

**MOUNT POCONO BOROUGH COUNCIL  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2014  
7:10 P.M.**

President J. Finnerty opened the Public Hearing at 7:10 P.M. with the following members present: Vice President R. Gross, Council Members, D. Casole; F. O'Boyle; C. Williams; and, W. Jabara. Mayor F. Courtright, and Borough Secretary/ Treasurer L. Noonan were also present.

Councilmember K. Davis and Solicitor J. Fareri were absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

**PRELIMINARY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Councilmember D. Casole moved to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of December 8, 2014, as presented. Vice President R. Gross seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**OFFICERS' REPORTS**

**PRESIDENT**

President J. Finnerty stated that he was very happy with the turnout at the Holiday Luncheon at the Bloomin' Onion. He thanked the Budget Committee for their hard work in putting together a balanced budget. He wished everyone a Merry Christmas and noted that he is looking forward to working with everyone in the year 2015.

**MAYOR**

Mayor F. Courtright stated that we had a good starting ground with the Budget which made it very easy to go forward. He noted that he plans to give out the yearly Service Award on January 5<sup>th</sup> and this year's recipient is John Scalamandre. He wished everyone a very Merry Christmas and look forward to working with everyone in the New Year.

Borough resident, Ruth Gross stated that the road crew has done a great job this past year and should be commended.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

The following cash report was given as follows:

GENERAL FUND CHECKING ACCOUNT	\$ 518,016.55
PENN SECURITY GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT	20,712.71
CAPITAL RESERVE ACCOUNT	48,433.11
BANNER BEAUTIFICATION ACCOUNT	2,107.37
STATE LIQUID FUELS	51,134.88
PARK & RECREATION FUND	10,670.83
PLANNING COMMISSION REIMB. FUND	52,067.68
ROAD FUND – GENERAL FUND	96,932.17
STORMWATER FUND	132,637.58
GENERAL FUND RESERVE PLGIT ACCOUNT	41,382.87
SANITATION FUND	23,097.38
ROUTE 940 CORRIDOR FUND	53,675.00
FIVE POINT INTERSECTION FUND	<u>326,593.48</u>

**GRAND TOTAL** **\$ 1,377,461.61**

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Vice President R. Gross moved to pay and approve the bills as outlined in the Treasurer's Report dated Monday, December 22, 2014, as presented. Councilmember C. Williams seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Brown & Brown of Lehigh Valley	(Sec/ Treasurer's bond)	\$ 250.00
Barbara Case	(photos for web page)	50.00
Gilmore & Associates, Inc.	(engineer)	1,332.03
Hanover Engineering Associates	(UGI Inspector)	2,042.64
Robert M. Maskrey, Jr.	(ZHB Solicitor MPMA Variance)	634.50
Northern Tool	(LED Work lights)	338.52
PAWC	(Boro bldg. & maint. garage)	130.54
PSAB	(CDL Renewal 2015)	75.00
Pioiniak Oil	(heating oil both buildings)	1,335.36
PM Regional Police	(mortgage)	3,010.44
PM Regional Police Pension	(2014 MMO Uniform/ Non-Uniform)	42,562.75
Summit Welding	(replace hinges/ hitch)	3,010.00
Tulpehocken Spring Water	(bottled water)	25.00
Winter Equipment Co., Inc.	(new cutting edge for 2013 Pete)	<u>1,289.16</u>

**GRAND TOTAL** **\$ 56,085.94**

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

Mt Pocono Payroll	(w/e 11/2/03/14)	\$ 10,589.89
Mt Pocono Payroll	(w/e 12/10/14)	6,144.85
Mt Pocono Payroll	(w/e 12/17/14)	<u>6,185.40</u>

**GRAND TOTAL** **\$ 22,920.14**

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

Cargill	(de-icing salt)	\$ 2,876.57
Lehigh Hanson Aggregates	(anti-skid)	<u>2,662.83</u>

**GRAND TOTAL** **\$ 5,539.40**

**MS Walk**

Borough Secretary/ Treasurer L. Noonan discussed a request she received from Christine Dumas Roberts who would like to hold a MS Walk Fundraiser in the spring and that they would walk from the Borough building out to the Knob and back. Ms. Roberts was seeking permission for the walkers to park at the Borough offices.

There was some discussion regarding police presence, EMS. It was noted that this all would be something that the organizers would be responsible for and not the Borough. In view of that Vice President R. Gross moved to allow Christine Dumas Roberts to hold the MS Walk Fundraiser. Councilmember D. Casole seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**SOLICITOR**

No report.

**PERSONS TO BE HEARD**

None

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Proposed 2015 Budget**

Councilmember F. O'Boyle moved to adopt and approve the 2015 Budget with no tax increase with a grand total of the General Fund Budget was \$1,812,600.00 with the Liquid Fuels Grand Total Budget is \$86,461.00. It was noted that the tax mileage stayed the same at 29 ½ mils, broken down as follows: 27 mils to the Borough; 1 mil Library; 1 mil fire; and, ½ mil to EMS. Vice President R. Gross seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Planning Commission Appointment**

Councilmember D. Casole moved to appoint Jeff Woehrlle to a four (4) year term on the Mount Pocono Planning Commission. Councilmember F. O'Boyle seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Generator Preventative Maintenance Contract**

Borough Council was in receipt of a contract from Cooper Power Systems for preventative maintenance to inspect the generator two (2) times a year at a cost of \$895.00.

Councilmember W. Jabara noted that he felt that we should check with other municipalities to see who they use.

Vice President R. Gross moved to table action on the Preventative Maintenance Contract for the generator until the next meeting. Councilmember C. Williams seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Advertise 2015 Meeting Schedule**

Councilmember F. O'Boyle moved to advertise the meeting schedule. Vice President R. Gross seconded. Councilmember C. Williams requested that it also be advertised in *Journal of the Pocono Plateau*. Motion carried unanimously.

**Garbage/ Recycling Pick-Up on Tuesdays**

Borough Secretary/ Treasurer L. Noonan requested permission to place a block ad to notify the residents of the change in pick-up day.

Vice President R. Gross moved to advertise the new pick-up day for garbage and recycling in a block ad format in the *Journal of the Pocono Plateau*. Councilmember D. Casole seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**Close Office Request**

Borough Secretary/ Treasurer L. Noonan requested permission for her and Office Assistant Diana Jackowski to each use a vacation day on Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup> and close the Borough building.

Vice President R. Gross moved to allow the employees to take a vacation day and close the offices on December 26<sup>th</sup>. Councilmember C. Williams seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

**Jack Rader, newly elected State Representative**, stated that he will have two (2) offices; one (1) in the Tobyhanna Township municipal building and one (1) on SR 115 near the Fish and Pay. He noted that he would like to meet in the Borough offices one (1) time a month and that he will be in contact with the Borough Secretary/ Treasurer to schedule a day/time. He also stated that if the Borough Council or any of our residents need him to be at a meeting or need to speak

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with him please contact him and he or staff member will be in attendance at the meeting or will provide assistance to the resident. He also noted that his website is up and running.

**Alice Makla, Knob Road**, once again discussed the stone wall at the yellow house that needs to be put back up.

There being no further business or any further public participation coming before the Board, Vice President R. Gross moved to adjourn at 7:55 P.M. Councilmember D. Casole seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Noonan, Borough Secretary