

MINUTES OF SEVEN VALLEYS BOROUGH
COUNCIL MEETING
Thursday, September 22, 2011

Council President John A. McDonald called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the Salute to the Flag. He also asked for a moment of silence to remember Mr. Lynn W. Krebs, a long term servant of Seven Valleys Borough, who passed away September 5, 2011.

Those in attendance in addition to Mr. McDonald were Council members, Rebecca Kinard , Clarke T. Schuyler, Robin L. Venable and Edwin E. Zeigler, Mayor Steven A. Venable, Secretary Cheryl D. Bahn and Solicitor D. Michael Craley., Gregory W. Kinard and Larry E. Garland were absent from the meeting.

The meeting was held at the Tri-Community Ambulance Association's Building, 11 Main St, in Seven Valleys Borough since damage from flooding the Fire Hall made it impossible to meet there until further notice.

The August 1, 2001 minutes were corrected as follows:

Greg Kinard was elected as **Vice** – President,

1st paragraph under Solicitor's Report after August. delete "for the property will be held July 27th.

Last paragraph under New Business – "doe" should read "does"

President McDonald then declared the minutes of the August 1, 2011 meeting approved as corrected.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Mr. Stanley Escher, STYCSA was present to review the process of refinancing their current debt by taking out a bank loan from Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority at 3.2% or less. (Currently 2.3%) They are anticipating a savings of \$1,400,000 over the 15 years of the loan. They will be requesting municipal guarantees.

Motion by to adopt Resolution 2011- 5, authorizing Calhoun Baker Inc, Administrator for the Delaware Valley Regional Finance Authority, to advertise an Ordinance for consideration and possible adoption at or after the October 3, 2011 regular council meeting of the Borough of Seven Valleys which among other things authorizes the execution of an Intermunicipal Agreement in connection with refinancing debt of the Springfield Township, York County, Sewer Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

A Declaration of Disaster Emergency was filed September 9, 2011. Initial cost estimates of the damage have been reported to York County EMA. The Maple Street/South Street culvert storm drain area was impacted by the large amount of rain with Hurricane Irene. The newly constructed/repared Storm drain sustained minimal damage compare to previous flooding events. There was a collection of debris. Which was removed by Laughman's Lawn Care at a cost of \$300.00.

Removal of the debris allowed inspection of the drain by Holley Associates. They have presented a cost estimate to repair the damage.

Upstream Repair:

Install R-4 riprap = \$600
 (adjacent to the back and side of the existing headwall and along the eastern embankment pipe entrance that is presently eroded, match to existing surrounding grades)

Downstream Repair:

Install R-4 riprap = \$600
 (in both scour holes adjacent to the existing wingwalls, match to the existing stream grades)

Back of Eastern Wingwall Repair = \$600
 (install soil and minimum 4" of topsoil adjacent to the wingwall that is presently eroded and match to existing surrounding grades, grass seed and cover with a permanent turf reinforcement mat installed per manufacturers specifications. Existing mat may be folded back then reinstalled provided it is in good condition)

Total Estimated Repair Cost = \$1,800

Motion by R. Venable/Schulyer to authorize the Secretary to contact Holley Associates and ask them to get cost estimates for the work needed ASAP (before a second rain event). The motion was amended to include having the engineers report back to the Secretary who may authorize the work to be done provided the cost is in line with the cost estimates provided. If the work is over \$4,000.00 we will need four bids. Motion carried unanimously.

SOLICITOR'S PORTION OF THE MEETING

1. Mr. Craley has filed liens on the property of Nathaniel Taintor, 58 Church St, for reimbursement of costs made by the Borough for the mowing nuisance grass. Both the Tainter property and the Rinehart property, 57-59 Main St, are scheduled for Sheriff Sale, October 17, 2011.
2. It will become necessary to amend the Borough Code in regard to the YATB. We will look at this at the October meeting and have ready for possible adoption at the November 7th meeting.
3. Because of last minutes changes in the mandate to adopt an amended Storm Water Management Ordinance. DEP is backing off the 10/12/2011 deadline. Mr. Craley advised waiting until December before advertising this Ordinance. Since we are advertising several Ordinance amendments together, all advertising can wait until the Storm Water Ordinance is in its final form unless it would past the end of the year.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Storm drains have been cleaned through out the Borough. Luckily it was done before the rain event, Hurricane Irene, which flooded the Fire Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

1. GWM Land Development Plan was presented to council. The Seven Valleys Zoning Hearing Board granted a Special Exception and a Variance to GWM properties. The Zoning Hearing Board and the Planning Commission recommended approval of the plan. A review of the plan presented showed that the Special Exception and the Variance needed to be added to the notes on the plan.

Motion was made by R. Kinard/R. Venable to approve the plan pending receipt of the plan with appropriate noted. Motion carried unanimously.

2. A letter of request was received from John McDonald. He wants to combine two adjoining lots that they own into one parcel that may not be separated unless a new subdivision plan is submitted and approved. Their home sits on one of the parcels.

Motion by Schulyer/R. Venable to authorize the integration and consolidation of the two parcels 83-1-60D and 83-1-60B. Motion carried – with John McDonald abstaining from the vote.

3. The price estimates were received for snow removal this winter as follows:

	Snow Removal per Hour	Salting per Ton	Cinders per ton
Doug's Lawn Care			
646 N Lake Road, East Berlin	\$ 65.00	\$ 95.00	\$75.00
Laughman's Lawn Care			
61 Main St, Seven Valleys	\$90.00	\$300.00	
Hersh Concepts			
1618 Jefferson Road, Spring Grove	\$70.00	\$105.00	

There was a lengthy discussion comparing the various price quotes that centered on locations of contractors, time it would take to respond to requests and past experience of each contractor.

Motion was made by R. Kinard/Ziegler to award the work to Hersh Concepts, pending a quotation on the exact cost of heavy equipment –if needed to remove snow from the Borough. Motion carried unanimously.

4. A letter was received from Holley Associates regarding the regulations for Traffic Sign reflectivity. The Engineering firm suggested waiting until after the October 31, 2011 deadline for comments to be received regarding the repeal of the requirements.
5. Trick or Treat was set for Monday, October 31, 2011 from 6 pm-8 pm. Mr. McDonald will check to find out if the Halloween celebration is still scheduled at Christian Liberty Fellowship. This information can then be included in the Fall Newsletter.
6. **Motion** by R.Kinard/R.Venable to authorize signature of contract with Hemler Animal Control Service for the 2012 Calendar year. Motion carried unanimously.
7. Seven Valleys Borough will sponsor Christmas Magic, December 11-17, 2011. There is no cost to the Borough and coupons will be distributed to the residents via the Fall Newsletter and the Website. The Coupon is redeemable for Buy One, Get One Free Admission – Maximum 2 free regular admissions.

8. The Newsletter was reviewed and edited. Rebecca Kinard has agreed to deliver the Newsletters to Rodney Barshinger so he can deliver them. They will be distributed after the October Meeting.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - Period Ending 8/31/2011

PLGIT	\$ 16,177.93
Peoples Bank	\$ 118,206.48
York Federal Tax Collector Account	\$ 50.00
	\$ 134,434.41
PLGIT Balance State Liquid Fuels Fund	\$ 6,447.50

Motion made by R. 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. The motion was amended to include authorizing signature of a contract for 2012 with SPCA of York County at an annual cost of \$259.00, as well as payment of the \$259.00, \$300.00 to Laughman's Lawn Care for removal of storm debris from Maple Street Storm Drain, \$255.00 to Laughman's Lawn Care for cleaning storm drains throughout the Borough and \$50.00 to Forbes Services for mowing of 58 Church Street. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Venable thanked all who worked toward the common good of the flooded community. Everyone worked well together.

Mr. McDonald reported on the condition of the flooded Fire Hall. Sewer also back up into the hall. Inspection and evaluation of the property is not complete. The Insurance adjustors and engineers are working towards resolution for the Fire Company. The Company has flood insurance, but with a high deductible of close to \$10,000.00. There is much uncertainty as to the outcome from this devastating event.

There is a concern regarding a storm water drain along side the Fire Hall. A camera was run through the drain. It showed that the foundation wall of the Fire House is the sidewall of the storm drain. The other side is made of concrete block. The floor in the fire hall is undermined from front kitchen wall the whole way back to the stage.

The Borough may need to find a space to meet in the future; if the Fire Hall is not available. Tri-Community was gracious to offer space for this meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE/REPORTS/AROUND THE TABLE

1. Still working on trying to find all Code Books.
2. The Election Polls may need to be relocated from the Fire Hall. Mr. McDonald, Seven Valleys Fire Company, will notify the Elections Office if a change would be needed for the November 8th election.

With no further business to come before council, President McDonald adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m. Next Borough Council Meeting will be Monday, October 3, 2011 at 7:00 pm. The place will be announced ASAP.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheryl D. Bahn, Secretary