

Minutes
Berrysburg Borough Council
September 12, 2016

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

Also present were Tim Reardon, Jerry Duke, Christian Dagher, Matt Kerstetter, Larry Kocher, Esther Bordner, and Cole Boyer.

Minutes for the August meeting were approved with a motion by Timothy Weaver, second by Lahn Kopp, all in favor.

Treasurer Report for August was approved with a motion by Timothy Weaver, second by Crystal Scheib, all in favor.

Correspondence received was read.

Public Comments – Esther Bordner stated the following regarding Schiano's property located next to her property on Pine Street: house is leaning toward her house, high weeds, pigeons, her property insurance has gone up due to the condition of Schiano's property, and the shed is falling down and could fall on her property. Also, someone is burning more than paper on Saturday mornings. Robin Snyder and Michael Ward will look at the property tomorrow and also trees on both Pine Street and Strawberry Alley.

Larry Kocher questioned the hole in the pipe on the east side of Mill Road, a stop sign that is missing on Mill Road, and the right of way on Mill Road.

Matt Kerstetter questioned when snow plow bids would be accepted.

Tim Reardon and Jerry Duke from the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission spoke regarding the county assistance program. They would help the borough with subdivision and land development. They distributed a draft subdivision and land development plan for review. If the borough accepts the draft, it would be free courtesy of the County Commissioners. They developed a plan for Mifflin Township and council members could contact the township to see how it is working for them. Council members will look at the draft plan and discuss at the next meeting.

Christian Dagher (borough solicitor) attended the meeting due to a letter received from the PA Department of Labor & Industry (L&I) to cease and desist enforcement activities of the Uniform Construction Code (UCC). Berrysburg Borough is the only municipality that has opted out of the UCC. By not opting in, the borough gave the Commonwealth the ability to enforce the UCC Act. Christian will check with L&I and get back to council

on this matter.

Robin Snyder questioned Christian regarding events with alcohol in the Community Center. The individual renting the center should hold the borough harmless and their insurance policy should also have the borough listed on it.

Christian received an email from Attorney Confair stating received settlement for UDITO. The check will be sent directly to the municipalities for taxes due but not distributed.

Mayor's report included the following: certified letter was sent to Joseph Shaffer (his property is posted for the tax sale).

Old Business:

Jonathan Campbell storm water management plan – had the topsoil moved and is waiting on the excavator to finish the seeding. His engineer will submit the final plan after he inspects it. The water seems to be draining.

Abner Riehl storm water management plan - Cole Boyer did the final inspection. The plan calls for grass but stone was put down. Cole will write a letter to Abner stating final inspection completed and if there is a problem with the stones, he would need to resolve it. Abner questioned Michael Ward regarding installing a permanent sign. If placed at the highway, he would need PennDot approval and would need to be back from the line of sight. Abner would like to have open house at the storage building on October 1, 2016. Robin Snyder will look at the ordinance regarding signs; tabled until next meeting.

Berrysburg Dollar General land development plan – the building is under roof; removing existing blacktop and will replace with grass; parking lot needs to be completed; Deb Libby stated that someone is not happy with the curb since you could not get into the yellow barn (Miller Bros. owns the yellow barn).

Deb Libby reported that Vinny Schiano removed the grass on his sidewalk down to the Shaffer property.

New Business:

COG Meeting – no meeting.

Snow plowing bids will have new specifications. Timothy Weaver made a motion to advertise for snow plowing bids, second by Jonathan Campbell, all in favor.

Trick or Treat night in the borough will be October 27th or October 31st. Michael Ward will check with the fire company for the best date.

A motion to pay the borough bills that were read was made by Timothy Weaver, second by Deb Libby, all in favor.

A motion to adjourn was made by Crystal Scheib, second by Lahn Kopp, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Kennedy
Borough Secretary