

BOROUGH OF RED HILL
COUNCIL MINUTES
Wednesday, July 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 7:30 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: -

Diane Binder 107 Meadowland Drive, asked council about the orange markings on Main Street. Tom Paul stated that Pa Dot is revamping the handicap ramps. Project will be completed by September 2009.

Karin Klein, 1017 Napa Circle, Pennsburg addressed council on the concept of leasing the Harleysville National Bank, 401 Main Street for the expansion of the Red Hill Christian School. As administrator of the school, Ms. Klein has received information from an engineer on the permitted use and the necessary changes that are needed to confirm with the building codes.

Mr. Mark Hosterman stated to Ms. Klein to instruct her engineer to submit a sketch plans to the borough and John Lehr, Red Hill Fire Marshal for review.

Tom Paul stated that the council has no problem with the concept of leasing the building for another campus, and Ms. Klein should proceed with the project.

RHFC/FIRE MARSHALL: - John Lehr, Fire Marshall

Events for RHFC:

Charles McCleary made a motion to accept any events for the RHFC until August 12th and John Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

UPPER MONTGOMERY JOINT AUTHORITY: - Larry Morton

RHPC/UPRPC: David Schiffgens

RHPC - David Schiffgens stated that a meeting is scheduled for July 16th for the Kimberly Arancibia, 902 Main Street Zoning Hearing application.

UPRPC –David Schiffgens stated that Sandra Kassel addressed Act 32, which was signed by the governor 7/2/08. Act 32 makes major changes with respect to local income tax and collection rules. The purpose of this is to establish state-wide uniformity in tax rules, procedures and forms and to provide greater tax collection efficiency all across Pennsylvania by consolidating local income tax collection at the county level. The date for mandatory county-wide collection is January 1, 2012 with laws that need to be established by January 1, 2012 deadline. Municipalities will need to adopt new tax resolutions and ordinances that are generally effective January 1, 2012. Collections districts will be reduced to 69 county-wide.

A mandated new government entity called the Tax Collection Committee must be implemented for a county-wide collection.

Taxing authorities should appoint TCC voting delegates and alternates. Deadline for appointments is 9/15/09.

Doris Decker recommended Karen Frank, Red Hill Tax collector to be the TCC delegate. Darlene Stoudt will contact her before the next council meeting and ask Ms. Frank if she would be interested in the position. Otherwise, Sandra Kassel, and Gail Stevens volunteered to represent the borough. Council will nominate a delegate, and alternate at the August meeting.

BUDGET & PERSONNEL: - Charles McCleary

Charles McCleary stated to council the total income YTD is \$524,804.85 and YTD expenses are \$329,955.67 with a net income of \$194,849.18.

CODE REVIEW: - Doris Decker

GENERAL SERVICES: - John Smith

John Smith stated the following projects were completed:

- Recycling wall repaired
- Posted signs on Cedar Court, and Main Street
- Repaired the fence behind the recycling center
- 11st Street painting of the curbs is in progress.

PARKS & RECREATION: Paul Snyder.

SANITATION AND RECYCLING: Faith Diascro

Abitibi is back in business. A check was received in June. Faith Diascro stated that the borough has an ample amount of trash bags on hand.

REVITALIZATION - Doris Decker

Doris Decker instructed Darlene Stoudt to notify the members that a meeting is scheduled for September 9th 6:30 pm.

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. Awaiting further orders.**

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. No further work at this time.**

Arancibia Property -

Ryan Kern attended the June Planning Commission meeting to discuss expansion to the Kimberly Arancibia property, 902 Main Street, Red Hill. Property owner is seeking a zoning variance for off-street parking and side yard

setback. Project was withdrawn due to incomplete site plan. On 7/01/09, BIA received revised site plan. The next planning commission meeting is scheduled for July 16th.

SOLICITOR: Mark Hosterman

Mark Hosterman addressed council on the following issues:

Upper Perkiomen High School Storm water Management-

Eustice Engineering approached Ryan Kern and requested a meeting with the borough to discuss athletic fields' project. The meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 10th at the borough hall. Majority of the project is in Upper Hanover Township and this request is a courtesy for Red Hill borough to review the plans.

Doris Decker made a motion to waive the conflict between the representation of the law firm of Wisler, Pearlstine, LLP for the Upper Perkiomen High School Storm water Management Land development and Red Hill Borough and John Smith seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

THP Bankruptcy-

A letter was sent to Lexon on 6/12/09 for the completion of the Preston Court punch list with a deadline date for the completion by July 31st. Mr. Hosterman stated there has been no action on the punch list.

Mark Hosterman asked council for authorization to send a demand letter to Lexon.

Charles McCleary made a motion to instruct Mark Hosterman to send a demand letter to Lexon to send money for the Red Hill Borough Preston Court Development for completion of the punch list by July 31, 2009 and Doris Decker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

**Ordinance 2009 - 470
Recreational Vehicle and Truck Restrictions Ordinance**

Doris Decker made a motion to advertise Ordinance 2009 - 470 and Paul Snyder seconded the motion changing the minimum duration period to 48 hours in Section II, item 1, and Paul Snyder seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Mark Hosterman will correct the issue and email the ordinance for Darlene Stoudt to advertise for adoption of the ordinance on August 12.

SECRETARY/TREASURER: –

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

A motion was made by John Smith to accept the Treasurer's Report for June 2009 as presented. Paul Snyder seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT: Thomas Paul

Old Business:

11th Street Traffic Light

Tom Paul stated that plans were received on July 1st depicting the Fretz and Fody easements on 11th Street.

Paul Snyder made a motion to instruct Mark Hosterman to write an ordinance for the installation of the 11street easements and Mark Rober seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Upper Perk Coaster-

Tom Paul reported to council that effective July 15, 2009; the Upper Perk Coaster Shuttle Service will service the Red Hill, Pennsburg, and East Greenville communities. Schedules are available in the borough chambers.

PROP- Professional Recyclers of Pennsylvania has awarded the Red Hill Borough the 2009 Waste Watcher Award.

Saini Development - 3rd Street-

Tom Paul stated that a punch list was not set-up for the finalization of this development. Ryan Kern was asked to follow up on this development.

LTL -

Tom Paul addressed council on the replacement of our code enforcement officer.

Paul Snyder made a motion to appoint BIA, as Red Hill Borough Code Enforcement, effective 8/01/09 and Doris Decker seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment: - On a motion of Mark Rober, seconded by Doris Decker and a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Darlene Stoudt