

**BOROUGH OF RED HILL  
COUNCIL MINUTES**  
Wednesday, February 11, 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, Mark Rober

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Secretary, Darlene Stoudt, Solicitor, Mark Hosterman, LTL Engineer, Norm Ulrich, Mayor, David Schiffgens

**VISITORS:**

**ACTION ON MINUTES:** A motion to approve the Minutes of January 14, 2009 was made by Doris Decker and seconded by John Smith. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:** -

Diane Binder, 107 Meadow Lane – questioned the weekly limit of bags for the trash collection. Tom Paul stated 4 bags/per week with one big item a week.

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

Events for RHFC.

Doris Decker made a motion to accept any events for the RHFC until March 11<sup>th</sup>, and Faith Diascro seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Larry Morton addressed the following issues:

- UMJA is applying for a 2.4 million grant for repairing areas in the sewage system. The grant will pay 1.2 million.
- UMJA rate increase in the 4/30/09 billing, which will cost the average home owner an additional \$5.69/quarter.

Tom Paul questioned Larry Morton for not telling the borough about the rate increase before the letter was mailed to borough. Larry Morton stated he did not want the press to print the information before the community was notified in the mail.

**RHPC/UPRPC:** **David Schiffgens**

**UPRPC – No report**

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

**BUDGET & PERSONNEL:** - **Charles McCleary**

YTD income is \$50,040 .47 and expenses are \$61,612.81 with a deficit of \$11,572.34.

**CODE REVIEW:** - **Doris Decker**

**GENERAL SERVICES:** - **John Smith**

- 2000 Ford was repaired in Lancaster.
- Storm boxes need to be repair. Tom Paul instructed John to have Conrad purchase the material now for the work to be done in the spring.

**PARKS & RECREATION:** **Paul Snyder**

Tom Paul instructed Paul to inform Conrad Bender of any issues, or purchases that are needed in the park.

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

Mark Hosterman instructed the open space committee to schedule a meeting in March for recommendation to council for the distribution of the remaining Open Space money to be given to Upper Hanover Township for projects.

**MAYOR: David Schiffgens**

Preston Court – David Schiffgens, Norm Ulrich, HOA member, met to review the swale issue on Preston Court. David stated there are several puddles of water that could create a mosquito problem

**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. LTL will continue to keep the borough informed and monitor all construction activities, as the trail work and construction punch list items are completed.

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 following issues:

- Ordinance 2009-467 vetoed by the mayor – Mark Hosterman stated that a new ordinance will be drafted on clarification of the parking area on 11<sup>th</sup> street.
- RHWA is in the process of negotiating installing another antennae for the water tank. A conditional use approval is needed for the project.
- Intersection Improvements Agreement – 11<sup>th</sup> & Main Streets  
Upper Hanover, Pennsburg, and Red Hill signatures have made the 11<sup>th</sup> street improvement a fully executed agreement for the boroughs.

Charles McCleary made a motion to authorize Mark Hosterman to draft an ordinance for acquisition of an easement for Red Hill borough to condemn for the Intersection Improvements for 11<sup>th</sup> and Main streets and Doris Decker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Michael Anthony Homes-Kerchner/Weaver tract -

Mark Hosterman addressed council that a letter is needed from Michael Nolan stating the withdrawal of the Weaver tract.

Doris Decker made a motion to authorize Mark Hosterman to notify Mr. Nolan a letter of withdrawal is needed for our March meeting and John Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mark Hosterman instructed Norm Ulrich to get a time limit on completion of the THP's punch list. Mark Hosterman will draft a letter for default notice for action. Norm Ulrich will determine the time limitation for Mark Hosterman.

Doris Decker made a motion for Mark Hosterman to draft a letter to THP on time limit for the completion of the punch list, and Charles McCleary seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**SECRETARY/TREASURER:** –

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

A motion was made by Faith Diascro to accept the Treasurer's Report for January 2009 as presented. John Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**PRESIDENT:** Thomas Paul

**New Business:**

Tom Paul reported on the following:

Tom Paul reminded the council of the February 26<sup>th</sup> MCAB at Conshohocken, and to contact Darlene by 2/19/09 if you are attending the event.

Tom Paul adjourned council meeting for an executive session on a personnel issue at 9:30 pm.

Tom Paul reconvened the meeting at 9:49pm

**Adjournment:** - On a motion of Paul Snyder, second by Charles McCleary and a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Stoudt