

MINUTES OF SEVEN VALLEYS BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, March 5, 2012

Council President John A. 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 Larry E. Garland, Gregory W. Kinard, Robin L. Venable and Edwin E. Zeigler, Mayor Steven A. Venable, Secretary Cheryl D. Bahn and Solicitor D. Michael Craley. Council member Rebecca Kinard 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 then declared the minutes of the February 6, 2012 meeting approved as circulated.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

Nothing to report.

**SOLICITOR'S PORTION OF THE MEETING**

1. The amended Storm Water Management Ordinance continues to be on hold until further notice.
2. Mr. Craley will find out if the Borough can tow an unregistered vehicle from a Borough Street after proper notification. If the vehicle is drivable, the State Police would need to notify the owner. If the State Police are not willing to issue the notice then the Borough can not have it moved. Discussion also included the presence of a large dumpster taking up parking spaces. Mr. McDonald will try to find out if anyone is living in the house near the parking spaces where the both vehicle and dumpster are parked. The owner of a private property can request removal of a vehicle parked on his property without his permission, presuming that the vehicle does not appear to be maintained. It is also a Zoning issue which is enforced civilly and takes longer to enforce.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

No Unfinished Business

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Two persons have expressed interest in serving the unexpired term of Clark Schuyler. **Motion** by McDonald/Garland to adopt Resolution #1-2012 appointing David M. Dietrich, 150 Main Street, as a council member for Seven Valleys Borough to fill the unexpired term of Clarke Schuyler. The term of office will end on the first Monday in January 2014. Motion carried unanimously. The Mayor administered the Oath of Office to David M. Dietrich.
2. **Motion** made by Garland/Dietrich to authorize sweeping of the Streets by Spring Grove Borough on April 17, 2012 at a cost of \$50.00 per hour. Motion carried unanimously. Larry Garland will check with Christian Liberty Fellowship for permission to dispose of the stones removed from the streets.

3. A request for donation was received from Spring Grove Area Youth Baseball Association. No action was taken.
4. The DRAFT Newsletter was reviewed for content and articles. Recommendations were made for additions and deletions. We will place a notice that there is a vacancy on the Borough Planning Commission. We will also remove information regarding vehicles. (John McDonald will check with Wayne and asked him to check the Eyster property for vehicles that may be there illegally.) We could also include the dates that the Bridge will be closed if the Newsletter goes out before the closure.  
Dave Dietrich asked about including an advertisement for Fire Company Fund Raisers as well as advertisements for Seven Valleys businesses. Mayor Venable, Robin Venable, Larry Garland and Dave Dietrich will contact the businesses and get back to the Secretary within two weeks. (March 25<sup>th</sup>). The Newsletter will be distributed shortly thereafter.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT** - Period Ending 2/29/2012

PLGIT	\$ 4,450.27
Peoples Bank	\$ 128,565.81
York Federal Tax Collector Account	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
	\$ 133,066.08
PLGIT Balance State Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 567.06

**Motion** made by G. Kinard/R. Venable 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.

**CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS/AROUND THE TABLE**

- Freystown Lane – The Borough was questioned about condition of Freystown Lane and private access to properties. Freystown Lane is a privately owned and not a Borough Street. The Borough did pave the first 15’ as part of a Block Grant Project to protect Church Street from stones from the lane. The paved portion is still in good shape. The access is private property and as such the properties fronting on Church Street have right-of-way in the rear to access their properties. Each person could fix their own right of way or go together to improve all the right-or-way. The Borough does not maintain private property.
- The phone at the Borough Office does not allow calls to go out. It is receiving messages. John McDonald will check the phone line.
- A call was received questioning the number of animals a person is allowed to have on any one property. The Borough Zoning Ordinance indicates that if a property has 4 or more animals, the owner would need to apply for special exception for a kennel.

With no further business to come before council, President McDonald adjourned the meeting at 7:45 pm. Next Borough Council Meeting will be Monday, April 2, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the Seven Valleys Fire Hall, 35 Main Street, Seven Valleys Borough.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl D. Bahn, Secretary