

MONTROSE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Regular Meeting
March 2, 2020
7:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Vice President Tom Follert called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Mayor Tom LaMont read a prayer for guidance.

Adoption of Agenda: Vice President Follert questioned if anyone wanted to make any changes or additions to the Agenda. Motion was made to add #3 Action Items: Eliminate Position of Police Secretary. Motion to accept amended agenda by Councilman Randy Schuster; Councilman Craig Reimel 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: Vice President Follert inquired if there were any changes or corrections to the February minutes. Councilman Jamie Holbert brought attention to number six action item indicating information was missing on who offered the second motion and if the motion was carried. A motion was made to accept amended minutes by Councilman Holbert; Councilwoman Judy Kelly 2nd the motion.

Present for Roll Call: Judy Kelly, Craig Reimel, Jamie Holbert, Randy Schuster, Tom Follert

Absent: Todd Chamberlain, Sean Granahan

Other Officials Present: Lillian T. Senko, Secretary

Misc. Correspondence:

Beirne Wealth Consulting
RE: January 2020 Investment Report

CoStars
RE: Newsletter

Rail-Trail News
RE: Newsletter

Cabot Oil & Gas Corporation
RE: Proposed Well

Vice President Follert inquired if there were any questions or comments associated with the miscellaneous correspondence. No questions or comments.

Recognition of Attendees: Chief Dale Smith, Ken DiPhillips, Staci Wilson

Approval of A/P: Vice President Follert inquired if there were any questions or comments on submitted Accounts Payable. Councilman Reimel motioned to approve payment of outstanding bills; Councilwoman Kelly 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Approval of Payroll: Vice President Follert inquired if there were any questions or comments on submitted Payroll report. Councilwoman Kelly motioned to accept the Payroll Report; Councilman Holbert 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Accounts Receivable/Deposits: Vice President Follert inquired if there were any questions or comments associated with the submitted Accounts Receivable/Deposit Report. No questions or comments.

Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Vice President Follert asked if anyone had any questions or comments on the submitted Treasurer's Report. Motion was made to accept the Treasurer's Report by Councilman Reimel; Councilman Randy Schuster 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Budget Report: Vice President Follert inquired if anyone had any questions or comments on the presented material. No questions or comments.

Street Department: Vice President Follert asked if anyone had any questions on the Street Department Report.

Street Department Supervisor Ken DiPhillips reported the backhoe was working well with no issues. He stated he may need to order more salt to get through the spring/fall and would like permission to order more if needed.

Councilman Reimel motioned to authorize purchase of one load if needed; Councilwoman Kelly 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Building Code Report: No report was provided by NEIC.

Zoning Report: Vice President Follert inquired if anyone had any questions or comments on the presented material. No questions or comments.

Police Department: Vice President Follert asked if there were any questions or comments on the Police Report.

Chief Dale Smith said the department didn't have any needs at this time but would like Council to consider replacing the 2015 Charger since warranty only covers the drivetrain. Council informed Chief Smith it was discussed at the previous Council meeting that he did not attend they were looking into replacing the motor to put the car back into operation. The cost would be approximately five thousand dollars which is a lot cheaper than paying over forty thousand dollars to replace the car.

Municipal Authority: Vice President Follert asked if there were any questions or comments on the Municipal Authority Report. No questions or comments

Mayor's Report: Mayor Tom LaMont presented a Proclamation recognizing the month of April 2020 as "Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month".

Mayor LaMont also issued Citations for three young men who have worked diligently to obtain the highest Boy Scout Honor of Eagle Scout. John Richard Martin V, Nicholas J. Coy and George Philip Thompson were the recipients of this Citation.

Mayor LaMont informed Council he had a meeting with Chief Smith informing him what he had in mind for the Police Force. He also stated the borough would need to move forward with a Civil Service Commission now the requirements have been updated.

Action Items:

- 1. Approval Chocolate & Wine Festival Road Closure:** 2020 Chocolate & Wine Festival will be held on May 16th at 3:00 pm. Festival committee members are requesting the closure of Chestnut Street. Councilman Schuster motioned to permit Chestnut Street closure; Councilwoman Kelly 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- 2. Approve Two Police Officers to Walk Around Festival:** Councilman Holbert motioned to approve two Uniformed Officers to walk around the Chocolate and Wine Festival on May 16th during the Festival's duration with Festival Committee reimbursing the borough; Councilman Schuster 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.
- 3. Eliminate Police Department Secretary Position:** Councilman Reimel motioned to approve elimination of Police Department Secretary position; Councilman Holbert 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Discussion Items:

- 1. Summer Program: Girl's Night Out:** Councilman Reimel suggested having a specific night for girls at the park so they could use the basketball court. He said several girls were going to the park to play basketball and there was a large group of young boys playing basketball the girls turned away from the park. Councilman Reimel said the boys play basketball every night and he could see how a group of girls would be intimidated by the boys.

Council spoke for a few moments on the best way they would be able to implement this and would discuss it further at a later meeting.

Councilman Reimel updated Council members on the crosswalk situation near Slanted Art. The "walk" light crossing S. Main Street near Slanted Art correlates to the traffic turning from Church Street which consists of many trucks. Councilman Reimel stated if someone is crossing at that crosswalk the cars or trucks turning left from Church Street will not see them until they are practically on top of them. Several Council members have seen near misses while families are trying to cross the street.

The Street Department has put up a Crosswalk sign on the light post on the corner of S. Main Street in the hope of the drivers seeing the sign reported Councilman Reimel. Councilwoman Kelly said thank you to Councilman Reimel for the sign hopefully it will be helpful. She also suggested asking Solicitor Briechele to send a letter after they speak with Brian Small at PennDot informing him the crosswalk at the intersection is dangerous so there is a record of the borough reaching out to PennDot to do something.

Councilman Holbert motioned to adjourn the meeting; Councilman Schuster 2nd the motion. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned 7:42 PM

Respectfully Submitted

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