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### **MONT ALTO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Council President Michael Gossard called the Special meeting of September 22, 2009 of the Mont Alto Borough Council to order at 6:30 p.m.

**ROLL CALL** – Dennis Monn, Beverly Spicer, Debra Lee, Rick Lee, Tom Lowson, Shannon Strizziere and Michael Gossard present.

**MAYOR** – Mayor John Esser present.

**BOROUGH STAFF** – Patti Strite Treasurer, Larson Wenger Maintenance Supervisor, Jeff Evans Solicitor and Patricia Kocek Borough Secretary.

**INVOCATION** - No

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** – No

**VISITORS** – Greg Duffey      Craig, Friedly, Potter & Moore    Employee Health Insurance  
Allison Schuhart    The Record Herald

#### **PERSONNEL/FINANCE COMMITTEE**

**Employee Health Insurance** – Council President M. Gossard recognized Greg Duffey of Craig, Friedly, Potter and Moore Insurance Agency.

G. Duffey and the members of Council discussed the following aspects of what is covered under the new proposed insurance plan versus what is covered under the Blue Cross plan now in force for the employees of the Borough.

1. Deductibles
2. Out of pocket expenses
3. Doctor co-pays
4. Prescription plan
5. History of the increase in rates of the new insurance plan
6. Why the new insurance plan can provide such low rates versus Blue Cross
7. Out of state hospitalization
8. Network of doctors/hospitals
9. Administrator of the proposed new plan is Gettysburg Health
10. New proposed plan is Class 5
11. The highest is Class 6
12. If changes in employees could also ask for a reevaluation to see if could go to a lower Class
13. Vision – one exam every two years and discount per person

14. The new proposed plan is offered through the Chamber of Commerce of Franklin County

15. How G. Socks would be handled in regard to providing insurance to her

G. Duffey thanked Council for allowing him to appear before them this evening to present his health insurance plan. G. Duffey told Council that he would need a check for the new plan by September 25, 2009 if Council decides to go with the new insurance plan.

G. Duffey left the meeting at 7:11 p.m.

The insurance matter will be discussed in Executive Session.

**Write offs – Amend motion Correct amount is \$1399.94** – D. Lee made a motion to amend her motion made at the September 8, 2009 Council meeting to the correct amount of \$1399.94, R. Lee amended his second to the motion, any further discussion, any further discussion, all in favor Aye, opposed No, motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Impact of 100 year Floodplain at the Todd Rock lot on Main Street** – T. Lawson told Council that T. Rock wants to develop his lot that is at the very edge of the Floodplain. When the Borough garage was built it raised everything by 15' so T. Lawson doesn't think the lot in question is even in the Floodplain any longer.

The Flood Map is from 1990 and hasn't been changed since that time. D. Monn commented that FEMA was working to change the map when he left the County in 2002.

Several people on Penn Street have built within the Floodplain but they had to meet the requirements to build within the Floodplain.

T. Lawson read a section of the Floodplain Ordinance to those present. After discussion J. Evans was instructed to review the Ordinance and give an opinion as soon as possible. Table until the October 5, 2009 meeting.

**Request from Ronald Strite Tax Collector** – R. Strite is asking the Borough to provide a software program for the Tax Office. Table until the October 5, 2009 meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Council President M. Gossard called for an Executive Session at 7:28 p.m. to discuss Personnel benefits.

P. Strite, L. Wenger and A. Schuhart left the meeting at this time.

Council President M. Gossard called the Special Meeting of September 22, 2009 back to order at 8:21 p.m.

D. Lee made a motion to change to the new insurance carrier, Inter-County Hospitalization Health Plan, Inc., knowing that we no longer have a vision benefit or pool to cover vision benefits, D. Monn seconded, any further discussion, any further discussion, all in favor Aye, opposed No, motion carried.

D. Lee made a motion to make a conditional offer to the employee that is not eligible under the

existing conditions that would involve a reclassification of that employee that would allow them to participate, M. Gossard seconded, any further discussion, any further discussion, all in favor Aye, opposed No, motion carried.

S. Strizziere made a motion authorizing the 100% enrollment should the employee elect to enroll in the program as offered, R. Lee seconded, any further discussion, any further discussion, all in favor Aye, opposed No, motion carried.

**Additional items:**

J. Esser told Council that he will be meeting with Dr. Gnage of PSU tomorrow evening to discuss various matters.

**October 4, 2009 Rededication of the John Cook memorial.** D. Monn said the permit has been submitted to Penn Dot but the Borough has not received any information concerning this.

**Cross walks at PSU** – D. Monn told J. Esser that this issue has been turned over to Penn Dot. D. Monn told Mr. Davenport from Penn Dot to contact Ron Swope at PSU.

**Recreation Area** – S. Strizziere was approached as to why C. Miller is no longer allowed to respond to incidents at the Recreation Area. Discussion. There is a liability issue and Council does not want to see C. Miller get hurt because he responded to an incident at the Rec Area.

P. Kocek was instructed to tell P. Strite to write a check for the new insurance plan.

Members of Council will be meeting with G. Socks at 3:30 p.m. on Thursday September 24, 2009 to discuss the health insurance.

**Adjournment** – D. Lee made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Mont Alto Borough Council of September 22, 2009 at 8:32 p.m., S. Strizziere seconded, all in favor Aye, opposed No, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Submitted to Council for their approval on  
October 5, 2009.

*Patricia A. Kocek*

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Borough Secretary

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Michael Gossard President

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Dennis Monn Vice President

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Debra Lee President Pro Tem