

**MOUNT POCONO BOROUGH COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 5, 2014
7:20 P.M.**

President J. Finnerty opened the Regular Meeting at 7:20 P.M. with the following members present: Vice President R. Gross; Councilmembers, D. Casole; F. O'Boyle; K. Davis; C. Williams; and, W. Jabara. Mayor F. Courtright, Solicitor J. Fareri and Borough Secretary/ Treasurer L. Noonan were also present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENTS

President J. Finnerty noted that Borough Council held a Public Hearing this evening on the proposed changes to the Borough Ordinance in regards to A-Frame Signs and also to reinstate several ordinances that were inadvertently deleted by the Zoning & SALDO amendments made in January. He further explained that the Public Hearing ended at 6:45 P.M. and that the Council went into an Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Borough Council reconvened at 7:15 P.M. and no action will be taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Councilmember K. Davis moved to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of April 7, 2014, as presented. Councilmember D. Casole seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

OFFICERS' REPORTS

PRESIDENT

President J. Finnerty presented a plaque to former Councilmember Jeff Woehrle honoring him for his years of dedicated service to the Borough of Mount Pocono. President J. Finnerty noted that there is a plaque for Martin Waldenberger as well, however, Mr. Waldenberger has not been feeling well and was not able to attend tonight's meeting. His plaque presentation will be made at a meeting in the near future.

President J. Finnerty stated that prior to the Easter sunrise service he cleaned up the Knob Overlook.

MAYOR

Mayor F. Courtright also noted that he was out and cleaned up some brush and some other items at the Knob Overlook. He further noted that the First Annual Spring Fest will be held on Saturday, May 10th, beginning at 10:00 A.M. There will be music, food, craft and vendors. H noted that that any local yard sales in the Borough will be now listed on our Borough calendar on our website.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The following cash report was given as follows:

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 780,238.92
PENN SECURITY GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT	20,712.71
CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT	48,433.11
BANNER BEAUTIFICATION ACCOUNT	1,957.37
STATE LIQUID FUELS	82,731.03
PARK & RECREATION FUND	10,698.02
PLANNING COMMISSION REIMB. FUND	52,067.68
ROAD FUND – GENERAL FUND	28,932.17
STORMWATER FUND	132,637.58
GENERAL FUND RESERVE PLGIT ACCOUNT	41,382.87
SANITATION FUND	17,047.00

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ROUTE 940 CORRIDOR FUND	\$ 53,875.00
FIVE POINT INTERSECTION FUND	<u>327,058.48</u>

GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$ 1,597,771.94</u>
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Councilmember F. O'Boyle moved to pay and approve the bills as outlined in the Treasurer's Report dated Monday, May 5, 2014, as presented. Vice President R. Gross seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS TO BE PAID FROM THE GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT:

ACE Hardware	(small tools/ supplies)	\$ 127.16
Blue Cross of NEPA	(health insurance)	8,867.98
Boston Mutual	(life/ disability insurance)	234.15
Community Planning & Mgmt.	(codification questions)	160.00
H. Clark Connor	(May retainer PC Solicitor)	500.00
Cramer's	(plywood for salt bin)	25.17
E.M. Kutz, Inc.	(auger for 1997 F-3509)	415.73
G & K Services	(uniforms/ rug service)	300.12
MECAB	(annual dues)	50.00
JoAnn Misuraca-Ficco	(supplies)	49.99
Mountain Services	(inspection of 2006 & 2013 Pete)	1,888.41
NAPA Auto parts	(vehicle parts)	25.20
PPL	(electric)	889.19
PA American Water Co.	(Boro bldg. /maint garage)	716.21
PA State Association of Boroughs	(Boro management caucus)	25.00
Payrolls Unlimited	(payroll service)	81.00
PM Vol. Fire Co.	(delinquent taxes)	633.17
PM Public Library	(delinquent taxes)	633.17
PM Regional EMS	(delinquent taxes)	316.59
PM Regional police	(mortgage)	3,010.44
PM Regional Police	(2 nd quarter services)	159,733.69
<i>Pocono Record</i>	(advertising)	810.80
Quill	(folders, pens)	94.61
Stroudsburg Electric Motor	(circulator motor repair)	49.25
Sunoco (COSTARS)	(gas/ diesel)	907.00
Titan Signs (formerly Reliable Sign	(signs)	2,104.10
US Bank	(copier)	317.06
United Concordia	(dental)	353.60
Verizon	(phone)	367.00
Verizon Wireless	(cell phones)	119.19
Wal-Mart	(Blue Def – exhaust fuel)	<u>35.12</u>

GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$ 183,840.10</u>
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BILLS TO BE PAID FROM THE GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT:

Mt Pocono Payroll	(w/e 04/09/14)	\$ 6,393.17
Mt Pocono Payroll	(w/e 04/16/14)	5,428.67
Mt Pocono Payroll	(w/e 04/23/14)	5,208.11
Mt Pocono Payroll	(w/e 04/30/14)	<u>5,291.93</u>

GRAND TOTAL	<u>\$ 22,321.88</u>
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BILLS TO BE PAID FROM THE STATE LIQUID FUELS ACCOUNT:

American Rock Salt Company	(de-icing salt)	\$ 12,774.71
Lehigh Hanson	(anti-skid)	2,528.21
PPL	(electric)	<u>206.92</u>

GRAND TOTAL **\$ 15,509.84**

TAP Grant Presentation

Borough Secretary/ Treasurer L. Noonan noted that our Grant Writer, Joyce Onsted, has advised her that we need to make a presentation before the Northeast Pennsylvania Alliance on the May 21st, at 10:15 A.M. and that the Borough Engineer is planning on attending on our behalf. She asked Councilmember W. Jabara if he was also able to attend. Councilmember W. Jabara agreed to attend the hearing.

Lowe's Grant Opportunity

Borough Secretary/ Treasurer L. Noonan also noted that our Grant Writer Joyce Onsted has advised her that there is a grant through Lowe's that she can apply for funding of repairs to the Borough building roof.

Councilmember F. O'Boyle moved to allow our Grant Writer Joyce Onsted to proceed with pursuing the Lowe's Grant application. Councilmember C. Williams seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Work Session

Borough Secretary/ Treasurer L. Noonan confirmed with Borough Council that they will hold a work session on May 14th, at 7:00 P.M.

SOLICITOR

Solicitor J. Fareri stated that the Mount Pocono Municipal Authority has been approved for United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Loan in the amount \$4,993,000.00. As such one of the requirements is a Resolution from the Borough Council guaranteeing the payment of said loan.

After review of Resolution #4 of 2014, a Resolution guaranteeing a United States Department of Agriculture Loan to the Mount Pocono Municipal Authority in the amount of \$4,993,000.00, Councilmember W. Jabara moved to adopt said Resolution. Vice President R. Gross seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bulk Grass Mowing Quotes

Borough Council was in receipt of two (2) quotes for bulk grass mowing: The first from Paradise Lawn Sprinklers, LLC in the amount of \$14,500.00 and the seconded from Mountain Landscaping in the amount of \$8,595.00.

After review of said quotes, Councilmember W. Jabara moved to award the Mountain Landscaping the bulk grass mowing job in the amount of \$8,595.00. Vice President R. Gross seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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Re-Establish Ordinances: Traffic Signals; Sidewalks & Curbs; and Lighting Ordinances.

Councilmember C. Williams moved to adopt the Ordinance re-establishing the three (3) Ordinances that were advertised and a Public Hearing was held this evening in regards to the Traffic Signals; Sidewalks & Curbs; and, Lighting. Vice President R. Gross seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Mount Pocono United Methodist Church Yard Sale Request

Vice President R. Gross moved to approve the request of the Mount Pocono United Methodist Church and waive the fees for its yards sales to be held on Saturday, June 7th and again on Saturday, August 9th. Councilmember K. Davis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Pocono Summit Volunteer Fire Company Parade Request

Councilmember K. Davis moved to send a letter to the Monroe County Fire Police Association in regards to Pocono Summit Volunteer Fire Company's Festival Parade being held on June 28, 2014. Councilmember D. Casole seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Tobyhanna United Methodist Church Spaghetti Sign Request

Vice President R. Gross moved to waive the sign fees in regards to the Tobyhanna United Methodist Church Election Day Dinner on May 20th. Councilmember K. Davis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mount Pocono United Methodist Church Mother's Day Flower Sale

Councilmember F. O'Boyle moved to allow the Mount Pocono United Methodist Church to hold its Annual Mother's Day Flower Sale on Thursday, May 8th, from 10- 6 and again on Friday, May 9th, from 10-6. Vice President R. Gross seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mount Pocono Rotary Drive-In,-Fly-In Breakfast

Vice President R. Gross moved to approve the Mount Pocono Rotary to place a sign at the Five Points Intersection and waive the said permits for its Drive-in, Fly-In Breakfast to be held on May 25th. Councilmember C. Williams seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Planning

Councilmember D. Casole stated that there were no submissions before the Planning Commission and that they were using this time to review the Ordinances.

Stormwater

Councilmember W. Jabara discussed stormwater projects for this year and also discussed Belmont Avenue Bridge.

Utilities

Vice President R. Gross noted that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, May 18, 2014, and as we discussed earlier they received a USDA loan in the amount of \$4,993,000.00.

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Water

Councilmember W. Jabara noted that on PAWC website there is a link that will show PAWC schedule for flushing the system so you can be prepared.

Streets

Councilmember W. Jabara noted that he will be reviewing what streets to pave and stated that Councilmember K. Davis is looking into the chip seal for some roads near Knob Road.

Sanitation

It was noted that the sanitation company was running late today and if your trash or recyclables were not picked up they will be back in town tomorrow to finish the job.

Buildings

It was noted that the Grant Writer will be applying for the Lowe's Grant.

Budget and Finance

Mayor F. Courtright stated that the committee will try to meet this month.

Recreation

Borough Secretary/ Treasurer L. Noonan noted that they will have a re-dedication of the upgraded facilities at the Deerfield Oak Street Park on Saturday, May 17th.

Personnel

No report.

Regional Police

It was noted that the next meeting will be held on May 13, 2014.

Regional EMS

Mayor F. Courtright noted that subscription mailers have been mailed and the subscription rate is \$75.00 per household and urged everyone to mail back their subscriptions.

COG

Councilmember W. Jabara stated that he attended the last two (2) meetings.

Open Space

It was noted by Councilmember W. Jabara that the road crew is working on erecting the plaque at the Knob Overlook.

PARC

Councilmember K. Davis stated that he attended the last meeting and they were reviewing the master site plan sketch plans for the park.

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Five Points Intersection/ Traffic

Councilmember W. Jabara discussed the repaving of SR 611 that is scheduled by PennDOT to happen in a few months.

Mayor F. Courtright stated that he has been contacted by State Representative Mario Scavello who asked him to attend the Public Hearing on May 22nd, in regards to radar and that he plans to attend that Public Hearing.

Councilmember F. O'Boyle discussed digging that occurred on Pine Hill Road and who is responsible for the road.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Fred D'Amato, 5 James Court, questioned Borough Council's thinking of tar and chipping James Court.

Councilmember K. Davis discussed a bus driver who backs up on Knob Road and requested that a letter be sent to Pocono Mountain School District regarding this.

Councilmember D. Casole discussed the Mount Pocono Motel and Section 8 housing.

There being no further business or any further public participation coming before the Board, Vice President R. Gross moved to adjourn at 9:15 P.M. Councilmember K. Davis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Noonan, Borough Secretary