

MONT ALTO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Council Vice President Dennis Monn called the Special meeting of November 30, 2009 of the Mont Alto Borough Council to order at 6:34 p.m.

ROLL CALL –Thomas Lowson, Beverly Spicer, Dennis Monn, Richard Lee, Shannon Strizziere were present. Michael Gossard was absent.

MAYOR – Mayor John Esser present.

BOROUGH STAFF – Jeff Evans Solicitor, Patti Strite, Borough Treasurer and Gloria Socks, Recording Secretary

INVOCATION – Mayor John Esser

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VISITORS

None

BUDGET

P. Strite updated everyone on some of the items that were made as asked to do at the last meeting. 1 mil increase added. Phone was down to \$1,000. Recreation Improvements was dropped from \$10,000 to \$1,000. Discretionary expenses were lowered by 10%.

Discussion in the income line for Apex and feels certain the amount they gave D. Monn could not be the correct amount, possibly that is for land only. Haven't received interim tax amounts yet, possibly in January 2010.

R. Lee had some ideas to look at the budget and he shared those ideas.

There was some discussion about whether we wanted to use the \$52.00 Emergency Services Tax instead of the Occupational Privilege Tax we now collect. J. Evans will check this out and will contact the Borough by the end of the week, and if we need an Ordinance he will have it prepared by the December 15th meeting.

Discussion as to fully staffing and possibly not enough work for everyone, there was a discussion that possibly they would furlough 1 employee for 3 months. If needed they can call them back in they would receive 50% of their wages, and still make up to 40% and still get unemployment.

S. Strizziere made a motion and B. Spicer second motion that regretfully that there will not be a cola increase due to the economic situation. Motion carried. P. Strite has been instructed to remove that additional amount from the budgets.

Mill Rate 2010

R. Lee made a motion and T. Lowson seconded to increase the mill rate by 1 and authorize the solicitor to draft the ordinance and to advertise for passage at the December 15th meeting. All

those in favor of the 1 mill rate give consent by saying aye, opposed let the record show 1 no vote by S. Strizziere. Ayes have it so ordered.

BUDGET 2010

R. Lee made a motion and D. Monn seconded to approve the preliminary budget for 2010 and authorize solicitor to advertise it for public inspection from December 3rd, to December 15th. Motion approved.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council Vice President D. Monn called for an Executive Session at 7:37 p.m. to discuss personnel matters.

P. Strite left the meeting at 7:37 pm.

Council Vice President D. Monn called the regular meeting back to order at 8:09 pm.

S. Strizziere moved and R. Lee seconded the motion that effective end of this pay period which would be December 4, 2009 to lay off one of our maintenance employees until recalled the least senior employee. Ayes have it with one vote no, which was B. Spicer. Motion carried.

R. Lee made a motion and S. Strizziere seconded that in the letter we agree to pay his insurance up to a period of 90 days pending further review. Motion carried.

J. Esser asked about no sick leave or annual leave during this period of lay off this will not be paid during that time. He will still continue to have his water license displayed at the water plant.

We are ending our relationship with Willis Hess and the end of the year will have to depend on T. Sharrah as a back up operator.

Adjournment - R. Lee made a motion to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Mont Alto Borough Council of November 30, 2009 at 8:28 p.m., S. Strizziere seconded the motion, no, all in favor Aye, opposed no, motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

Submitted to Council for their approval on
January 4, 2010.

Gloria J. Socks
Borough Administrative Assistant

Michael Gossard President

Dennis Monn Vice President

Rick Lee President Pro Tem