

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

Hearing no corrections, Council President Lynn W. Krebs declared the minutes of the October 5, 2009 meeting approved as circulated.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Tammy Miller, Director of the Windy Hill Senior Center, conducted a presentation on the Senior Center. There are over 500 members aged 60 and up. Many attend the center on a regular basis for a hot meal, activities, friendship and social events. The center is in need of additional funding as the county cut all funding. They are trying to make up the shortage by fund raising and donations.

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

It was reported that South Street had developed a hole near the edge of the roadway. Mark Clark was asked to visit the site to determine if there was a problem. He found that a berm was not allowing surface water off the roadway and that both sides should be graded/scraped top to bottom to allow the water to leave the road. The hole would also need to be patched. **Motion** by G. Kinard/McDonald to authorize Mr. Clark to meet with H & H Excavators to find a solution to the problem and authorize the Secretary to authorize the work if it were under the \$4,000.00 bid limit. Motion carried unanimously.

**SOLICITOR'S PORTION OF THE MEETING**

In regard to 35/37 Church St. Mr. Smith asked for a decision from Borough Council if the owner could keep the kitchen if the sleeping quarters were removed. Discussion that it would be difficult to remove sleeping quarters as one could sleep on a sofa etc. Mr. Craley advised that this determination for the Zoning Officer. Mr. Craley will communicate in writing to Mr. Smith suggesting that he issue a determination letter that states that since the kitchen appliances and sink have been removed, they may not be re-installed or it will again be considered a dwelling unit and enforcement action taken without further notice. The appropriate appeal would be to the Zoning Hearing Board.

E-mail received from Jason Basket requesting a 90-day extension to the time that the Borough has to act on his Subdivision Plan. Motion by McDonald/Garland to grant an extension until February 1, 2009 with the conditions that there will be no further extensions granted unless there is due diligence shown to the borough that the plan is progressing; and that payment must be made to the Borough in full for reimbursement of all Engineering Fees due to the Borough as billed to date - \$1059.30. Motion carried unanimously. The Secretary will contact Mr. Baskett.

The Ambulance Company has been waiting for the Planning Commission to meet so that they could receive comments regarding an addition that they are considering to their building, which is in the Flood Plain. If they want the Planning Commission to meet specifically for them, there

needs to be some kind of submission from the Ambulance Company for the Planning Commission to meet and review. Something like a sketch plan or a conceptual plan or both so that there is something on paper to distribute to the members before the meeting that shows what they are considering. Ultimately they will need a Land Development Plan. Council might consider waiving submission fees, but can not waive the requirement of the land Development Plan.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Halloween activity went well, although additional help could have been utilized.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**2010 BUDGET** - The Proposed 2010 Budget as developed by the Finance Committee was presented to council. The Budget proposal calls for revenues of \$73,320.00 along with cash and investments to total \$214,391.36 available in the General Fund and revenues of \$10,874.19 along with cash and investments to total \$11,761.40 available in the State Highway Aid Fund. Total expenditures of \$92,904.01 in the General Fund and \$11,265.00 in the State Highway

The Budget includes a .6 mills Real Estate Tax, a 1/2 of 1% Earned Income Tax and a 1/2 of 1% Reality Transfer Tax.

One mill tax increase would provide \$22,000.00 in Real Estate Taxes on the \$22,533,690.00 assessed property value in the Borough. The Council is aware that there will be a need to use close to \$19,000 of reserve funds to balance the budget – for Maple Street loan payment.

**Motion** by, McDonald/R.Kinard to accept the presented Budget as the tentative Budget and to authorize advertisement of the proposed 2010 budget and the Budget Hearing and to authorize the Solicitor to prepare and advertise the Tax Ordinance to support the budget setting the tax rate at .6 mills (no increase) and increasing the Tax Certification Fee from \$10.00 to \$25.00. Motion carried unanimously.

YCPC has done a traffic study of the Cross St/Cherry St area to see if there is a way to increase the message that Cherry Street is one way. Need two Do Not Enter Signs & poles for on Cherry Street facing west at Cross Street and one No Right Turn Sign on Cross Street where approaches Cherry Street. There is a No Right Turn Sign at the proper location. **Motion** by Dietrich/McDonald to authorize purchase of two Do Not Enter signs and one pole set and mountings. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. McDonald will install the signs. He will also check the sign at Church St/Main St.

**Motion** by McDonald/G. Kinard to authorize signature of an amendment to the CDBG Contract with the county that will extend the date of completion from December 31, 2009 to June 30, 2010. Motion carried unanimously.

**Motion** by R. Kinard/Ziegler to set the council meeting dates for the 2010 and 2011 calendar years as follows and to advertise the 2010 dates. Monday, January 4, 2010, Monday, February 1, 2010, Monday, March 1, 2010, Monday, April 5, 2010, Monday, May 3, 2010, Monday, June 7, 2010, Wednesday, July 7, 2010, Monday, August 2, 2010, Wednesday, September 1, 2010, Monday, October 4, 2010, Monday, November 1, 2010, Monday, December 6, 2010. Monday, January 3, 2011, Monday, February 7, 2011, Monday, March 7, 2011, Monday, April 4, 2011, Monday, May 2, 2011, Monday, June 6, 2011, Wednesday, July 6, 2011, Monday, August 1, 2011, Wednesday, September 7, 2011, Monday, October 3, 2011, Monday, November 7, 2011, Monday, December 5, 2011, January 4, 2012. Motion carried unanimously

**Motion** by G. Kinard/Dietrich to waive building permit fee for the Fire Company for their upcoming renovation project. They will need to pay the inspection fees. Motion carried unanimously.

The Borough did not include any funds for re-connecting the fire siren in the 2010 Budget.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT** - Period Ending 10/31/2009

General Fund	
PLGIT	\$ 9,949.53
PLGIT I	\$ 31,242.72
Peoples Bank	\$ 16,617.34
Peoples Bank CD	\$ 75,000.00
York Federal Tax Collector Account	<u>\$ 50.00</u>
Balance	\$ 132,859.59
State Liquid Fuels Fund	
PLGIT	\$ 1,418.81

**Motion** made by McDonald/Dietrich to pay the bills as listed on the Financial Report and also Lynn Krebs \$168.47 from General Fund for reimbursement for Halloween Event and to approve the financial statement and place it on file for audit. Motion carried unanimously.

**COMMENTS, OBSERVATIONS & AROUND THE TABLE**

- The storm drains continue to be scheduled for cleaning.
- Tires have not been removed from the creek.
- Tall grass continues at 54/56 Church Street.
- The new Sewer Plant Operator is Ron Percs. He is a former employee of George Christine the previous plant operator. Question as to why the Sewer Authority does not have an agreement with York Water Company to shut off water for non-payment of sewer.
- Lynn Krebs will attend the 11/18 Springfield Township Sewer Authority Meeting.
- Word was received from the York County Planning Commission that Traffic Studies will cost the requesting municipality \$250.00 per study beginning in 2010.

With no further business to come before council President Lynn W. Krebs adjourned the meeting at 9:20 pm. Next Borough Council Meeting will be Monday, December 7, 2009 at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl D. Bahn, Borough Secretary