

BOROUGH OF RED HILL
COUNCIL MINUTES
Wednesday, June 10, 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 7:30 p.m.

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

OTHERS PRESENT: Secretary, Darlene Stoudt; Mayor, David Schiffgens; Solicitor, Mark Hosterman; Engineer, Ryan Kern

VISITORS:

ACTION ON MINUTES:

CITIZENS PARTICIPATION: -

Thomas Diascro, 920 Vanguard Drive asked council on the status of the Preston Court Bankruptcy.

Mark Hosterman addressed the Preston Court Bankruptcy.

The bankruptcy is not subject of the 60 day injunction. Red Hill Borough hired council to represent Red Hill at the June 2nd bankruptcy court hearing. THP asked for a stay on all bonds and escrow during their reorganization. The Red Hill Borough was granted release of the bond for THP's Preston Court development. THP was granted 60 day extension. Red Hill was not subject to the stay; therefore, Mark Hosterman will proceed against the LEXON bond company. Mark Hosterman stated that he hopes the punch list can be completed by the fall.

Tom Diascro asked if the HOA could add more items to the punch list. Mark Hosterman stated that the requests must be faxed to my office, by Thursday, June 11th. No more requests will be accepted after Thursday.

Tom Diascro asked about the left-over bond money. Mark Hosterman stated that the left-over money is property of the bond company.

Mark Hosterman also stated that LEXON can hire contractors of their choice with time constrictions levied upon the project; however; if the work is not completed in the specific time, Red Hill Borough can ask for money to complete the punch list items.

Annamarie Scarsellett, 102 Hillcourt Drive, asked about the dedication of the development. Mark Hosterman stated this will take place, when the work is commenced.

RHFC/FIRE MARSHALL: - John Lehr, Fire Marshall

Events for RHFC:

Doris Decker made a motion to accept any events for the RHFC until July 8th, and Paul Snyder seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

UPPER MONTGOMERY JOINT AUTHORITY: - Larry Morton

Larry Morton gave a synopsis on the Resolution that was adopted by UMJA on May 5th giving UMJA the authority of acquiring, holding, constructing, improving, maintaining and operating, owning, leasing sewers, sewer systems or parts thereof, sewage treatment works.

- Flow meters will be utilized to target problem areas. If the flow meter reading is high - the property above the measured flow is subject to investigation, specifically the sewer laterals that connect residences to the UMJA system.
- UMJA will file mandatory six-month reports to DEP on the infiltration levels.
- Broken pipes on property owners will receive a letter outlining what needs that to be done in order to fix the problem. A mandatory inspection will be performed by UMJA prior to backfilling of the excavated areas.

- Residents don't make the necessary repairs; UMJA will settle the issues in court.

Mark Hosterman stated that ordinance by Red Hill is not needed to support their resolution.

RHPC/UPRPC: David Schiffgens

UPRPC –No Report

RHPC – No meeting scheduled for the month of June.

BUDGET & PERSONNEL: - Charles McCleary

Charles McCleary stated to council the total income YTD is \$447, 347.72 and YTD expenses are \$282, 780.15 with a net income of \$164,567.57.

CODE REVIEW: - Doris Decker

GENERAL SERVICES: - John Smith

M&F Cleaning Services - ABE Maintenance LLC

Tom Paul stated M&F Services contract expires 7/12/09, or the contract will renew automatically if the council is satisfied with their service.

ABE submitted a quote to the borough to clean the building for \$110.00/monthly. M&F monthly rate \$130.00.

Faith Diascro made a motion to hire ABE and Mark Rober second the motion.

Roll Call

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

Motion passed 4-1 with one abstention.

PARKS & RECREATION: Paul Snyder.

SANITATION AND RECYCLING: Faith Diascro

REVITALIZATION - 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. **No changes since last month.**

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. **BIA met with borough officials and developer on 4/20/09. BIA is awaiting a revised cost estimate from the developer for Washington Street. No changes since last month.**

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. **As requested, BIA prepared a supplement punch list for the development and finalized the overall cost opinion. .**

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. **BIA submitted the updated MS-4 report to DEP on June 4th. The new 5-year permit application is due this fall. DEP will send a certified package to the Borough in the coming months.**

SOLICITOR: Mark Hosterman

SECRETARY/TREASURER: –

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

A motion was made by Charles McCleary to accept the Treasurer's Report for May 2009 as presented. Faith Diascro seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT: Thomas Paul**Old Business:**

11th Street Traffic Light - bid extended to July 9, 2009

Tom Paul discussed the 11th Street Traffic Light project involving the intersection of Route 29 and 11th 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 11th 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.

Workshop Council Meeting - July 1, 2009-

Tom Paul stated there will be **NO Workshop Meeting** because of July 4th Week.

Tom Paul adjourned council for an executive session at 8:52pm on the swale at THP.

Tom Paul reconvened the meeting at 9:22 pm.

8th Street RV Parking - James Tyson

Doris Decker questioned the 48 hour guidelines on parking the RV on 8th Street that was discussed at the June 3rd workshop meeting. The subject was tabled for additional research Red Hill ordinances.

Adjournment: - On a motion of Mark Rober, seconded by Paul Snyder and a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Stoudt