

**BOROUGH OF RED HILL**  
**COUNCIL MINUTES**  
Wednesday, January 14, 2009  
7:30 pm

President, Thomas Paul, called CALL TO ORDER a meeting of the Red Hill Borough Council to order on the above date at 7:32p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Doris Decker, Faith Diascro, Paul Snyder, Charles McCleary, John Smith

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Secretary, Darlene Stoudt, Solicitor, Mark Hosterman, LTL Engineer, Norm Ulrich, Barry Isett Engineer, Ryan Kern

**VISITORS:** Jack Barbary, Investors Land Acquisition One, LLC – Kershner/Weaver Tract

**ACTION ON MINUTES:** A motion to approve the Minutes of December 10, 31, 2008 and January 05, 2009 was made by Doris Decker and seconded by John Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: - Tom Diascro, 920 Vanguard Drive – Preston Court**

Mr. Diascro, Vice President of the Preston Court HOA, participated in the dialogue on Ordinance 2009-467.

**Ordinance 2009 – 467**

**11<sup>th</sup> Street No Parking and Tow Away Zone Ordinance**

Tom Paul addressed council on the above Ordinance. Tom received a letter from the Pennsburg council president requesting a meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> Street NO Parking Ordinance. The Pennsburg residents on the north side of 11<sup>th</sup> street will be absorbing all of the vehicles parking on their side of the public street. The parking issue stems from exiting of Avondale and Vanguard Drives at Preston Court.

Tom Paul stated that the borough will research the NO parking issue on 11street. John Lear, Pennsburg Council President, Tom Diascro, Vice President of the Preston Court HOA, Mayor David Schiffgens, and Tom Paul will review the parking area situation Tom Paul recommended to council to table the ordinance.

Doris Decker made a motion to Table Ordinance 2009- 467 with no other motion from council. Motion died.

Charles McCleary made a motion to adopt the Ordinance 2009-467 and John Smith seconded the motion.

Mark Hosterman conducted a Hearing on the issue.

Doris Decker commented that the borough needs to be cooperative with Pennsburg Borough.

Tom Paul asked for a roll call to adopt the ordinance.

Roll call

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

Motion passed 3-2.

**RHFC/FIRE MARSHALL: - John Lehr, Fire Marshall**

Events for RHFC.

- March 14, 2009 – John Lehr distributed invitations to council for the RHFC annual awards banquet. Charles McCleary made a motion to accept any events for the RHFC for the month of January and February and John Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**UPPER MONTGOMERY JOINT AUTHORITY: - Larry Morton**

Larry Morton gave information on the available grants and loans that were approved by the electorate in 2008. Representative Mensch is working with UMJA to secure these grants for working on the pumping stations.

**RHPC/UPRPC: David Schiffgens**

**UPRPC – No report**

**RHPC – No meeting scheduled for the month of January.**

**BUDGET & PERSONNEL: - Charles McCleary****CODE REVIEW: - Doris Decker****GENERAL SERVICES: - John Smith**

Back hoe for the RH

Mayor David Schiffgens addressed council on his research of purchasing a refurbished back hoe. The mayor conferred with a local contractor, and recommended to council to purchase a new backhoe. The mayor stated that a refurbished back hoe would be very expensive and there would be no warranty on the piece of equipment and money could not be obtained thru PACC.

**Resolution 2009-01****Borough of Red Hill participation in PACC (PA CAPITAL) AUTOMOTIVE AND EQUIPMENT CONTRACT, administered by The City of Harrisburg**

Charles McCleary made a motion to purchase a new 2009 John Deere 310SJ Backhoe loader from Plasterer Equipment Company, Inc with piggybacking via “City of Harrisburg PACC pricing and Paul Snyder seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**PARKS & RECREATION:****SANITATION AND RECYCLING: Faith Diascro****OPEN SPACE: - Doris Decker**

Doris Decker, Darlene Stoudt, Jim Fry met with Stan Seitzinger to discuss distribution of the remaining East Greenville and Red Hill Open Space money that is available for future projects in the Upper Hanover Township.

The boroughs have identified potential projects where they could pool their county open space funds with Upper Hanover providing the 10 percent match.

The list included the following projects:

- Centennial Park – Extension of walking trails in the park that could be linked with trails in the planned Kershner/Weaver development on Hendricks Road.
- Camelot Park – adding walking trails

Stan Seitzinger will ask their engineer to develop plans for these projects. Plans must be submitted and approved by April 1, 2009 by the Montgomery County Planning Commission.

**MAYOR: David Schiffgens****ENGINEER: LTL – Norman Ulrich**

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

- Paone Townhouse Development – LTL has prepared the construction escrow information to be attached to the developers' agreement after it is prepared. Borough Council instructed the Borough Solicitor to prepare the developers agreement for review and approval at an upcoming Borough Council meeting. After the developers' agreement has been approved and signed by all interested parties, the plans can be recorded and construction may begin. LTL will keep the Borough informed of the projects progress as it moves forward.
- B&W Constructors and Equipment, Inc. – LTL was informed by Borough personnel that this property was sold and is now being developed as a part of the "neighboring Kershner/Tract"/ upon verification, this project can be removed from the Engineer's report.
- 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 –Construction activities for the month include: E&S installation, home construction, site grading, concrete work, etc. LTL will continue to keep the Borough informed of any developments as they occur.

The following projects have received final approval from the borough and are in various stages of construction:

- Preston Court – Major construction activities for the month include the completion of punch list items. LTL recently observed construction activities on site indicating that the swale and walking trail work are nearing completion.
- G&M Enterprises, Inc. –The contractor is requested escrow release #4 for the project. G&M will not be required to have an 18 month maintenance contract. The company does not border any main roads.

Therefore; Charles McCleary made a motion to release Escrow No.4, \$22,131.67 and Doris Decker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Charles McCleary stated that all monies on the escrow account were paid to the Red Hill Borough for engineering and solicitor services.

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**

Mark Hosterman addressed council on the conditional use approval to amend the conditional use previously granted to construct a town house community on a 13.4 acre parcel generally known as the Kershner Tract to include a redesigned village housing community on the Kershner tract and to extend the community onto a 6.2 acre parcel generally known as the Weaver Tract.

Charles McCleary made a motion to amend the conditional use to include the village housing community known as Kershner tract to extend the community onto a 6.2 acre parcel, known as the Weaver tract and Faith Diascro seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER: –**

A motion was made by Paul Snyder to approve the List of Bills for payment, seconded by Faith Diascro. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Doris Decker to accept the Treasurer's Report for December 31, 2008 as presented. Faith Diascro seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESIDENT: Thomas Paul**

**New Business:**

Tom Paul reported on the following:

Tom Paul reminded the council of the January 22<sup>nd</sup> MCAB at Royersford, and to contact Darlene by 1/19/09 if you are attending the event.

Tom Paul read the letter of intent from Mark Rober, 252 Main Street, Red Hill on the vacant council seat.

Doris Decker made a motion to offer the council seat appointment to Mark Rober and Faith Diascro seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Tom Paul instructed Darlene to notify Mark Rober of the council seat appointment and the sworn- in ceremony will be at the February 4<sup>th</sup> work shop meeting.

**Gazan & John, Attorneys-at-Law – Upper Perk Police Commission**

Tom Paul read the Gazan & John letter to council requesting the Upper Perk Police to provide police services upon request of the PA State Police to Red Hill Borough for the 2009 calendar year. The billable rate will be \$200.00per hour with a two hour minimum for all services provided.

Charles McCleary made a motion NOT to accept the fee increase until further investigation is executed on the police services as presented in the letter and Faith Diascro seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment:** - On a motion of Paul Snyder, second by John Smith and a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Stoudt