

Mill Village Borough Minutes: Wednesday, February 1, 2006

President Cris Peters called the Mill Village Borough Council meeting for February to order at 7:32 p.m. Those present were: Rustin Peters, Jim Heilbrun, Linda Falconer, Kathy Williams, Roberta McLaughlin, Steve Sherred, Employee – Dawson Bogert, Sr. and Solicitor – Tim Sennett. Absent from meeting: Mayor – Joe Sam and Dawson Bogert, Jr. Guests Present: Don Marzka

Kathy made a **motion** to accept the minutes from the January 2006 meeting, seconded by Jim Heilbrun, all in favor, **motion carried**.

Treasurer's Report: General Fund - \$ 10,749.24 State Fund - \$41,061.54 Capital Reserve- \$ 9,556.69 Petty Cash- \$35.58
Rustin Peters made a **motion** to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Steven Sherred, all in favor, **motion carried**.

Maintenance Report:

- Ceiling tile and insulation project is now completed in the building. Dawson, Sr. also said that he would be trying to seal some of the areas in the garage with insulation to cut down on heat loss.
- Stop sign was straightened back up on Depot Street and East Center Street.

Jobs for Borough Employee:

- Sally told Dawson that she needed a date of when the windshield cracked on the Borough truck so she could call the insurance company. Dawson, Sr. said he would get the date from Dawson, Jr.
- Rusty asked Dawson if he could check out the electrical system on the truck. It wasn't working as it had in the past when he drove it for plowing snow. The lights were drawing down much more than normal while plowing.

Guests:

Don Marzka wanted the flag taken down by the old fire hall or the light fixed that illuminates it at night. Don also wanted the renters at the old fire hall to quit parking cars on the sidewalk area and to keep the sidewalk clear of snow in the winter. He also mentioned to Council that he wanted taxes to be paid on the old fire hall since it should not be an exempt property anymore. Dawson, Sr. told Don that the firemen were in the process of selling the building to the current renter and that the taxes would be taken care of at the time of sale. Mr. Sennett said that Council would need to see what happens with the sale of the old fire hall before any action should be taken regarding the property taxes. Don said he did not like seeing a junkyard in his back yard and this is what he felt was happening with the old fire hall property. Mr. Steve Sherred made a **motion** for Tim Sennett to send a letter to the current renter of the old fire hall to let him know that he could not park cars on the sidewalk and to keep the sidewalk clear of snow in the winter. Seconded by Linda Falconer. All in favor, **motion carried**.

President's Report:

Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report:

Absent from meeting

Old Business:

- Roberta made a **motion** to take the burning ordinance off the table so that Council could vote on it. Seconded by Kathy Williams.
- Steve wanted to know who would be enforcing this ordinance and if the Fire Chief had been told this would be the fire company's responsibility. Tim Sennett told Council that in Section 8 on page 4 of the ordinance, it indicates that Borough Council by the ordinance does hereby appoint the Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chiefs, Borough Secretary, the Code Enforcement Officer and anyone duly authorized as an agent of the Borough may enforce this ordinance. Tim said that anyone that was a duly authorized agent would need to be so, by resolution. Tim also went on to say that Council should inform the Fire Company of this ordinance.

The voice vote for the Burning Ordinance was as follows:

Cris Peters voted FOR the Burning Ordinance
Roberta McLaughlin voted FOR the Burning Ordinance
Kathy Williams voted FOR the Burning Ordinance
Jim Heilbrun voted FOR the Burning Ordinance
Rusty Peters voted FOR the Burning Ordinance
Steve Sherred voted AGAINST the Burning Ordinance
Linda Falconer voted FOR the Burning Ordinance

Six (6) members were FOR the Burning Ordinance and one (1) member was AGAINST. **Motion carried**.

- State Ethics forms need to be filled out and returned to Sally by May 1st, 2006.
- Linda said she had received a quote from Jack Merry on an Air EZ Furnace (80% efficient), 75,000 BTU model would be \$1,700.00 installed. On a 90% efficient model the price would be \$2,550.00 installed.

- Cris wanted to know if Bob Rohrer would be able to put any cement blocks on Depot Street to stop traffic. Linda said she really didn't know if Bob would have time to do this job or not. It would depend on his schedule. Steve Sherred offered to talk to Kenny Windsor to see what he would charge to do this for the Borough.
- Roberta made a **motion** to have Rusty Peters fill the vacant seat on the Planning Commission. Steve seconded the motion, all in favor, **motion carried**.
- Steve Sherred wanted to know what he would have to do to put his fence back up on his property. He wanted to have a variance hearing to put the fence where he wanted it. Mr. Sennett told Mr. Sherred that a variance permit could not be issued because the fence could not be placed in the Borough's right-of-way and that tax maps identify where the right-of-ways are. Mr. Sennett went on to say that that is why Craig said the fence had to come out in the first place, because it was in the right-of-way. Tim said that Craig would have to find a pin or use and estimate on where the center of the road is. This could be determined by a tax map, and then the fence could be placed back up, as long as it was not in the right-of-way and follows all zoning regulations. Sally said that she would have Craig call Steve and set up an appointment as to when he could come to Steve's house to let him know where the fence could go back up.
- Cris let Council know that Ed Falconer is on the truck insurance policy and that he would be Dawson, Jr.'s relief driver for winter plowing. Cris said that if Ed had any questions that he was to call her.

Correspondence:

Letters Received From:

1. Erie Zoo – Thank You to Mayor Joseph Sam for the Borough's donation to the Erie Zoo.
2. George Cornwell, RE: Electric work done for Xmas wreaths, and a letter explaining what would need to be done to fix the light for next year's holiday lighting. Council wanted to have this brought back on the agenda this summer for discussion by Council.
3. Mill Village Volunteer Fire Company – Invitation for one couple to attend the annual banquet.

Letters Sent To:

1. Peggy Sam – release letter from collecting remaining 2005 property taxes.
2. Howard Pentycofe, RE: removing snow from sidewalk area.

New Business:

- Linda wanted to know when the Community Yard Sale would be and when the Transfer Station Day would be. Linda said that Jeff's Village Inn wanted to know so that it would not be on the same weekend as Jeff's Poker Run. Sally said that Linda could let her know what date Jeff had in mind for his Poker Run and then it would be easier to pick a date for Community Yard Sale Days.
- Dawson said that Transfer Station Day last year was on May 21st. Council felt that a date close to last year's clean up date would be good. Sally said she would try and get the Information Guide out sometime in late April. Linda said that Carrie Hicks wanted to put a note in the Information Guide so that residents could save Box Top for Education for Mill Village School students.

Secretary's Report:

- Note to Council the last Zoning Hearing for the Borough was in August 2004. The cost to the Borough was \$615.00 – (minus) what was collected from the resident for the hearing (\$205.00), leaving a loss to the Borough of \$410.00. Sally asked Council to consider raising the cost for a hearing to help offset the cost of a hearing. Tim Sennett suggested checking with other boroughs on their hearing charges, then by resolution raise the amount that we currently have in place. Tim said that Council can raise the cost of a hearing but they cannot include the cost of their Zoning Solicitor's fees or the Zoning Officer's wage. Sally said she would look into this further with other boroughs before she brings it back to Council to consider.

Linda made a **motion** to pay all bills, second by Roberta, all in favor, **motion carried**.

Steve made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m. Seconded by Jim, all in favor, **motion carried**.

NEXT MEETING FOR COUNCIL WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY, March 1, 2006 AT 7:30 P.M.