

McSherrystown Borough Council
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday April 13th, 2022 6:30pm

CALL TO ORDER: The regular meeting of the McSherrystown Borough Council was called to order in Borough chambers at 6:30pm on Wednesday, April 13th, 2022. President Colgan opened the meeting with prayer and the pledge of allegiance with the following Council members in attendance.

Daniel Colgan
Joyce Murren
Joseph VonSas
Donna Spangler
Tim Klunk

STAFF PRESENT: Kathleen Todt, Justin George, Jessica Freiert

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Murren to approve the minutes from the March 23rd meeting. Seconded by VonSas.

Roll Call Vote: Daniel Colgan – Yes, Joyce Murren – Yes, Joseph VonSas – Yes, Donna Spangler – Yes, Tim Klunk – Yes.

COMMUNICATIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Colgan: Communication Letters from residents regarding zoning issues and garbage bill increase. Announcements included the cancelation of the April 27th council meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PERSONNEL: Personal committee will meet in the upcoming weeks to discuss the open public works position due to Ken Reese's retirement.

PLANNING & ZONING: Update given by letter from Smith in his absence. In regards to South 2nd Street development, Smith is continuing to work with Isett and the developer on this matter.

HIGHWAYS: Update for the handicap ramps, waiting for Columbia Gas to give us the timeline for opening up the streets.

BUILDING & GROUNDS: The office received a message from Douglas Neiderer about donating 1-2 scoops of stone for the dog park entrance. His employer would donate the stone and Doug Neiderer would donate his time to spread the stone in the approximate 8x8 area. In return for donated time and supplies, they are requesting a sign be posted at the dog park. Klunk went to the dog park after a large rain storm and agrees that we should look into updating that area to help with the mud. Council discussed the options of how to fix the problem and decided to have Klunk do more research on this matter and discuss again at the next meeting. Klunk

received a notification about the door in the main office hallway needing to be replaced for safety concerns. Klunk will get quotes for adding proper security fire doors in the office. B-There contract needs reviewed and approved by council at the next meeting. Klunk will talk to B-There regarding concerns of ruts in the grass at the dog park. There is no definitive answer as to if B-There created the ruts at this time.

CIVIL SERVICE: No Report

PUBLIC SAFETY: Murren and the Mayor had a meeting on April 13th to discuss updating the door at the office to a proper security fire door and adding key fobs. They plan to meet again in two weeks on April 27th and want Klunk to be there as well as the head of Building and Grounds.

RECREATION: Thank you to all the students that donated art for the council chamber walls. Baseball season has started. Thank you to all the sponsors that gave to the Baseball Program. Reminder that the Egg Hunt is Saturday April 16th. Ecker's Lawn Service donated mulch for the Rec Park. Thank you to all the volunteers from Conewago Enterprise that helped to clean up and spread the mulch.

SEWER: Currently in the process of looking into getting pricing for creating maps of the sewer lines for the public works guys.

SOLID WASTE: No Report

FINANCE: Accounting and Pension audits for 2021 are currently in the process of being completed. A meeting will be scheduled to discuss options for collection of past due accounts. We will discuss the option at the next council meeting.

MAYOR'S OFFICE: Drug Take Back day will be April 30th from 10am-2pm.

SOLICITOR'S OFFICE: No Report

NEW BUSINESS

WEED SPRAYING FOR STREETS

The borough currently does not have anyone licensed to spray chemicals on the borough property to keep weeds under control. Council needs to discuss options for weed control while we are in the process of getting someone licensed.

INVITATION FOR COUNCIL TO DISCUSS: Other boroughs should be contacted to see what they are doing for weed control. Council understands that having someone certified within the borough will take time and we need to have something in place during that time period. VonSas has suggested hiring Scott Cook to complete the weed spraying. Murren called businesses to

see who we could contact to complete the spraying and only found one company that was certified to do so.

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

Luanne Boring of 119 South St stated that the borough is required to hold an annual pesticide license and that there is a lot involved with licensing someone within the borough. Tina Hayes of 150 Narrow Drive questioned if we recently hired someone that was certified and council explained that said individual did not want to be certified at that time. Rob Niedererr suggested residents spray their own weeds and council explained that they can not enforce that so the borough needs to have a plan in place. Other residents stated that Mt Pleasant Township buys a spray that does not need certification to use. The Solicitor plans to communicate with Mt Pleasant Township on this matter. Closed to public comment.

REQUEST FROM PUBLIC WORKS FOR EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Public works is requesting a new walk behind mower. The current mower is 12-15 years old. It has a broken handle, broken deck, and the clutch slips on tall grass. The purchase price is \$569 before the 5% Lowes discount. Council is concerned that the older mower is a safety concern.

INVITATION FOR COUNCIL TO DISCUSS: VonSas is in favor of purchasing a new mower but suggests that public works look for a mower at Atlantic Tractor instead of buying through Lowes for quality and part availability reasons. Klunk is in favor of purchasing a new mower that is of good quality.

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Residents commented that it would be good to purchase a good quality mower for safety reasons. Closed for public comment.

Murren made a motion to approve the purchase of a new mower not exceeding \$1300-\$1500. If the mower exceeds the \$1500 price cap, Council will need to approve at the May meeting. Seconded by VonSas. Roll Call: Daniel Colgan – Yes, Joyce Murren – Yes, Joseph VonSas – Yes, Donna Spangler – Yes, Tim Klunk – Yes.

Secretary/Treasurer will provide Keith with this information.

APPROVAL FOR SECRETARY TREASURER TO BECOME SIGNER ON ACCOUNTS

Council needs to approve Jessica Freiert to be a signer at ACNB.

INVITATION FOR COUNCIL TO DISCUSS: No discussion.

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comment regarding this business. Closed to public comment.

Motioned by VonSas to approve Jessica Freiart to become a check signer on ACNB accounts. Seconded by Murren. Roll Call: Daniel Colgan – Yes, Joyce Murren – Yes, Joseph VonSas – Yes, Donna Spangler – Yes, Tim Klunk – Yes.

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Property has been left in disrepair by the new owner and needs to be brought up to code. The borough has mailed Mr. Darwin Weibley a certified letter on February 25th, 2022 requesting, in writing, his intentions for bringing the property up to code. No response has been received at this time. The council needs to discuss the next steps that need to be taken. Previously the council discussed a fine of \$1,000/day until it is brought up to code.

INVITATION FOR COUNCIL TO DISCUSS: VonSas requests that council allows Mr. Weibley to be invited to discuss with the council. Colgan would like a written response to the letter previously sent.

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Darwin Weibley states he does not feel a written response would answer all of the council's questions. He would prefer a discussion regarding this matter. He claims that he has visited or tried to contact the Borough Office several times. Weibley explained that he had TJ Murren at the property but did not get any further once the Borough did not have a Zoning Officer on staff. He has not provided a written response at this time. Weibley would like to be contacted by the Zoning Officer. No other public comment.

No motion on this matter.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS MADE ON BEHALF OF THE BOROUGH

Approval of checks and payments made on behalf of the borough since 3/9/2022

INVITATION FOR COUNCIL TO DISCUSS: No discussion on this business.

OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: Luanne Boring has requested that we start putting financial statements on the website. Closed to public comment.

Motion to approve payments made by VonSas. Seconded by Klunk. Roll Call: Daniel Colgan – Yes with the exception of abstaining from the approval of his check for the reimbursement of the certified letter send, Joyce Murren – Yes with the exception of abstaining from the approval of her check for the baseball reimbursement, Joseph VonSas – Yes, Donna Spangler – Yes, Tim Klunk – Yes.

Next public meeting on April 27th, 2022 is canceled.

The next public meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 11th, 2022 at 6:30pm

Motion to adjourn made by Murren at 7:27pm

End Minutes.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jessica Freiert
Secretary Treasurer