

BOROUGH OF RED HILL
COUNCIL MINUTES
Wednesday, August 13, 2008
7:30 pm

Vice President, Charles McCleary called CALL TO ORDER a meeting of the Red Hill Borough Council to order on the above date at 7:35 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doris Decker, Paul Snyder, Faith Diascro, Ryan Enoch

OTHERS PRESENT: Secretary, Darlene Stoudt; Engineer, Norm Ulrich; Mayor, David Schiffgens

VISITORS:

ACTION ON MINUTES: A motion to approve the Minutes of August 6, 2008 was made by Doris Decker and seconded by John Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: -

William Heiback, 114 W. 2nd Street asked council if a 25 mile sign be posted at 2nd and Meadowland because of the speeding issue. Council will have Conrad look at area.

Mr. Heiback asked council if Main Street will be revitalized. Doris Decker stated a committee will be formed to work on the sidewalks on Main Street.

Bruce Binder, 107 Meadowland Drive asked council if Verizon FIOS is available for Red Hill. Charles McCleary stated Verizon has not requested a contract with the borough.

Mr. Binder asked council about the progress of installing the red light at 11th Street. Charles McCleary stated that Pennsburg is handling the paperwork for UPVRP, and the installation of the red light is on the agenda to be completed.

RHFC/FIRE MARSHALL: - John Lehr, Fire Marshall

Events for RHFC – Larry Morton

- 8/19/08 – 8/23/08 – Red Hill Carnival

Doris Decker made a motion to accept the event for the RHFC and Paul Snyder seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

UPPER MONTGOMERY JOINT AUTHORITY: - Larry Morton

Mr. Morton reported on the following topic:

- Sewer Lateral Inspection regulations - A meeting is scheduled for this month for the preparation of distributing the data for September.
- Interceptor relining is finished.

RHPC/UPRPC: - Charles McCleary – No report

BUDGET & PERSONNEL: - Charles McCleary

Charles McCleary stated the revenues and income through August 13, 2008.

Income - \$533,841.82

Expenses - \$945,559.99

Net income - -\$411,718.17

CODE REVIEW: - Doris Decker

Doris Decker stated that the credentials for the street/ sidewalk permits need to be reviewed. After much discussion by council, Norm Ulrich was requested to research the credentials for these permits. Mr. Ulrich stated he will create an ordinance for the credentials for the street and sidewalk particulars and present it to council.

GENERAL SERVICES: - John Smith**PARKS & RECREATION: Ryan Enoch**

Playground equipment- Ryan Enoch addressed council on purchasing a cast metal turtle for the replacement of the broken equipment.

Council advised Ryan to move forward on the purchase.

SANITATION AND RECYCLING: Faith Diascro

Recycling – John Smith stated that Kalin Schweizerhof will be returning to school and his last day of work is August 22, 2008.

John Smith suggested that Kevin Sell return to the recycling center in the am and work for Conrad in the pm.

Faith Diascro made a motion for Kevin Sell to split his work schedule and John Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Cell phones – Faith Diascro stated that obsolete cell phones will be collected at the recycling center for the abused/disabled citizens. This program is initiated by the New Goshenhoppen church. Faith stated the collection will be scheduled once a month during operating hours of the recycling center. The church will supply signs for notification of the program.

OPEN SPACE: -

Doris Decker addressed council on the priority list for the open space program.

1. Replace the distressed trees in the Red Hill Park.

2. Purchasing additional land from HVCC.

Pastor Smith showed the committee a plan of HVCC property with the plot of land that could be funded for open space. The total area would be approximately .638 acres. This plot of land would only be available to the borough, if HVCC purchases the Rutkowski parcel.

Pastor Smith notified the committee that Rutkowski parcel joins the Marvin Godshall Park. If Red Hill Borough would purchase the Rutkowski tract, instead of the church purchasing the Rutkowski parcel; the borough would need to put a walking path to the main area on the new park, developing part of the property for parking. Since the borough has no parking for the park area; this area would be utilized for parking. If a parking lot is not permitted, the borough is not interested in purchasing the Rutkowski property.

3. Development of the land behind the Red Hill Borough Maintenance building. Beth Pilling suggested a butterfly garden with a pathway to the park.

4. Centennial Park – Upper Hanover Township

Develop the park with the installation of playground equipment, and manicuring the park.

Doris Decker stated that she will attend the 8/27/08 recreation committee meeting at Upper Hanover to discuss the improvements at Centennial Park.

The general consensus of council is to move forward on the priority list.

MAYOR: David Schiffgens

The mayor addressed council on the following issues:

- Change the hours in the park to help curb vandalism

- Priority Work Order form for Conrad Bender to follow.

David Schiffgens presented the form to council for discussion. Doris Decker made a motion to approve the work order and Ryan Enoch seconded the motion. A roll call was taken for the motion.

Roll Call

Ryan Enoch	Yes
Paul Snyder	No
Doris Decker	Yes
John Smith	No
Faith Diascro	No
Charles McCleary	No

Motion denied – 4-2.

PRESIDENT: No report

ENGINEER: LTL – Norman Ulrich

The following projects are currently under review or have received conditional or final approval:

- Paone Townhouse Development – Inlet and Pipe installation –A start date for the construction of the pipe and inlet has been set for 8/18/08.
- B&W Constructors and Equipment, Inc. – LTL anticipates the applicant will revise the plans to address the outstanding issues raised in LTL’s most recent letter and resubmit the plans for review.
- .Lehigh Gas Corporation Land Development – LTL anticipates the applicant will continue discussions with the Borough to obtain project direction prior to proceeding with the planning process.
- Saini Minor Subdivision Plan –LTL is working with the applicant to address final plan issues prior to recommending the plans being signed by the Borough and recorded.
- Preston Court – Major construction activities for the month include the completion of punch list items.
- G&M Enterprises, Inc. –The applicant is requesting a third request for a construction escrow release.

Following Special Projects have been worked upon by LTL as authorized by Borough Council:

- MS4 NPDES –LTL will update the Borough on the progress of the program.

SOLICITOR: Mark Hosterman – No report

SECRETARY/TREASURER: –

A motion was made by Doris Decker to approve the List of Bills for payment, seconded by John Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment: - Paul Snyder made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Faith Diascro seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Stoudt