

**MOUNT POCONO BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2014  
7:10 P.M.**

President J. Finnerty opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 P.M. with the following members present: Vice President R. Gross, Council Members, 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 thanked Borough Council for their vote of confidence and again welcomed the new members to the Board. He stated that he looks forward to working with all of them.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Vice President R. Gross moved to approve the minutes of the Public Hearing of Monday, December 16, 2013, as presented. Councilman K. Davis seconded. Councilman F. O'Boyle abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice President R. Gross moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Monday, December 16, 2013, as presented. Councilwoman D. Casole seconded. Councilman F. O'Boyle abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**PRESIDENT**

President J. Finnerty requested that the Council members get in touch with him in the next week or two and advise him of what Committees they would like to serve on and the Committee appointments will be made at the next Borough Council meeting.

President J. Finnerty discussed the recent retirement of Coolbaugh Township Supervisor Jim Frutchey and noted that he was instrumental and beneficial in the regional services we have today, such as the regional water and getting Pennsylvania American Water Company (PAWC) to come in and provide clean potable water to the Borough residents. President J. Finnerty state that he will be missed.

Vice President R. Gross touched on the subject of Coolbaugh Township Supervisor Jim Frutchey's retirement, noting that he has sat with him for a number of years on the Regional Police Commission and that he was a level headed Commission member and he will be sorely missed on that Board.

**MAYOR**

Mayor F. Courtright stated that tonight he had hoped to recognize the first recipient of the Dan McDavitt Award for Service for 2013, noting that the honoree was Mr. Bill Bracey. However Mr. Bracey was not available to come to tonight's meeting and therefore we will hold the presentation of the award until the next meeting. He noted the refreshments in the back of the room were sent over by Mr. Bracey and he invited all to partake at the end of the meeting. He also noted that the official Facebook page is up running and there are over one hundred (100) followers and he stated that he tries to keep that updated. He discussed UGI and the gas lines and stated that he will have more information that he will be able to provide on the website in regards to hook-ups. He also discussed A-Frame signs enforcement and suggested that the Planning Commission review and amend the Ordinance to allow sandwich board signs or A-Frame signs from time to time.

Councilman W. Jabara moved to request the Planning Commission to review the Borough's Sign Ordinance and to consider allowing sandwich board and A-Frame signs. Vice President R. Gross seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mayor F. Courtright also discussed bad weather and stated that the Borough building would be open whenever possible. He discussed the sidewalk snow removal and the need for the sidewalks to be clear prior to the opening of the building and the liability created by the sidewalks not being cleared prior to the opening of the building. He requested that if there

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is not enough time to clear the sidewalks of the snow prior to the start of a normal business day that adequate time is given to the office staff and that the building should open at a later time.

There was discussion regarding hiring an individual to do that work for us and obtain quotes from snow removal services.

Councilman K. Davis moved to seek quotes for sidewalk snow removal of snow around the Borough building. Vice President R. Gross seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**TREASURER’S REPORT**

The following cash report was given as follows:

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 533,131.27
PENN SECURITY GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT	25,404.68
CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT	48,271.13
BANNER BEAUTIFICATION ACCOUNT	576.82
STATE LIQUID FUELS	38,807.12
PARK & RECREATION FUND	9,592.61
PLANNING COMMISSION REIMB. FUND	51,893.56
ROAD FUND – GENERAL FUND	24,504.46
STORMWATER FUND	129,190.57
GENERAL FUND RESERVE PLGIT ACCOUNT	41,608.51
SANITATION FUND	8,667.96
ROUTE 940 CORRIDOR FUND	55,000.00
FIVE POINT INTERSECTION FUND	<u>326,757.03</u>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b><u>\$ 1,293,405.72</u></b>

Councilwoman W. Jabara moved to pay and approve the bills as outlined in the Treasurer’s Report dated Monday, January 6, 2014, as presented. Vice President R. Gross seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Borough Secretary/ Treasurer L. Noonan thanked Borough Council for her re-appointment and also for the kind words in regards to her father Jim Frutchey.

**BILLS TO BE PAID FROM THE GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT:**

ACE Hardware	(de-icing sale for bldg. / misc. supplies)	\$ 422.64
Amerhealth Casualty Services	(workers comp)	2,191.20
Boston Mutual	(life/ disability insurance)	234.15
Community Planning & Mgmt.	(Zoning Ord. Amendment)	40.00
H. Clark Connor	(January retainer PC Solicitor)	500.00
DG Nicholas	(hydraulic oil)	59.95
EM Kutz, Inc.	(parts for spreader)	864.30
First national Bank	(small tools)	68.56
G & K Services	(uniforms/ rug service)	309.56
General Code	(25% of project costs)	3,256.75
Home Depot	(drill)	209.88
Lowe’s	(bldg. supplies/ Christmas bulbs)	394.42
Monroe County Control Center	(1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter EMS/ Fire)	1,155.47
NAPA Auto parts	(vehicle parts)	134.99
Payrolls Unlimited	(payroll service)	80.00
PPL	(electric)	1,445.49
Plociniak oil Co.	(heating oil for bldgs.)	2,451.28
PA American Water Co.	(Boro bldg./ main.t bldg.)	35.03
PM regional Police	(mortgage)	3,010.44

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Pocono Record	(advertising/ subscription)	870.83
Rileighs Outdoor Décor	(replacement bulbs for big wreaths)	498.14
Schaedler YESCO	(small tools/ bldg. supplies)	406.27
Selective Insurance	(insurance)	1,976.00
Sunoco (COSTARS)	(gas/ diesel)	2,357.31
US Bank	(copier)	359.30
Verizon	(phone)	373.29
Verizon Wireless	(cell phones)	120.46
United Concordia	(dental)	362.40
Wal-Mart	(bldg. supplies)	<u>99.49</u>

**GRAND TOTAL** **\$ 24,287.60**

**BILLS ALREADY PAID FROM THE GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT:**

Mt Pocono Payroll	(w/e 12/18/13)	\$6,636.13
Mt Pocono Payroll	(w/e 12/25/13)	4,968.45
Mt Pocono Payroll	(w/e 12/31/13)	<u>5,393.07</u>

**GRAND TOTAL** **\$16,997.65**

**BILLS TO BE PAID FROM THE STATE LIQUID FUELS ACCOUNT:**

American Rock Salt Company	(de-icing salt)	\$11,096.24
Lehigh Hanson Aggregates	(anti-skid)	2,151.17
PPL	(electric)	<u>1,932.98</u>

**GRAND TOTAL** **\$ 15,180.39**

**SOLICITOR**

Solicitor J. Fareri thanked Borough Council members for his re-appointment.

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

**Wayne Gross, RKR Hess, Act 537 Amendments**

Mr. Gross once again reviewed the revisions to the Act 537 Plan and discussed the next steps.

It was noted that the thirty (30) day public comment period ended on Friday, January 3, 2014, and that there were no public comments received in the Borough offices. He stated that they received the recommendation of the Borough's Planning Commission. They are now waiting for the final letter from the Monroe County Planning Commission for its review.

Vice President R. Gross moved to adopt Resolution #1 of 2014 amending the Act 537 Plan Revision, pending the Monroe County Planning Commission's approval letter. Councilman K. Davis seconded. Councilman F. O'Boyle abstained. Motion carried unanimously.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**PARC**

Solicitor J. Fareri stated that he has drawn up the letter regarding the Pocono Area Recreation Commission (PARC) and the Borough Council's decision to withdraw from PARC for Borough Council's review.

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Councilman K. Davis moved to approve and instruct Solicitor J. Fareri to send the letter he has drawn up to Christine Dettore, the Director of the Monroe County Planning Commission and to copy Paradise and Barrett Township Supervisors along with a copy going to Salyn Stover with the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR). Vice President R. Gross seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Ordinance 1 of 2014 – Tax Millage**

Ordinance 1 of 2014 setting the Real Estate Tax Millage Rate. The tax mileage rate is set at a total of 29 and one-half mills with 27 mills going to the Borough, 1 mill dedicated library tax, a 1 mill dedicated fire tax and a one-half mill dedicated to EMS tax.

Vice President R. Gross moved to adopt Ordinance 1 of 2014 setting the Real Estate Tax Millage for 2014. Councilwoman D. Casole seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**SALDO Amendments**

President J. Finnerty noted that a Public Hearing was held earlier this evening in regards to the proposed amendments to the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance.

Vice President R. Gross moved to adopt Ordinance 2 of 2014 the Subdivision Land Development Ordinance Amendments. Councilman K. Davis seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution # 2 of 2014 – Voting by Telecommunication Devices**

Councilman F. O'Boyle moved to adopt Ordinance #2 of 2014, Allowing Participation and Voting by Telecommunication Devices. Vice President R. Gross seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Advertise 2014 Meeting Day/ Time**

Vice President R. Gross moved to instruct the Borough Secretary/ Treasurer to advertise Borough Council monthly meeting on the first Monday of every month and work sessions on the first, second, fourth and fifth Wednesdays of each month as needed. Councilwoman C. Williams seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Zoning Hearing Board and Library Appointments**

Vice President R. Gross moved to appoint Mr. John Scalamandre to the Pocono Mountain Public Library Board and Mr. Walter Harrison to the Zoning Hearing Board. Councilman F. O'Boyle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Councilman K. Davis discussed** the Mount Pocono Motel and the need for a follow through on the enforcement of our Ordinances in regards to the motel.

There being no further business or any further public participation coming before the Board, Vice President R. Gross moved to adjourn. Councilwoman D. Casole seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Noonan, Borough Secretary