

**BOROUGH OF RED HILL**  
**COUNCIL MINUTES**  
Wednesday, June 3, 2009  
7:00 pm

President, Thomas Paul, called CALL TO ORDER a meeting of the Red Hill Borough Council to order on the above date at 7:02p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Faith Diascro, Paul Snyder, Charles McCleary, John Smith, Mark Rober

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Secretary, Darlene Stoudt, Mayor, David Schiffgens

**VISITORS:**

**ACTION ON MINUTES:** A motion to approve the Minutes of May 13, 2009 was made by John Smith and seconded by Charles McCleary. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATION:** -

James Tyson - 737 Cedar Court addressed council on the LTL letter that was sent to his residence on a Towing Notice for the white trailer that is illegally parked on Eighth Street. Mr. Tyson stated he parks his trailer on 8<sup>th</sup> Street in preparation of a camping trip.

Tom Paul and council stated Mr. Tyson is allowed to park his trailer on 8<sup>th</sup> Street 48 hours prior to departure of the trip and 48 hours after the camping trip. If this agreement is not adhered to the vehicle will be towed by K&H towing.

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

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

**RHPC/UPRPC:** David Schiffgens

**UPRPC –**

David Schiffgens is asking Eric Jarrell, Montgomery County Planning Commission to speak at the June 10, 2009 council meeting to discuss the map changes.

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

**BUDGET & PERSONNEL:** - Charles McCleary

Kalin Schweizerhof will start employment on June 8<sup>th</sup> in the recycling center for the summer term.

**CODE REVIEW:** - Doris Decker

**GENERAL SERVICES:** - John Smith

Spring Street Sweeping – completed as scheduled.

Mark Rober asked council when the West 3<sup>rd</sup> Street sign would be installed. John Smith stated that Conrad is waiting for a bracket.

Charles McCleary addressed council on refinishing the old wood council chairs that are stored in the recycling building. Artisan Display presented a quote to the borough to refinish the thirteen chairs for the total of \$1200.00

Charles McCleary made a motion to instruct Artisan display to refinish the 13 wood chairs and John Smith seconded the motion.

Tom Paul asked Charles McCleary to remove his motion from the floor until the end of the meeting.

**PARKS & RECREATION: Paul Snyder**

Paul Snyder addressed the following topics:

- Todd's Tree Service trimmed the trees in the park.

**SANITATION AND RECYCLING: Faith Diascro**

Faith Diascro addressed the following issues:

- Abitibi is having financial problems.
- Dead bugs are found in the trash bags container.

Faith called the supplier of the trash bag company to complain about the bug problem, and also on the low millage of the trash bags. The company requested sample trash bag and if possible a dead bug be mailed to company for inspection.

**REVITALIZATION - Doris Decker****MAYOR: David Schiffgens**

**ENGINEER: Ryan Kern, Barry Isett Associates**

**SOLICITOR: Mark Hosterman**

**SECRETARY/TREASURER: –**

**PRESIDENT: Thomas Paul**

**Old Business:**

11<sup>th</sup> Street Traffic Light - bid extended to July 9, 2009

Tom Paul discussed the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Traffic Light project involving the intersection of Route 29 and 11<sup>th</sup> Street. Funding for the project would be approximately \$138,500.00. The three communities that funded the study and pledged to contribute funds to the project are Red Hill Borough, Pennsburg Borough and Upper Hanover Township.

The contributions for the project are as follows:

- Red Hill Borough - \$40,000.00
- Pennsburg Borough - \$45,000.00
- Upper Hanover Township - \$45,000.00
- Senator Wonderling - \$5,000.00 - Secured from DCED
- Representative Mensch - \$5,000.00 - Secured from DCED
- UPVRPC - \$5,000.00
- Upper Perkiomen School District - \$0.00
- Green Lane, Marlborough, and East Greenville- \$1000.00 from each municipality

Tom Paul stated that Green Lane pledged \$5000.00 more and Pennsburg pledged an additional \$5000.00, which were the council members' salaries for the rest of the year. Tom Paul stated that the Upper Perkiomen School District has not contributed any money to this project.

Tom Paul stated that a crossing guard's salary is \$1860.00/year for the school district with Red Hill and Pennsburg boroughs paying for the balance of the crossing guard's salary. This would be a savings for the school district as well as for the boroughs.

Charles McCleary stated that over \$22,000.00 of the \$140,000.00 has been designated for the engineering costs of the project therefore creating a shortfall of \$95,000.00.

Tom Paul stated that four easements are required for the 11<sup>th</sup> Street corner properties. Acquisition of the easements could necessitate legal fees.

Tom Paul stated that communication between municipalities and the school board on this project need to happen before the project can move forward.

**New Business:**

Charles McCleary made a motion to instruct Artisan Display to refinish the 13 council chairs and John Smith seconded the motion.

## ROLL CALL

Mark Rober	No
Paul Snyder	Yes
John Smith	Yes
Faith Diascro	Yes
Charles McCleary	Yes

Motion passed 4-1.

**Adjournment:** - On a motion of Mark Rober, seconded by Paul Snyder and a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Stoudt