

Minutes
Berrysburg Borough Council
June 9, 2014

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance with the following members present – Deb Libby, Jody Boyer, Lahn Kopp, Crystal Scheib, Marlin Troutman, Mayor - Michael Ward, President – Robin Snyder, Vice President – Timothy Weaver, and Secretary/Treasurer - Diane Kennedy.

Also present were Allen Shiro, Janet Bechtel, Betty Hoffman, Brad Hoffman, Betty Leitzel, Gary Leitzel, Lynn Henninger, Owen Holtzman, and Dick Hassinger.

Minutes for the May meeting were approved with a motion by Marlin Troutman, second by Deb Libby, all in favor.

Treasurer Report for May was approved with a motion by Timothy Weaver, second by Lahn Kopp, all in favor.

Correspondence received was read.

Public Comments – (Comments were made later in meeting.)

Old Business:

The road committee reviewed the line of sight at the square. Timothy Weaver reported that according to Penn Dot the line of sight formula must be within 10 feet of the white line at the stop sign. He spoke to residents at the square and most accidents occurred with cars traveling from the south. He also will check with Penn Dot and state representative, Mike Tobash as to the possibility of moving the white stop bar. Robin Snyder questioned Deb Libby as to whether she would pursue her motion of last month and she will not pursue that motion. Also discussed was a four way stop at the square, and speeding in the borough.

Lynn Henninger and Owen Holtzman questioned whether a grant has been obtained for the second phase of the heating system at the Community Center. Cole Boyer reported that Max Stoner with Glace Associates would help him with grants for the project. For the Community Development grant, the borough would have to match 50% of the monies. Crystal Scheib made a motion for Cole Boyer to begin the grant application for the second phase of the heating system for the Community Center, second by Lahn Kopp, all in favor with the exception of Jody Boyer who abstained.

A letter was received from the solicitor in regard to the borough engineer as a volunteer road master. According to the solicitor, this would be a conflict of interest.

Betty Leitzel advised that she will bring the tax records to the borough building.

A letter was received from Penn Dot regarding the Liquid Fuels Tax Fund audit for the period of January 1, 2011 to December 31, 2012. A conflict of interest finding was reported in the audit and Penn Dot is advising the borough to reimburse the fund for \$3,300.00. Future Liquid Fuels allocations will be contingent upon proper reimbursement. Timothy Weaver made a motion to pay the State Fund the above stated amount, second by Crystal Scheib, all in favor with the exception of Jody Boyer who abstained.

The mayor spoke to Tom Billow from Mifflin Township regarding road signs. Tom advised that the borough needs a maintenance program on road signs listing an amount of road funds each year for this purpose. Lahn Kopp made a motion for a resolution to set aside \$1,000 as needed for road signs, second by Marlin Troutman, all in favor.

New Business:

Robin Snyder received a letter from the Emergency Management Agency to purchase the radios from the agency for the fire company and fire police. Dauphin County had originally purchased the radios and now the borough will purchase for \$1.00. Robin Snyder will give a copy of the letter to Craig Peters, fire company treasurer.

Michael Ward reported that the Woodman of World donated a new flag to the borough. He also questioned trimming trees in the borough.

Michael Ward reported that Stewart Witmer has not mowed the grass; he was sent a certified letter and has five days to respond and then can be cited for violation. Michael Ward requested approval to cite him should he fail to mow the grass by the end of the week. Marlin Troutman made a motion to cite Stewart Witmer if he does not mow the grass, second by Timothy Weaver, all in favor except Lahn Kopp who abstained.

Michael Ward spoke to the mortgage company regarding mowing the grass at the Header property and was advised it goes back to the property owner. Michael Ward requested directive to issue a citation if not mowed. Timothy Weaver made a motion to cite Mr. Header if he does not respond to a certified letter to mow the grass, second by Deb Libby, all in favor except Lahn Kopp who abstained.

Michael Ward attended the COG meeting and the following were discussed: grant funding, blighted properties, state budget, and regional police force.

A motion to pay borough bills was made by Jody Boyer, second by Deb Libby, all in favor.

A motion to adjourn was made by Timothy Weaver, second by Lahn Kopp, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Kennedy
Borough Secretary