

BOROUGH OF RED HILL
COUNCIL MINUTES
Wednesday, April 8, 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, Engineer, Ryan Kern, Mayor, David Schiffgens

VISITORS:

ACTION ON MINUTES: A motion to approve the Minutes of April 1, 2009 was made by John Smith and seconded by Doris Decker. Motion carried unanimously.

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: -

Preston Court –

Anthony Ferrigo, 904 Vanguard Drive addressed council on the three holes that are located on emergency access road/walking path where the removable bollards are to be installed. Mark Hosterman stated a letter must be sent to THP to have the problem corrected. The HOA will not be liable for an accident that could occur; THP is liable.

Troy Long, 821 Carrington Drive addressed the following issues:

- 11th Street No Parking and Tow Away Zone -
Tom Paul stated the ordinance is on the agenda for tonight's adoption.
- Punch list – Bankruptcy issue
Mark Hosterman stated that the borough has a Bond for Preston Court, and the Bond is not subject to bankruptcy. Mark Hosterman stated there are sufficient funds to cover the items that are not completed on the punch list by the deadline of 7/31/09.

Mark Hosterman toured Preston Court with Ryan Kern, Tom Paul, Charles McCleary and the following issues were addressed:

- Ryan Kern to bring a landscaping architect on site to correct the landscaping issues.
- Mark Hosterman stated there is water setting on the swale and a graded yard drain system must be implemented to correct the water problem.

Phil Palencar, chairperson of the Red Hill Water Authority notified council that the authority is replacing all the water meters in the borough. The RHWA is sending letters to the Red Hill residents for permission to enter their homes for installation of meters. These meters will be able to read digitally from the street after installation with no cost to the homeowner.

Tom Paul requested that Darlene Stoudt be notified when the representatives will be in specific zones in the borough.

RHFC/FIRE MARSHALL: - John Lehr, Fire Marshall

Events for RHFC:

Doris Decker made a motion to accept any events for the RHFC until May 13th, and John Smith seconded the motion.

Motion passed unanimously.

No Parking/Tow Away Areas -

John Lehr stated he is not permitted to ticket residents on streets that have signs stating No Parking/Tow Away areas.

Tom Paul requested Mark Hosterman to draft an ordinance to give authority to the fire marshal to ticket residents in a No Parking and Tow-away zone specifically for Graber Alley, Bitting Alley and Cedar Court.

UPPER MONTGOMERY JOINT AUTHORITY: - Larry Morton

Larry Morton addressed council on the following topics:

- Private Sewer Lateral resolution is near completion.
- Budget passed with a rate increase to the residents.

RHPC/UPRPC: David Schiffgens

UPRPC – David Schiffgens stated that Eric Jarrell, representative for the Montgomery County Planning Commission will speak at our Workshop meeting, May 6th.

RHPC – No meeting scheduled for the month of April.

BUDGET & PERSONNEL: - Charles McCleary

YTD income is \$169,403.08 and expenses are \$190,768.25 with a deficit of \$21,365.17.

CODE REVIEW: - Doris Decker**GENERAL SERVICES: - John Smith**

Spring Street Sweeping –

Tom Paul notified John Smith to instruct Conrad to coordinate street sweeping with Pennsburg and East Greenville Boroughs.

PARKS & RECREATION: Paul Snyder

Paul Snyder addressed the following topics:

- Todd's Tree Service is scheduled to trim the trees in the park.

Tom Paul informed Paul Snyder to contact Michele D'Ippolito, who is affiliated with the Girl Scouts, to ask the troop to clean out the flower beds.

SANITATION AND RECYCLING: Faith Diascro**OPEN SPACE: - Doris Decker****MAYOR: David Schiffgens****ENGINEER: Ryan Kern, Barry Isett Associates**

The following projects are currently under review:

Kershner/Weaver Tract -

Land Acquisition One, LLC received Conditional Use approval for the Kershner Tract and the Weaver Tract with the borough approving a Village Housing Overlay District for both parcels. Mr. Robert Irick contacted BIA to discuss the ultimate right-of-way interpretation of Hendricks Road. BIA recommended that BIA review the previous approved plans for the Weaver tract and offer their interpretation.

Paone Townhouse Development –

The Borough is in the process of setting up a meeting between RHB, BIA and Bohler engineering to discuss the project. Meeting is tentatively scheduled for April 2009.

Preston Court –

The borough officials, BIA and solicitor performed a site walk of Preston Court to review the comments in the 2/19/09 LTL review letter. Outstanding construction items and a list of additional items will be needed to be addressed prior to project completion. BIA will prepare a letter that itemizes the additional construction tasks that need attention.

MS4 DEP Permitting –

BIA reviewed the comment letter from DEP regarding MS4 Year 4 and 5 annual report. Upon authorization from Borough Council, BIA is prepared to begin addressing DEP'S comments and prepare the resubmission package for the September 2009 deadline.

Ryan Kern requested from the borough electronic copy of the Red Hill map and the MS4 2007 and 2008 reports, which Darlene Stoudt will secure from LTL.

Charles McCleary made a motion to give authority to the BIA landscape architect to review the Preston Court plans for recommendations on improving the landscape and Doris Decker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

John Smith made a motion to address DEP's comments and to prepare the resubmission package for the September 2009 deadline and Charles McCleary seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

SOLICITOR: Mark Hosterman

Mark Hosterman addressed the following issues:

- LLC withdrew the plans for the Weaver tract.
- BIA will interpret the width of Hendricks Road.
- 11th Street Traffic Light – Pennsburg engineer will need to go over the plans for the easement on 11th Street. The plans do not make sense.
- A meeting is scheduled with Nick Paone for April 20th at the borough hall to discuss the development on 8th Street.

Mark Hosterman opened the hearing at 8:38 pm reading the following ordinance to council:

Ordinance No. 2009-468
11th Street No Parking and Tow Away Zone Ordinance

Doris Decker made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 2009- 468 and Charles McCleary seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mark Hosterman adjourned the hearing at 8:42pm after the adoption of the ordinance.

SECRETARY/TREASURER: –

A motion was made by Charles McCleary 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 March 2009 as presented. Paul Snyder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT: Thomas Paul

New Business:

Main Street Revitalization Committee:

Doris Decker made a motion to form the Red Hill Main Street Revitalization Committee and Charles McCleary seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Paul Snyder made a motion to accept the following Red Hill residents as members; Dennis Albertson, Paul Decker, Tony D'Ippolito, Gerald and Joan Mullaney, Tim Smith, Luanne Stauffer, Donna, Brain, Matt Stever, Robert Wood, Richard Zuber, Doris Decker, Mark Rober, Lawrence and Cindy Morton, Troy and Stephanie Long. Charles McCleary seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Doris Decker addressed council on following issues:

- Revitalization committee will improve Main Street from 3rd Street to 6th Street at Turkey Hill.
- Improve the property on Main Street.
- BIA representative will give a presentation on the revitalization grant writing program on the May 13.

Tom Paul adjourned council for an executive session at 9:05pm.

Tom Paul reconvened the meeting at 9:21pm.

Adjournment: - On a motion of Mark Rober, seconded by John Smith and a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Stoudt