

MINUTES OF SEVEN VALLEYS BOROUGH  
COUNCIL MEETING  
Monday, November 3, 2014

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 David M. Dietrich, Gregory W. Kinard, Rebecca Kinard, Zachary W. Stiles and Edwin E. Zeigler, Mayor Douglas J. Wagner, Secretary, Cheryl D. Bahn and Solicitor, D. Michael Craley. Wayne Smith, Zoning Officer was also present. William H. Stiles, II was absent from the meeting. The meeting was held at the Seven Valleys Fire Company, 35 Main St, in Seven Valleys Borough.

President McDonald declared the minutes of the October 6, 2014 meeting approved as circulated.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No Public Comment

**ENGINEER'S REPORT**

No Engineer's Report

**SOLICITOR'S PORTION OF THE MEETING**

Mr. Craley reported that it is not the job of the Zoning Officer or the Borough to go out to measure property lines. If there is a dispute on a property line that is a civil issue.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. No action to report on Mulberry Street.
2. Curb painting, sign installation and Main St sinkhole repair – all on hold.
3. Sink areas on Shaffer Lane and sink hole on Oak St. The Borough will continue to monitor the area.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Motion** by Z. Stiles/R. Kinard to authorize the Secretary to purchase a tracfone and minute plan for use as an answering machine for Seven Valleys Borough at a cost not to exceed \$200.00 Motion carried unanimously.
2. Greg Kinard presented the 2015 Draft Budget that had been developed by the Budget Committee. The proposed budget calls for revenues of \$95,890.00 along with cash and investments to total \$262239.30 available in the General Fund and revenues of \$12,559.46 along with cash and investments to total \$19,922.76 available in the State Highway Aid Fund. Total expenditures of \$94,130.01 in the General Fund and \$13,675.00 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.
3. **Motion** made by R. Kinard/Dietrich to accept the draft Budget presented as the proposed budget for 2015. Motion carried unanimously.
4. **Motion** made by G. Kinard/ R. Kinard to authorize Secretary Bahn to advertise the Proposed 2015 Budget and authorize Mr. Craley to advertise the 2014 Tax Ordinance setting the 2015 Real Estate Tax rate at 1.2 mils. Motion carried unanimously.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT** - Period Ending 10/31/2014

PLGIT	\$ 839.68
Peoples Bank	<u>\$ 161,399.82</u>
	\$ 162,239.50
PLGIT Balance State Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 8,913.58

**Motion** made by Ziegler/G. Kinard to pay the bills listed on the Financial Report as well as The Valley Tavern - \$184.65 and Rodney Barshinger for six work hours. Motion carried unanimously.

**CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS/AROUND THE TABLE**

1. It appears that Seven Valleys will not be receiving a CDBG at this time.
2. Lien Collection Report - 5 outstanding.
3. The Sewer Authority report was reviewed by Council.
4. The Zoning/UCC Report was reviewed. Mr. Smith indicated that he does not go out to verify property lines. Permits are issued on the information included on a permit application.
5. The definitions of Home Based Business and Home Occupation are reversed in our Zoning Ordinance. It should be changed next time revisions to the Zoning Ordinance are considered.
6. It appears that the chickens have been removed from the Borough.
7. It was reported that Light of Life Dance Studio has moved to Liberty Christian Fellowship. Mr. Smith will check if it is allowed to have two separate uses at that property. It may be that a change in use to a multiuse building would be required. If there are two uses, then there has to be a second sewer unit as in the multiuse building on Cherry Street. It is only fair that each business be treated the same.

With no further business to come before council, President McDonald adjourned the meeting at 7:50 pm. Next Borough Council Meeting will be Monday, December 1, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the Seven Valleys Fire Hall, 35 Main Street, Seven Valleys Borough.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl D. Bahn, Secretary