

**MOUNT POCONO BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2018
7:00 P.M.**

President C. Williams opened the Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M. with the following members present: Vice President F. O'Boyle Councilmembers; D. Casole; T. Ford; M. Hensel; S. Stewart-Keeler; and, A. Montanez. Solicitor J. Fareri, Borough Secretary/ Treasurer L. Noonan, Zoning/Codes Enforcement Officer D. Noonan and Borough Engineer C. Niclaus were also present.

Junior Councilmembers S. Darwish and K. Rinaldi were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember M. Hensel moved to accept the Public Hearing minutes of Tuesday, September 4, 2018, as presented. Councilmember T. Ford seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember T. Ford moved to accept the Regular Meeting minutes of Tuesday, September 4, 2018, as presented. Councilmember M. Hensel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

PRESIDENT/ MAYOR

President C. Williams welcomed new businesses into the Borough and stated that the Borough Council welcomes any new business into the Borough and she looks forward to tonight's presentations.

TREASURER'S REPORT

A current cash report was given as follows:

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 301,983.17
PENN SECURITY GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT	6,311.36
CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT	1,281.99
BANNER BEAUTIFICATION ACCOUNT	3,145.30
STATE LIQUID FUELS	61,388.03
PARK & RECREATION FUND	871.83
PLANNING COMMISSION REIMB. FUND	9,759.67
ROAD FUND – GENERAL FUND	110,023.48
STORMWATER FUND	67,746.92
GENERAL FUND RESERVE ACCOUNT	1,108.18
SANITATION FUND	8,430.14
INTERSECTION& SIGNALIZATION FUND	<u>444,750.95</u>

GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$ 1,016,801.02</u>
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Councilmember D. Casole moved to pay and approve the bills as outlined in the Treasurer's Report dated Monday October 1,2018, as presented. Councilmember T. Ford seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS TO BE PAID FROM THE GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT:

ACE Hardware	(hay, street mark paint, pipe)	\$ 276.29
AMTrust North American	(workers comp)	3,199.00
Barry Isett & Associates	(engineer – Hirshland)	1,623.56*
Bill Beekman Plumbing	(oil burners cleaned/serviced @ maint)	465.00

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Berkheimer Associates	(LST Commission)	\$ 277.26
Blue Ridge Communications	(phones)	415.31
Cintas	(uniforms & rugs)	415.76
Cyphers Truck Parts	(tarp for #5 2012 Pete)	50.12
Ehrlich	(pest control)	92.00
FNB Visa	(shop tools, supplies, boro supplies)	237.15
Gleco Paint	(paint for stop bars)	260.97
H. Clark Connor	(PC Solicitor – September)	765.00
Highmark Blue Shield	(health insurance)	7,612.91
Monroe County Control Center	(4 th Quarter)	694.23
Newman, Williams, Mishkin	(1/2 retainer & Hirshland)	10,285.00
Dennis M. Noonan	(mileage reimbursement 3/18 – 9/20/18)	349.89
Panko Reporting	(public hearing)	155.00
PA American Water	(boro bldg., hydrants & maint garage)	771.63
Payrolls Unlimited	(September)	94.00
PA Paper & Supply	(garbage liners)	73.78
PSAB Pension	(non-uniform pension state aid)	28,103.47
Pocono Mountain Regional Police	(October Mortgage Payment)	2,792.12
PM Vol. Fire Relief Association	(fire relief allocation)	16,495.30
PM Public Library	(One Mill dedicated RE Taxes)	70.95
PM Vol. Fire Co.	(one mill RE Taxes)	70.95
PM Regional EMS	(1/2 mill dedicated RE taxes)	35.47
Quill	(office supplies)	69.00
Scott's Signs	(plaque)	106.95
Selective Insurance	(insurances)	2,820.00
Sunoco	(gas/diesel)	684.31
Thyssenkrupp Elevator	(service)	182.31
Tulpehocken Spring Water	(bottled water)	61.00
Tu-Way Communications	(radio for SUV)	1,346.50
Uline	(bathroom air fresheners)	102.96
Verizon Wireless	(cell phones)	138.38
Walmart	(maint. Supplies)	<u>28.79</u>

GRAND TOTAL **\$ 81,222.32**

*Reimbursable

BILLS TO BE PAID FROM THE INTERSECTION FUND:

Signal Service, Inc.	(repair @ SR940 & Industrial)	<u>\$ 693.75</u>
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BILLS ALREADY PAID FROM THE GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT:

Mt Pocono Payroll	(w/e 09/05/18)	\$ 6,986.03
Mt Pocono Payroll	(w/e 09/12/18)	7,168.36
Mt Pocono Payroll	(w/e 09/19/18)	7,114.41
Mt Pocono Payroll	(w/e 09/26/18)	7,141.85
US Bank	(copier lease)	268.75
ESSA	(loan payment)	2,309.20
Commonwealth Financing Auth	(LSA Grant Submission Fee)	100.00
Met Life	(life/disability insurance)	<u>366.21</u>

GRAND TOTAL **\$ 31,454.81**

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BILLS TO BE PAID FROM THE LIQUID FUELS ACCOUNT:

Lehigh Hanson	(blacktop)	\$1,088.69
PP&L	(traffic signals)	2,393.20
Reliable Sign	(signs & posts)	<u>468.00</u>

GRAND TOTAL **\$ 3,949.89**

ZONING/CODES ENFORCEMENT OFFICER

Zoning/ Codes Enforcement Officer D. Noonan reviewed the following report:

Permits / Certificates Issued (9/4 to 9/28):

Fence – 1
Roof Permits – 7
Driveway – 3
Deck – 1
Solar Panels – 1

Fees (7/2 to 8/3): \$1,178.85

Rental Inspections: 2

Additional Work / Activities:

- Attended 9/4 Council meeting.
- Attended 9/17 Council work session.
- Attended 9/19 PC meeting.
- Attended Short-Term Rental meeting at Realtors Association.
- Fee schedule review / revisions.
- Monitored Bracey property demolition project.

Zoning/ Codes Enforcement Officer D. Noonan also advised Borough Council that the matter with Borough resident James Moore of 5 Seneca Drive has been reviewed by the Borough's Alternate Solicitor H. C. Connor and Solicitor H. C. Connor has responded to Mr. Moore by letter.

Mayor Vacancy Appointment

President C. Williams stated at this time the Borough Council will fill the Mayor's Vacancy.

Councilmember T. Ford nominated Councilmember M. Hensel.

Councilmember D. Casole nominated Mr. Michael Penn.

The roll call vote for Matt Hensel was as follows: Councilmember D. Casole, "No"; Vice President F. O'Boyle, "No"; Councilmember S. Stewart-Keeler, "No"; Councilmember A. Montanez, "No"; Councilmember T. Ford, "Yes"; Councilmember M. Hensel, abstained. Motion denied 4 – 1.

The roll call vote for Michael Penn was as follows: Councilmember D. Casole, "Yes"; Vice President F. O'Boyle, "Yes"; Councilmember S. Stewart-Keeler, "Yes"; Councilmember A. Montanez, "Yes"; Councilmember T. Ford, "Yes"; Councilmember M. Hensel, abstained. Motion carried 5 with one abstention.

At this time, Borough Secretary/ Treasurer L. Noonan administered the oath of office to Michael Penn as Mayor of Mount Pocono Borough.

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PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Hirshland Amended Land Development Plan

Mr. Rob Lewis, Attorney and Cornelius Brown of Bohler Engineering were present on behalf of the Applicant, Hirshland Land Development Plan.

Solicitor J. Fareri stated that he requested that the Borough Engineer put onto one (1) sheet the outstanding items which he has done.

Borough Council reviewed the following outstanding items and recommended conditions from the Borough Engineer:

Outstanding Items:

The Owner's Certificate on Sheet 1 should be executed, and the Borough should receive on file a record of the Equitable Ownership presented before granting a Conditional Approval.

A written waiver request must still be submitted and approved by Borough Council for the islands above the underground detention system. A verbal waiver has been recommended.

Conditions:

- 1. Floor plans and parking calculations demonstrating that adequate parking is available will have to be provided prior to issuance of building permits. The Ordinance in effect at the time of this original proposed project also includes a requirement for one parking space per employee on the peak shift. This needs to be added to the Site Plan, Sheet 3.***
- 2. Specific uses will have to comply with the sizes needed when tenants are known during the building permit application.***
- 3. As a result of the Rt. 940 Storm Basin revisions, the Landscape Plan was revised. This resulted in a decrease from 1168 to 1095 units of evergreen shrubs. Council may wish to have this explained. Also, the general note concerning discrepancies should be revised to: If any discrepancies occur between amounts shown in the plan and the plant list, Borough Ordinance requirements shall dictate which amount is adequate.***
- 4. Light levels shall be reduced, where appropriate, to address (216-351(6) (d) and (l) requirements when building permits are applied for. Lights not shown on the plans such as building mount and canopy lighting, as well as all actual fixtures different than the plans, shall be IESNA compliant and be approved by the Borough.***
- 5. It is recommended that the fencing in the PennDOT r.o.w. be removed from the swale to the west of the basin if peak storm events result in less than two feet of standing water in the swale. This can be accomplished by reducing the diameter of the pipe and raising the upstream invert of the swale discharge pipe. It is not recommended that the Borough become an applicant for the construction and maintenance of this fence. Also, the Borough shall review all changes relative to PennDOT and NPDES permitting which has not been completed.***
- 6. There should be an acknowledgement/recommendation added to the Permeability Report of March 28, 2006 and/or a certification on the plan that the Stormwater systems are suitable for the rock conditions encountered.***
- 7. Receipt of permit or approved plans from PAWC for Water Service.***
- 8. Receipt of permit or approved plans from MPMA for Sewer Service.***
- 9. Receipt of permit or approved plans from PA DEP for Wetlands fill.***
- 10. Receipt of permit or approved plans from PA DEP. The Borough shall also be notified of any material changes to the plan resultant of the PA DEP review for approval by the Borough.***
- 11. Receipt of permit or approved plans from PennDOT. The Borough shall also be notified of any material changes to the plan resultant of the PennDOT review for approval by the Borough.***

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12. A Developer's Agreement, Improvement Construction and Guarantees and Open Land provisions are required per Article V of the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance, Chapter 187.

After a review of the conditions & plans, Councilmember T. Ford moved to accept the Hirshland Amended Land Development Plans with the conditions as outlined in the Borough Engineer's letter (above) dated September 24, 2018, provided that it is signed by the Applicant. This motion also accepts the waiver request for the islands above the underground detention basin, provided that such request is made in writing. Councilmember S. Stewart-Keeler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember M. Hensel Councilmember moved to grant a nine (9) month time extension to the Hirshland Amended Land Development Plan beginning October 2, 2018. Councilmember T. Ford seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Zoning Text Amendment Free Standing Sign

Borough Council held a Public Hearing at their last meeting for the Free-Standing Sign Amendment, copy of which is in the packets.

Councilmember T. Ford moved to adopt the Zoning Ordinance amending Section 215-97 except for E. (2) (a) sign area. He amended that to 40 square feet. Councilmember M. Hensel seconded.

There was a lengthy discussion on the motion pertaining to the size of the reduced sign area requesting 60 square feet and the motion reading 40 square feet.

After this discussion, Councilmember T. Ford amend section E. (2) (a) sign area to 50 square feet. Councilmember M. Hensel seconded the amended motion. Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE NO. 4 OF 2018

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ZONING ORDINANCE, CHAPTER 215 OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MOUNT POCONO, MONROE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, TO UPDATE SIGN STANDARDS FOR PLANNED COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS AND/OR PLANNED INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENTS.

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Pocono, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, by the authority of and pursuant to the provisions of Act of July 31, 1968, P.L. 805, No. 247 of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as reenacted and amended, known and cited as the *Pennsylvania Municipalities Code*; that the Borough of Mount Pocono's Zoning Ordinance Chapter 215 of the Code of the Borough of Mount Pocono is amended as follows:

ITEM 1

Chapter 215 Zoning, Section § 215-97 is hereby amended to add the following:

E. Alternative Freestanding Sign Option for Certain Planned Commercial Developments.

Planned Commercial Developments may, in lieu of the freestanding signs permitted in §§ 215-97.A & B, elect to install freestanding signs as follows: (i) one freestanding sign that identifies the development name; logo; developer; management; development location; address; and/or individual businesses within the development ("Directory Sign"); and (ii) one additional freestanding sign for each qualifying building not associated with a gas station identifying business(es) within such building(s) ("Freestanding Building Sign").

(1) Directory Sign Regulations. A Directory Sign permitted above shall comply with the following:

- (a) Sign Area.** The sign area shall not exceed 200 square feet;
- (b) Sign Height.** The sign height shall not exceed 25 feet.
- (c) Individual Business Listing Size.** The sign may include individual listings of businesses within the Planned Commercial Development. No individual business listing on the Directory Sign shall utilize letters, words and/or symbols less than 4 inches in height.

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(2) Freestanding Building Sign Regulations. Freestanding Building Signs permitted above shall comply with the following regulations:

(a) Sign Area. The sign area shall not exceed 50 square feet.

(b) Sign Height. The sign height shall not exceed 20 feet.

(3) General Regulations for Directory and Freestanding Business Signs.

(a) Gas Station Signage. The freestanding signage permitted under this § 215-97.E shall be in addition to any freestanding signage permitted for any gas station within the Planned Commercial Development, provided however, that any gas station that is a part of a Planned Commercial Development that elects to proceed with freestanding signage in accordance with this § 215-97.E shall not be entitled to an additional freestanding sign otherwise permitted under § 215-92.B (company pole sign).

(b) Landscaping. Landscaping shall be provided for freestanding signage permitted under this § 215-97.E as required by § 215-81.A(6).

(c) Illumination. If illuminated, the freestanding signage permitted under this § 215-97.E shall be internally illuminated.

Severability

Should any section, subsection, clause, provision or other portion of this Ordinance be declared invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance; the Board of Supervisors having adopted this Ordinance as if such invalid portions had not been included therein.

Interpretation

The object of interpretation and construction of this Ordinance and/or the provisions thereof shall be, if possible, to give effect to all of its provisions. Wherever a provision of this Ordinance shall be in conflict with another provision in the same section or another part of this Ordinance or another Ordinance or part thereof, the two (2) shall be construed, if possible, so that the effect may be given to both.

Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption.

Hardee's Sketch Plan

Chris McDermott with Reilly & Associates was present on behalf of Hardee's as well as Mr. Aman Verma.

Mr. McDermott explained the Mr. Verma is looking to acquire a 1.4-acre parcel located next to the Perkins on SR 940. The only access to the property is the interior loop that also serves the Perkins. He noted that it would be a single building of 6,400 square feet, Hardees' would occupy 2,700 square feet and a convenience store with gas sales 3,700 square feet. Mr. McDermott explained that the Applicant if moving forward would need to seek waivers for parking. There was a great deal discussion on the parking issue. Mr. McDermott explained that Mr. Verma needs to decide whether to move forward with the expense of the plans and seeking the waivers and would it be cost effective to move forward. There was a great deal of discussion on the amount of spaces with Hardee's having representatives in attendance to discuss the use of parking in similar restaurants in the state.

There was discussion from the public questioning the Hardee's and the parking space, those commenting on this were: Ron Emilie, Hildy Franco, Mike Reardon and Tom Neville.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Action Items

Borough Secretary/ Treasurer L. Noonan reviewed the Action Items List noting the Fireworks Ordinance is still being reviewed by the Planning Commission. The Borough has received the appraisal and a "For Sale" has been posted on the Brunswick Drive (A. Lepre donated) property. The AED's were delivered on September 28th and Borough employees need to be trained, it is a 2-3-hour class. Under review is the MCTA bus stop at SR 940 and Burger King entrance problem. No update on the Borough building sidewalks and ramp. Borough Council has reviewed the Bed & Breakfast Amendment and will review again at its next work session.

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Emergency Management Coordinator

Councilmember T. Ford moved to removed Keith Transue as the Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator. Councilmember M. Hensel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember T. Ford moved to remove Claudette Williams as the Emergency Management Co-Coordinator. Councilmember A. Montanez seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember M. Hensel moved to appoint Jeff Woehrlle as the Borough's Emergency Management Coordinator and Randy Altemose as the Co-Coordinator. Councilmember D. Casole seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

President C. Williams appointed Mayor Michael Penn to be the Borough's representative on the Regional EMS and to the Regional Police Commission.

Adopt A Road

Councilmember A. Montanez moved to adopt the Adopt A Road program. Councilmember D. Casole seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Monroe County Planning Commission Infrastructure

It was agreed that a committee of Borough Council will meet with representatives from the County to review this program in more depth.

LSA Grant Resolution 4 of 2018

Vice President F. O'Boyle moved to adopt Resolution 4 of 2018 of the Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Pocono Authorizing the Filing of an Application for Financial Assistance to Construct a Maintenance Garage/ Facilities. Councilmember M. Hensel seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION NO. 4 OF 2018
AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
TO CONSTRUCT A MAINTENANCE GARAGE/FACILITIES**

Resolution of the Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Pocono authorizing the filing of a proposal for a grant from the Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED), and the Commonwealth Financing Authority, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mount Pocono is located in Monroe County, and is eligible for a grant under the Pennsylvania Gaming Local Share Account administered by the Pennsylvania Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) and the Commonwealth Financing Authority; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mount Pocono is in need of various public improvements that qualify for grants under the aforesaid program; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of Mount Pocono is desirous of obtaining a grant of funds from DCED in the amount of \$408,280.00 for the purpose of undertaking the construction of a Maintenance Garage/Facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Borough Council of the Borough of Mount Pocono that:

1. The President of the Borough Council is hereby authorized to file the subject application and to take such actions as may be necessary with regard thereto
2. The Secretary of the Mount Pocono Borough Council is hereby directed to execute a certificate attesting to the adoption of this resolution and to furnish a copy of this Resolution to the DECD.

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NEW BUSINESS

2018 Fire Protection Fire Contract

Councilmember A. Montanez moved to enter into the Fire Protection Contract between the Borough and the Pocono Mountain Volunteer Fire Company. Councilmember T. Ford seconded. Vice President F. O'Boyle abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Proposed Chicken Ordinance

Borough Council agreed to review this at its next work session.

Junior Councilmember Report

Borough Secretary/ Treasurer L. Noonan stated that Junior Councilmember K. Rinaldi reported that she is in the process of organizing a group of students to clean up the playground behind the Borough building and that she is also pursuing various organizations to help with adopting a road.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Planning

Councilmember D. Casole reported that The Planning Commission held its regular meeting on September 19, 2018.

Reilly Associates - Engineer for the Hardees Restaurant and Convenience Store with Gas Islands for proposed location on Lot 2B at the Wal-Mart Shopping Center presented his Scope of Proposed Project. The following items were the Main Topics discussed:

Parking - Insufficient Spaces and will be referred to Borough Council to discuss.

- Questionable Perkins Restaurant for Access Parking to be investigated.
- No Entrance from Route 940W - Existing Driveway utilized by Perkins
- Stormwater - Detention Basin Edge of Wal-Mart Parking Lot - will research the Volume Control Basin
- Sub-surface Preliminary Soil Investigation.
- Traffic Study warranted.

After a lengthy review and many comments, the Planning Commission recommend the proposed Chicken Ordinance with the following suggestions that Borough Council needs to consider/ determine under:

7. Standards and Conditions:

(a) would either be allowed in R1, R2 Zoning Districts or single-family homes and the lot size would either be larger than ¼ acre, 1/3 of an acre, or ½ an acre.

(c) (2) Roosters not allowed at all in the Borough.

(f) (1) Pens and coops shall be located only at the back yard and not at the side yard.

(f) (3) No part of a pen or coop shall be closer than 25, 30 or 35 feet.

All these items are subject to Borough Council's discretion.

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New Business: Proposed Fireworks/Noise Ordinance Review: It was stated that due to the number of casualties, ignorance and negligence by the public setting off the fireworks poses severe safety hazard issues and jeopardizes the safety of the public. The Solicitor recommended the Planning Commissioners read the PA State Laws regarding this topic before going any further.

Department of Public Works

It was noted that the Borough has put down some stone on Megargel Road to make it easier for plowing and for the residents on that road.

Utilities

Councilmember M. Hensel reported that the 20-million-dollar project is moving along, they have approved new billing software and the increase went out in this month's quarterly bill. He noted that two (2) more employees have now passed their operator license course.

Councilmember A. Montanez stated that according to the accountant's calculations, there is a possibility that the MPMA shouldn't have to increase the sewer bill for two (2) or more years.

Councilmember M. Hensel stressed that is **IF** there are no issues and he is not as optimistic with that statement.

Water

No report.

Recreation

Councilmember S. Stewart-Keeler stated that there was a meeting on September 20th and in attendance were Randy Altemose, Debra Fulton and herself. She expressed Chairman R. Altemose has major concerns about the field. It was noted that the field is utilized by Pocono Pride Girls Softball. She also stated that there are seven (7) people interested in being members on the Foundation and that they plan to meet one (1) week from tonight for informational and organizational meeting. She noted that they were trying to get a Trunk or Treat scheduled but have not been successful in doing so as they wanted to do it in conjunction with Regional EMS who have not been forthcoming on their dates and times.

Sanitation

Councilmember A. Montanez reported that the Pick-Up the Poconos event was held this past Saturday. Borough Council had ten (10) volunteers that collected thirty-three (33) bags of garbage and the Adopt A Road program was approved earlier this evening. She stated that Dante Ortiz who is a 6th grader with the Clear Run Intermediate School was the youngest participant in the Pick-Up the Poconos and she would like a certificate of appreciation be given to him.

Buildings

Building report was given earlier this evening.

Budget and Finance

Budget and Finance Committee will meet this month to begin budget prep.

Personnel

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Regional Police

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Regional EMS

No report.

COG

Borough Secretary/ Treasurer L. Noonan attend the COG meeting last week. She noted that they had presentations on the opioid epidemic and they are formulating a co-committee of the COG members to begin working with the County and local police departments on this problem.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mike Reardon, 14 Cedar Road, noted that the Borough needs a YMCA.

Debra Fulton, 65 Reeder Street, suggested that Mr. Reardon join the Foundation.

Councilmember S. Stewart-Keeler noted that the Mountain Center located in Coolbaugh Township has many programs that will keep children busy since there is not a YMCA up in this area.

Ron Emilie, Seneca Road, noted that he was on the Board of Directors for Barrett Township YMCA and had suggested many years ago that a YMCA come to the borough.

Mike Oser, Fairview Avenue, made a political statement directed toward President C. Williams and immediately left the meeting room.

Tom Neville, Knob Street, welcomed Mayor Michael Penn and thanked Borough Council for all their work. He also thanked President C. Williams for her services.

Councilmember A. Montanez gave the following statement:

It has been brought to my attention by two members of our audience on two separate occasions that a member of our audience has have been overheard speaking both derogatorily and disrespectfully about members of our council. With the exception of Tom Ford each member of this current council has stepped forward to place themselves on the ballot to ask our community to allow us to be your voice and to fight for the things you care about. We each were elected by our neighbors into the positions we currently hold. We may not look alike or be a member of the same political party, but we are all members of the same community. We meet publicly twice a month with additional meetings based on committees we are placed on and receive and respond to countless emails and we are compensated with a taxed \$900 a year. You can't force someone to respect you, but you can refuse to be disrespected. I stand before you to ask that you refrain from using our meetings as a place to cowardly speak disrespectfully about our council members. I would like the support of our council and members of our community to ask anyone in our audience who says derogatory, sexist, or racist comments about our council members to LEAVE and not return.

This is MY COMMUNITY and yours- Our current Council is a real-life reflection of the community we serve and represent. Tolerance only for those who agree with you and look like you are not tolerance at all. Thank you for your time.

Mayor Michael Penn thanked Borough Council for giving him the opportunity to serve as Mayor. He stated he has a lot of ideas to benefit the Borough.

There was discussion about the comments made by Borough resident Michael Oser, referenced above, and Borough Council requested that Solicitor J. Fareri research the process to remove Mr. Oser from the Mount Pocono Municipal Authority.

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There being no further business or any further public participation coming before the Board, Councilmember A. Montanez moved to adjourn. Councilmember S. Stewart-Keeler seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Noonan, Borough Secretary