

June 4, 2018
Mifflintown, PA

The Borough Council of Mifflintown met this date in the municipal building at 100 Cross Street. The following were present: President Edward E. Singer, Vice-President Samuel Klinger, Mayor Roxann McGinnis, Teresa Nearhood, Polly Digon, Daryl Peachey, Richard R. Zimmerman, Jr., Rick Singer, Fonda Niman of The Juniata Sentinel, meters Zina Ruble, maintenance Bob Swartz, codes enforcement officer R.K. Baade, secretary/treasurer Nancy Zimmerman, Rick C. LeBlanc and Keith Karper, of Crabtree, Rohrbaugh & Associates, Jim Bahorik and Rich Fisher representing the Juniata County Commissioners and courthouse, and Brent Musser of Axis Professional Surveying. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Singer. President Singer stated "let the record show that all council members and the mayor are present."

PERSONS TO BE HEARD: Rick LeBlanc and Keith Karper presented a renovation to the jail to serve as an emergency response center with miscellaneous offices. In 1979 the cell block was added to the jail. They want to replace the windows, rebuild the roof, replace the wooden structure, and repurpose the cells. They also need a safe and secure vehicle sally port. Our zoning ordinance doesn't comment on sally ports per say. It is a secure enclosure for the vehicle with an electric gate that comes down; the officer can then take the prisoner out of the vehicle to take them into the jail. Right now there is mechanical equipment on the roof; they will be removing all of that. They will be replacing all mechanical, electrical, and plumbing in the jail, at a cost of approximately 1.7 million dollars. They estimate it will take six months to put together and then bid. They anticipate six to eight months construction time. Council had no problem with the plans if they stick with the codes. A motion was made by Digon, second by Nearhood, to allow them to go ahead with the project. Councilman Rick Singer opposed the motion. Motion Carried.

Brent Musser of Axis Surveying was present to inform the council that there was a minor miscommunication between Mr. Schlegel and Mr. Smith that the property was not intended to run the whole way over. On motion of Klinger, second by Zimmerman, council signed another map because the first one was wrong. Motion Carried.

Mr. Musser was also present to discuss the Delauter Youth Center purchase of the house adjacent to it. The deed for these two lots went to Mifflin County by mistake. Register and Recorder Alicia Sigler stated that it was alright to handwrite the instrument numbers on it when it came back. It is for a parking lot; that is all they are going to put in there. Mr. Musser stated that there will be some building light which Metz is doing to comply with our zoning ordinance. They will have access onto the alley; PennDot thought that was the best because safety wise you cannot back out onto a highway for a commercial operation. There will be six spaces plus one handicap space. On motion of Klinger, second by R. Singer, council accepted the Delauter plan. Motion Carried.

MAINTENANCE: Bob stated that he did not have a whole lot to report. We used three dumpsters for Spring Clean up. He took all the wood to the dump to save on dumpsters. On June 11th the people will finish the basketball court putting the top soil on and doing the rest of the work around the basketball court. He also reported that he needs a set of hedge trimmers. He has been using his own. He passed around prices for them. The top price one for \$300 is a good buy because the dealer will no longer be selling that brand. He wants a gas powered one because there is no electrical outlet outside the building and you must run an extension cord. On motion of R. Singer, second by Peachey, council decided to get the top price hedge trimmers for \$300. They are longer. Motion Carried.

Bob also reported that the playground breaker box is in bad shape. The main breaker is broke; and you should not be using it then. There is no cover on it. You cannot get a cover over it. There is a cabinet all around it. Nathan Schlegel can downsize it and put a 30 amp, 30 breaker small boxes in. Nathan Schlegel estimated the electrical work to be around \$800. A motion was made by Peachey, second by R. Singer to replace it. Motion Carried. It is to be covered for now. It was reported that there is a door on it with a lock on it. After further discussion, council decided they wanted a price before they wanted it done. On motion of Zimmerman, second by R. Singer, council authorized the recreation committee to make the decision after they receive the bid. Motion Carried. Bob is to contact Nathan Schlegel about submitting a written bid.

Bob reported that he intends to fix the potholes in the borough shortly. He stated that no decision was made on the two garbage can lids he asked for last month. The cost for metal ones is \$160 each. He needs two that he will chain fast. The plastic ones do not last. He will look around to find something cheaper. A motion was made by Klinger, second by Zimmerman to purchase them, but find as cheap as you can. Motion Carried. Councilman Zimmerman suggested checking with Blue Valley.

Bob also reported that he looked at a pickup truck at Benners. It was a 1998 or 1999 Dodge for \$5,000. It had new tires and was in immaculate condition for the year that it was. It had 90,000 miles on it, 318 motor, 4 wheel drive, garage kept and well taken care of. Joe Benner stated that he would hold it at least until after tonight's meeting. Councilman Digon asked "why do he need a pickup"? It was stated that it would be easier to get the brush onto, and would save on gas. Someone asked if there was a warranty on it; then they stated that there usually isn't. Councilman Peachey suggested getting a 5x10 utility trailer. A motion was made by R. Singer, but died for lack of a second.

Bob had reported to the secretary that someone was turning the camera at the pavilion upside down. We contacted the camera company and they stated that they could put a dome camera at the pavilion at no additional cost to us. Councilman Digon suggesting trying a dome camera to see if it works.

On motion of Digon, second by R. Singer, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Motion Carried.

On motion of Nearhood, second by R. Singer, the treasurer's report was accepted as presented. Motion Carried.

METERS: Zina reported that she had \$975 in ticket money, \$1275.30 in meter money, for a total for the month of \$2250.30. She issued 81 tickets. She asked if she could take a few days off and makes the time up before or after she is back. Councilman R. Singer stated that he saw no problem with that.

CORRESPONDENCE: The secretary reported that the historical society wrote us a letter of support on the Cross Street Bridge grant application. There was a letter from the Prevention Board regarding drug prevention acknowledged.

MUNICIPAL REPORTS: Mayor McGinnis reported that she received \$100 for officiating a wedding. She also reported that she participated in the festival in the park and that it was cold, but that it turned out to be a nice event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: With regard to the Cross Street grant information, Councilman Digon reported that they met with John Breneman of Senator Corman's office. She stated that they were not quite as optimistic at the end of the meeting. It was told to them that the idea of no match is not necessarily so. She did say that Jake and Adam will write letters of support. She contacted the 911 Center, School District, EMS, Fermanagh Township, the Library, Reynolds Construction, Rohrer Bussing, Republic Development, the Assistance Office who stated that they are not permitted to write letters of support, but it was stated that Republic Development can write on their behalf. She also messaged through face book Jeff Brown of Empire Kosher who was on board, Allen Weaver was e-mailed. It was suggested getting a letter from the Juniata County Commissioners also.

With regard to the Farmer's Market, on motion of Zimmerman, second by R. Singer that council would rescind their decision to allow Sayda Diaz to hold this farmer's market on Bridge Street. Motion Carried. A motion was made by Zimmerman, second by R. Singer to send her a letter notifying her that it cannot be on the street June 9, and that before council will make a decision on future markets; she needs written approval from the bank, post office, Dan Brown, and the other businesses involved before we will consider approving it again. Motion Carried. The secretary will draft the letter tonight and it will be delivered tomorrow by the codes enforcement officer.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Baade stated that the number of cars on the street is increasing. He reported that he sent out a dozen weed notices and that most have been taken care of. He did get rid of a bus and a couple vehicles.

With regard to the handicap parking space that was asked for on behalf of Shirley Groce, council is not going to go there. It was decided in the past there were too many people wanting one and we would not do this.

The secretary reported that Michael Williams of DCED is getting to be a real stickler about having your 2 mills for street improvements separated out in the general fund. On motion of Zimmerman, second by Peachey, the secretary will create a separate category in the general fund marked 2 mills for street improvements and transfer that 2 mills worth of money at the beginning of the year the same as we do for the fire tax account. Motion Carried.

The secretary informed council that the Lion's Club is having two signs made up stating that to use the barbeque pits you must call 717-436-2700.

The secretary reported that there are two keys for the park missing from her desk; and that she does not want the job of renting out the park if she does not have control of the keys.

On motion of R. Singer, second by Nearhood, the secretary is directed to pay the bills for the month of June. Motion Carried.

Council adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel matters.

President _____
Edward E. Singer

ATTEST: _____
Secretary