

Borough of Red Hill  
Council Minutes  
Wednesday, January 13, 2010  
7:30 pm

President, Thomas Paul, called to order a meeting of the Red Hill Borough Council on the above date at 7:30 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Faith Diascro, Charles McCleary, Mark Rober, Paul Snyder, William Woodward and Doris Decker

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Solicitor, Mark Hosterman; Engineer, Ryan Kern

**ACTION ON MINUTES:** A motion to approve the minutes of January 4, 2010 was made by Paul Snyder and seconded by Mark Rober. Motion carried unanimously.

**CITIZENS PARTICIPATON:** None

Tom Paul stated that all council people were assigned to two or more committees. Those assignments are listed on the agenda for January 13, 2010.

**RHFC/FIRE MARSHALL:** John Lehr

John gave the fire company report of calls and man hours for December as well as the year end report. On February 19, 2010 the fire company will have Tech 1 Ice Rescue training. A motion to cover the events as stated was made by Charles McCleary and seconded by Faith Diascro. Motion was carried unanimously. John then gave the following fire marshal's report. Lehigh Gas performed and passed all the necessary tests on their property at Seventh and Main Streets. They are good to go for another year. Chuck asked John about getting the borough council id's done. John said he would have the person in charge stop up to see Chuck Friday morning at borough hall. Mark Rober asked how the fire company operated in terms of charging for out of borough calls. John explained that the fire company is contracted to cover Red Hill Borough and 1/3 of Upper Hanover Township and does not charge a fee for individual services. The fire companies in the area meet quarterly to discuss equipment so as to minimize duplication of specialty items. Depending on the type of fire each company knows who has the equipment needed for a specific fire and that company is called out immediately.

**UPPER MONTGOMERY JOINT AUTHORITY:** Larry Morton

No report

**RED HILL PLANNING COMMISSION:**

Ryan Kern stated that there is a Planning Commission Meeting scheduled for January 21, 2010. On the agenda are the Kerschner Tract and possibly the Pederson Lot Line Adjustment. He is waiting to see if all the copies of the plan were received as well as fees and escrow. He will check with Darlene.

**REGIONAL PLANNING:** Charles McCleary

Next meeting is scheduled for the end of the month.

Tom announced that we would deviate from our normal format for a presentation on the Montgomery County Planning Assistance Fee for Services Program. John Cover from the Montgomery County Planning Office explained the working of this program. The borough would enter into a contract with the Montgomery County Planning Commission. The county subsidizes 50% of the cost of the program. It is anticipated that the cost to Red Hill would be \$23,000 to \$25,000 to be paid over a three year time period. Currently 29 of the 62 municipalities in Montgomery County and the four Regional Planning Boards have a planning contract with the county. A county planner could develop our revitalization plan, could help with planning of the proposed town house development on the Kerschner tract and any other projects that might come up. Due to staffing constraints it will be about a month before John will know if he can take on any new contract and will let us know. John also mentioned that there is a possibility that if we decide to go with a private firm for our Revitalization Plan there might be some money available for the plan development. However, there is no firm determination made by the county regarding these funds.

After the presentation we returned to committee reports.

**CODE REVIEW:** Doris Decker  
Nothing to Report

**GENERAL SERVICES:** Charles McCleary  
Nothing to Report – Tom asked about work orders. Charles stated that he anticipates they will start using them around February 1<sup>st</sup>. All orders will come through Charles. William Woodward brought up his concern about the outside lighting at borough hall. He felt we have too much light and could save money by eliminating some of the lights. He prepared a diagram and the matter will be discussed at the February workshop meeting. Code enforcement office Matt Walters will be asked to take a look from a code perspective.

**BUDGET & PERSONNEL:** Charles McCleary  
Nothing to Report.

**PARKS & RECREATION:** Paul Snyder  
Nothing to Report. Tom asked Paul to check with the company who is supplying the rubber for the playground and see if they can give us a general idea about when delivery will occur.

**SANITATION & RECYCLING:** Faith Diascro  
Faith reported that we received funds from BFI for aluminum. A meeting is scheduled for next Wednesday with Greenstar about glass recycling. We no longer have to separate by color and there is a possibility of getting a roll off for the glass, in which case we would not have to fix or replace our roll off that is in need of repair. A discussion ensued as to the trash pick and how to enforce the fact that we do not want trash picked up if bags are tied to cans.

**MAYOR:** Dave Schiffgens  
Dave was not in attendance but let Tom know that he had nothing to report

**PRESIDENT:** Thomas Paul  
PA Borough Association dinner is scheduled for January 28<sup>th</sup>, anyone who is attending needs to let Darlene know by January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Tom brought up the Montgomery County Tax Collection Committee

Bylaws document which he received. Mark Hosterman will review same and submit any comments by January 22<sup>nd</sup>. The Committee hopes to pass the bylaws at their next meeting on January 27<sup>th</sup>.

**SOLICITOR:** Mark Hosterman

Mark passed around a memorandum and a possible Solicitation Ordinance. A discussion took place and Mark will prepare a draft and forward it to Doris Decker. An Executive Session will be needed to discuss the Active Litigation at Preston Court.

A motion was made by Charles McCleary and seconded by Mark Rober to approve the balance sheet. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Faith Diascro and seconded by Paul Snyder to pay the bills. Motion carried unanimously.

**ENGINEERS REPORT:** Ryan Kern

*Kershner* – Ryan stated that Upper Hanover will not allow the Rational Method for storm water management but rather the SCS method. He stated this method made more sense townships and the rational method was his recommendation for Red Hill. However, he did recommend that we stick to the 50 foot set backs for the basins. As far as he knows the Kershner tract preliminary plans should be done in time for the Planning Commission Meeting next week.

*Preston Court* – no update

*Paone* – no changes

*MetroPCS Antenna* – Awaiting resubmission of the plan for the ADA ramp design.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mark Rober stated that he got a price of about \$400-\$450 to make and install the bollards for the trail at Preston Court. An E mail or Fax was to be sent to Darlene earlier today.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Paul Snyder brought up the condition of the sidewalks on East Sixth Street. A discussion about the conditions of sidewalks took place.

The meeting adjourned for Executive Session at 9 pm.

The meeting was reopened at 9:35 pm.

A motion to have Mark Rober contact the contractor regarding the bollards for Preston Court and order three at a cost not to exceed \$450 each was made by Paul Snyder and seconded by Doris Decker. Motion carried unanimously

A motion was made by Doris Decker and seconded by Mark Rober to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 9:37 pm

Respectfully Submitted

Doris Decker