. The Seven Valleys Planning Commission will need to meet on 7/21 to review and approve it also. This way we will stay on our timetable and be able to adopt the ordinances prior to the state and federal dead lines. The State will reimburse the Borough for up to 50% of the costs of the update.

Motion made by McDonald/Dietrich to authorize Mr. Craley to advertise the Flood Plain Ordinance and The Zoning Amendments that are necessary because of changes in the Flood Plain Ordinance as well as a Public Hearing at the next council meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by McDonald/Garland to approve Resolution 2009-5 which authorizes the erasing of a tape that might be used to record the meeting as an aid to writing the minutes for the meetings of Council as soon as the minutes are officially approved by Council at the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion regarding revision of County emergency conditions policy that would call for EMS to not be initially dispatched on unknown injury accidents during emergency or hazardous reconditions, but rather wait until to be called out once an injury is confirmed.

Motion by Dietrich/McDonald to turn the decision back to the Ambulance and York County as the protocol should be the same for the entire County. Motion carried unanimously.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - Period Ending 6/30/2009

General Fund		
PLGIT		\$ 557.20
PLGIT I		\$ 50,179.72
Peoples Bank		\$ 1,499.72
Peoples Bank CD		\$ 75,000.00
York Federal Tax Collector Account		\$ 50.00
Balance		\$ 127,286.50
State Liquid Fuels Fund	PLGIT	\$ 4,000.44

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

COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS & AROUND THE TABLE

- Sink hole in the grass by underpass is still in need of attention
- Code Enforcement Report was received from Wayne Smith for distribution to council.
- The flooding on June 10, 2009 resulted in damage/loss to Dietrich's Nursery, The Seven Valleys Fire Hall, Valley Tavern and the Hunt's property. A disaster emergency was declared in Seven Valleys Borough on June 11, 2009.
- Spraying to control adult mosquito populations was conducted during the evening hours on Monday June 29th, in Seven Valleys Borough, North Codorus Township and Jefferson Borough, York County. All of Seven Valleys and Jefferson Boroughs will be sprayed. Samples taken by Penn State Cooperative Extension –York County West Nile Virus Program have shown high mosquito populations that can carry the West Nile virus in these municipalities. If residents have complaints regarding mosquitoes they may call Tom Smith West Nile Virus Coordinator at (717)-840-2375.

- Mr. Garland reported that he had attended the STSA meeting. He reported that they are considering an outside firm to help determine why they have problems with their system. Waterproofing of manhole covers was mentioned as well as questioning of the design of the system.
- Conversation with Steve Grassetti, Penn DOT Maintenance Manager for York County, at the YCBA Meeting. He said that they plan to fix the shoulder area below William Goodling's driveway this season. He also indicated that Steve Wolfe his no longer the assistant for this area. The new person is Andy Sneeringer.
- Payment of each municipality for State Police Protection was questioned. There is discussion at the State Level.
- Also being discussed at the state level is the waiver of the requirement to advertise Ordinances etc in the Newspaper of highest circulation. They could be advertised on a free internet site.
- There are weeds growing out of the storm drains. The drains need to have the grates lifted and the drains flushed out and dug out. Discussion if Fire Company could do this work.
- Also discussed was the number of weeds growing in the sidewalks about the Borough The weeds at 136 Church Street also needs to be addressed again. The street committee will make a listing of the offending properties.
- Mr. Dietrich asked if flashing lights at the underpass bridge might help to alert drivers of vehicles over the underpass limit that they should not try to go through. He also thought about signs warning of the low underpass where vehicles had a chance to avoid the underpass without coming in near the bridge and then having to find a place to turn around. It also appears that the GPS systems are not showing this low bridge, but showing SR 214 as a way for truckers to travel. The Secretary was asked to contact Andy Sneeringer to see if Penn DOT has any help to offer in regard to the bridge underpass. The Fire Company has responded at least 10 times this year alone. There are additional instances where the Fire Company was not needed, but a truck needed to turn around with no place to go.
- Also reported was that a new group of kids have been skateboarding at the Church on Maple Street and kids breaking bottles behind the Wine Shop, kids on the Rail Trail throwing stuff at cars going under the bridge. Kids have been sighted out on the Rail Trail at 3:00 am.
- John McDonald asked for and received clarification from Mr. Craley on camp fires & outdoor cooking fires in the Borough.

With no further business to come before council President Lynn W. Krebs adjourned the meeting at 8:20 pm. Next Borough Council Meeting will be Monday, August 3, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl D. Bahn, Borough Secretary