

# Minutes Berrysburg Borough Council August 8, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present – Janet Bechtel, Marlin Troutman, Mervin Mace, Jody Boyer, Robin Snyder, Mayor - Michael Ward, President – Scott Harner, Vice President – Timothy Weaver and Secretary/Treasurer - Diane Kennedy.

Also present were residents Lorraine Ferree and Crystal Scheib. Greg Mowery (CEO) and Janice Wert (representative from Edward Jones) were also in attendance.

Minutes for the July meeting were approved (with one correction) by a motion from Jody Boyer, and second by Robin Snyder, all in favor. Correction to July minutes – “A motion was made by Jody Boyer to push back the no parking zone on the southeast side of the square, second by Robin Snyder, all in favor.”

Treasurer Report for July was approved by a motion from Jody Boyer, second by Timothy Weaver, all in favor.

Janice Wert from Edward Jones explained the Edward Jones accounts and the monthly statements. The CDs are **premium CDs** which allows the bank offering the CD to offer a better interest rate (ex. 4.55% on one current CD). She also explained the accrued interest and true premium on the statements.

Correspondence received was read by secretary for council members' information including an annual insurance breakdown as follows: municipal authority \$1,899, Community Center \$1,214, and borough \$7,528. The total insurance premium for 2011 is \$10,641. Kent Zimmerman of the municipal authority would like the premium amount for the authority.

Public Comments – Lorraine Ferree once again questioned the Shaffer property on West Park Avenue. Michael Ward responded that the property was inspected on 7/13/11 and a certified letter was sent; and the borough has received the signed certified notice. Mr. Shaffer has thirty days to respond. Michael Ward requested a motion to declare the property a dangerous building under terms of Ordinance 43; motion by Mervin Mace, second by Janet Bechtel, all in favor.

Michael Ward reported that the Witmer disposal issue met the deadline.

Greg Mowery reported that he received a call from the judge regarding Mr. Klinger's hearing initially scheduled for September 8<sup>th</sup> has been rescheduled to September 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.

Michael Ward discussed Stewart Witmer's outdoor burner and requested that Stewart be given the checklist from the ordinance and Greg will then be called to inspect the burner.

### **Old Business:**

Road project – Timothy Weaver is the contact individual for Alpha Engineers. Alpha is preparing a seven year plan for street maintenance and improvement program. Timothy has received an estimate of \$3,000 to prepare the above plan. Alpha will make a schedule of street repairs, write all proposals, and prepare bids to be sent out to contractors. Several council members and Cole Boyer, engineer assigned to Berrysburg Borough, have completed a walk around the borough evaluating the streets.

Timothy Weaver spoke to Marstellar Concrete about helping with repairing South Mill Street. According to Charles Gallagher, Marstellar agreed to repair the street when they moved to their current location. Timothy also discussed setting a weight limit of 80,000 lbs. on this street.

Jody Boyer also commented that Jerry Spease (from Alpha) and Scott Lehman (the borough's Penn Dot representative) know each other.

Timothy Weaver received an additional letter from Alpha regarding the streets that need addressed this year and the worn and faded street signs that need replaced.

Timothy Weaver discussed purchasing brake retarder signs.

A motion was made by Timothy Weaver to purchase street signs, posts for crosswalk signs previously purchased and brake retarder signs, second by Jody Boyer, all in favor. The CDs currently in the state fund will be cashed in as they mature and the street signs and posts will be paid from the state fund.

The two storm drains recently installed need to be sealed.

Janet Bechtel discussed the motion that was passed last month (when she was not in attendance) regarding allowing only six parking spaces on the south side of East Market Street at the square (see mayor's report for more details). Janet disagrees with this motion. The mayor responded that the safety factor is involved and when looking east should be able to see to Pine Street. The CEO remarked that drivers need sight to pull out at the square. Scott Harner remarked that the speed study set the average speed through the borough at 45 mph.

Robin Snyder made a motion to rescind the motion last month on parking at the square, second by Janet Bechtel, all in favor.

Jody Boyer made a motion to pay the estimated fee based on scope of services in the amount of \$3,000 to Alpha Engineers, second by Janet Bechtel, all in favor.

**New Business:**

A motion was made by Mervin Mace to pay the borough bills, second by Marlin Troutman, all in favor.

Motion to adjourn by Robin Snyder, second by Marlin Troutman, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Diane Kennedy  
Borough Secretary