

A regular meeting of the Myerstown Borough Council was held on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Room at the Myerstown Community Center, the President being in the chair and the Secretary being present.

Present were: President Bryan L. Rittle, President Pro Tem Park W. Haverstick, II, Councilmembers Eric L. Powell, Ronald L. Ream, and Dana Reich, Mayor Gloria R. Ebling, Solicitor Frederick Wolf, Assistant Manager Barry A. Ludwig, Manager Michael R. McKenna, Treasurer Lee C. Smith, and Code Enforcement Officer John Neely. Absent was Vice-President Michael D. Behm and Council Member Jeffrey L. Thomas.

The President of Council opened the meeting at 6:31 p.m. and asked everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved and Dana Reich seconded to dispense with the reading of and approve the minutes of the previous month's meetings held on August 14, 2018. Motion carried.

The President of Council opened the floor for citizens' and visitors' comments.

Cindy Patschke of 347 W Carpenter Ave wanted an update on her situation with the Notice of Violation at 356 W Main Ave and the vehicle work being done. She asked what has been done from the Borough's perspective. Solicitor Frederick Wolf explained that a Notice of Violation was filed by the Lebanon County Planning Department, who is the Zoning Officer for the Borough.

Jonathan Weaver, who purchased 301 S Railroad St, would like to change the plans from the initial sales agreement with the Borough for his property and tear down the existing garage and build a new garage on the existing foundation. Last month Council requested that a drawing be submitted before they make a decision. He submitted a drawing and explained his plans to Council. Park W. Haverstick, II moved and Ronald L. Ream seconded to approve the preliminary plans for 301 S Railroad St for the construction of a garage pending approval by the Lebanon County Planning Department. Motion carried.

The following reports were presented to Council and placed on file: Mayor's Report, Code Enforcement Officer's Report, Assistant Manager's Report, Solicitor's Report and Manager's Report.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved and Eric L. Powell seconded to accept the Treasurer's Report as submitted and have it on file for audit. Motion carried.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved and Dana Reich seconded to pay the bills as submitted. Motion carried.

Ronald L. Ream moved and Eric L. Powell seconded to approve Resolution 2018-12 – Submission of CDBG Funding Request to the Redevelopment Authority of Lebanon County in the amount of \$57,820 for street reconstruction and resurfacing to W Main Ave between N College St and N Railroad St. Motion carried.

Dana Reich moved and Eric L. Powell seconded to approve Resolution 2018-13 – Submission of CDBG Funding Request to the Redevelopment Authority of Lebanon County in the amount of \$89,810 for street reconstruction and resurfacing to E Center Ave from S Railroad St to S Cherry St. Motion carried.

Ronald L. Ream moved and Dana Reich seconded to approve Resolution 2018-14 – Submission CDBG Funding Request to the Redevelopment Authority of Lebanon County in the amount of \$89,810 for street reconstruction and resurfacing to N Railroad St from Route 422 to E Washington Ave. Motion carried.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved and Eric L. Powell seconded to approve the MMO Calculations for the pension funds. Motion carried.

Eric L. Powell moved and Dana Reich seconded to approve Resolution 2018 -15 – Fee Schedule to include a \$100 annual fee for foreclosure property registration. Motion carried.

Ronald L. Ream moved and Park W. Haverstick, II seconded to approve the request from Harvest Bible Chapel to hold an outdoor movie showing on the lawn of the Myerstown Community Center on Friday, October 12, 2018 from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Motion carried.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved and Dana Reich seconded to set the date for trick-or-treat night in the borough as October 31, 2018 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., unless the official County date is set otherwise. Motion carried.

Council recessed the regular meeting and entered Executive Session at 7:44 p.m. to discuss legal matters.

Council returned from Executive Session at 8:06 p.m. reconvening the regular session.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved and Dana Reich seconded to make a change to the first due command responsibility in the pre-planned Fire and EMS Responses to have the Keystone Hook & Ladder Company as first priority and the Goodwill Fire Company as the second priority. On a roll call vote: Park W. Haverstick, II – yes; Ronald L. Ream – yes; Bryan L. Rittle – yes; Dana Reich – yes; Eric L. Powell – yes. Motion carried.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved and Ronald L. Ream seconded to withhold the annual donation of \$9,000 to the Goodwill Fire Company until it is clear whether or not they will adopt the child abuse clearance policies requested by Council. Motion carried.

The President asked if there were any additional comments for the good of the borough. Seeing none, he asked for a motion to adjourn.

Park W. Haverstick, II moved and Ronald L. Ream seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael R. McKenna, MPA
Borough Manager/Secretary