

Myerstown, PA
Monday, July 13, 2015

President Bryan L. Rittle called the planning meeting of the Myerstown Borough Council to order at 6:31 p.m., on Monday, July 13, 2015. The meeting was held in Borough Council Chambers in the Myerstown Municipal Center, 101 East Washington Avenue, Myerstown, PA 17067.

Present were: President Bryan L. Rittle, Park W. Haverstick, II, Jeffrey L. Thomas, Keith Fox, Mayor Gloria R. Ebling, Deputy Secretary Lisa A. Brubaker, and Manager Christopher J. Moonis. Absent were Councilmembers Dana Reich and Michael D. Behm.

No minutes of past meetings were presented for approval at this planning meeting and no action was taken on any minutes.

There were no citizens or visitors present to offer any comments.

The planning meeting is being held to discuss Residential Parking, Commercial Parking, Traffic Control and Speeding, the Borough Parking Lots, Trash Collection and Insurance.

The Manager stated we received the insurance quotes. The Boroughs insurance renewal date is August 1, 2015. Two competitive quotes were received, Zinn's Insurance and Richard Hart Agency. The PSAB proposal from Richard Hart Agency is sizably less than the proposal from Zinn's Insurance. The quote from Richard Hart is part of a pooled group of insurers through the Borough Association. This insurance program has the possibility of dividend returns if the trust preforms well. The quote from Zinn's Insurance totals \$91,956.00 and the quote from Richard Hart Agency totals \$67,458.00, which is a difference of \$24,498.00. The insurance renewal quotes will be discussed and possibly act upon them at the Borough Council regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2015.

Trash collection was discussed. A bid could be placed for prices for a municipal trash collection service. There would be one hauler, one day a week. Council could mandate a curbside pickup instead of an alley pickup. The question was raised as to how a dumpster would be emptied if a trash truck cannot go into an alley. After discussion, the Council would like to know how many dumpsters are in the borough. That would give the Council an idea of what alleys would need to be exempt and does it then make sense then to stop the alley pickup.

Traffic Control and Speeding was the next item. Speed tables, bump outs and roundabout's are some options. The Manager asked does the Council want to try speed bumps. A motion was made by Keith Fox, seconded by Park w. Haverstick, II, to authorize the purchase of six (6) - 19' wide Premium Rubber Speed Bump Kits. All those in favor: Motion unanimously carried.

Additional Stop Signs and intersections were discussed. A list of intersection that may need to be made a 4 way stop was compiled. The Manager stated he will bring Council a price for a Traffic Study to place the additional Stop Signs discussed. The Mayor stated the crosswalks need to be painted. The Council agrees that the crosswalks need to be made visible. The Manager stated if the Council approves the Agility Agreement with PennDot, the crosswalk painting could be something that could be done as part of the agreement if the Public Works Department doesn't do it.

The Council asked if a courteous letter could be sent to GAF/ELK requesting the truck drivers refrain from using their "Jake Brake" in town.

The Mayor stated the sidewalk at the Smith's Candies open lot south of the warehouse in the 500 block of Railroad Street should be done. The Manager will look at the property.

Residential Parking was discussed. The Borough Code – Chapter 15 – Part(s) 9 – Parking of Commercial Equipment and 10 – Recreational Vehicles were reviewed to see the requirements and what type of vehicles may be parked on the roadway. Tenant parking was discussed. A Text Amendment may be needed

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to these parts of the code, Part 9 - Parking of Commercial Equipment – add no unhitched trailers to Section 15-902 - Restrictions. A Special Exception could be permitted by the Borough Council for construction. Part 10 – Recreational Vehicles – No parking of a recreation vehicle on the streets for longer than 24 hours and no unhitched recreational vehicles at any time.

The Municipal Parking Lots were discussed. The hitching posts have been placed in the Main Avenue Lot. It was asked if the lot gets that full that parking permits are needed. The Council does not feel the lot is ever parked that full to warrant issuing parking passes. The Manager and Council feel the restrictions in Chapter 15, Part 4 could be made less restrictive, but no overnight parking on the Borough parking lots. Snow Emergencies would remain restricted or enforced.

The C-1 Central Business District Text Amendment was reviewed. The Manager stated the Borough has received a grant to redo the whole Zoning Ordinance. But while that is being done, the C-1 District needs revisions now. A draft amendment was given and definitions were also reviewed. A Noise Ordinance may need to be adopted. An expansion to the C-1 District and creating a LERTA District was discussed. The Borough Planning Commission reviewed and by majority vote, approved the amendment. The Special Exceptions were reviewed. The Special Exceptions will require a Zoning Hearing to be granted permission.

The Mayor would like to sell the ammunition to Lauck's Sporting Goods. A motion was made by Park W. Haverstick, II, seconded by Jeffrey L. Thomas, to approve the sale of the ammunition to Lauck's Sporting Goods for \$135.00. All those in favor: Motion unanimously carried.

The Borough Manager requested an Executive Session. The Borough Council recessed the regular meeting and entered into Executive Session at 8:58 p.m. to discuss the legal and personnel matters.

The Borough Council returned from Executive Session at 9:36 p.m. reconvening the regular session and resumed consideration of and action on the regular meeting agenda.

The Council President asked for any additional comments for the good of the Borough. Councilmember Jeffrey L. Thomas asked if an answer was given to the resident regarding chickens. It will be addressed at the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2015.

The Council President stated a letter of interest for the vacant position on the Zoning Hearing Board has been received. This will be reviewed at the regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, July 14, 2015. There were no additional comments.

With no further business, a motion was made by Park W. Haverstick, II, seconded by Keith Fox, to adjourn the meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Lisa A. Brubaker
Deputy Secretary