

**MONT ALTO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 2009**

CALL TO ORDER – Council President Michael Gossard called the Regular meeting of February 2, 2009 of the Mont Alto Borough Council to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

MAYOR – Mayor John Esser present.

BOROUGH STAFF – Jeff Evans Solicitor, Maurice Gossert Engineer, James Powell Zoning Officer and Patricia Kocek Borough Secretary.

INVOCATION – P. Kocek

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VISITORS

David Monn	Mont Alto Municipal Authority
Sharon Bates	Resident – Requesting a Conditional Use Hearing
Allison Stains	The Record Herald

David Monn

Council President M. Gossard recognized David Monn.

David Monn stated that he is appearing before Council this evening, not representing the Mont Alto Municipal Authority, but as Chairman of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority.

David Monn came to Council this evening to discuss the supervisory position that was abolished by Mont Alto Borough Council. Because of the Agreement between the MAMA and Borough Council, the members of the MAMA cannot give direction to the Mont Alto Borough employees. Since this position was abolished, David Monn feels there is no longer a chain of command between the MAMA and the employees.

David Monn would like Council to reconsider and reinstate this supervisory position and if this position is not reinstated David Monn would like to know how Council would like to have things work between the MAMA and the employees.

T. Lawson feels it is still a necessary position, it may not require as many hours as before but there does need to be a point of contact for the employees. Discussion tabled until Executive Session.

Sharon Bates

Conditional Use Application - Council President M. Gossard recognized Sharon Bates. S. Bates presented information relative to her request for a conditional use at her property on South Main Street.

J. Evans told S. Bates that Council would accept the information this evening but Council is not in a position to take action this evening. Council will take the document under advisement. J. Evans said that a Hearing may have to be held and S. Bates will be informed when this is going to take place.

David Monn left the meeting at 6:38 p.m.

ACCEPTANCE OF ZONING OFFICERS REPORT

January 2009 – D. Lee made a motion to accept the Zoning Officer's Report for January 2009, D. Monn seconded, any further discussion, any further discussion, all in favor Aye, opposed No, motion carried.

**BOROUGH OF MONT ALTO
ZONING OFFICERS REPORT TO THE BOROUGH COUNCIL**

Michael Hansen
for Accredited Services, Inc.

Report Period: January, 2009

Zoning Officer

LAND USE PERMITS

NONE

DEMOLITION PERMITS

NONE

SUBDIVISION REVIEWS

NONE

Land Use Permits Issued This Month	0	Demolition Permits Issued This Month	0
Land Use Permits Denied This Month	0	Demolition Permits Denied This Month	0
Land Use Permits Issued To Date	0	Demolition Permits Issued To Date	0
Subdivision Reviews This Month	0		
Subdivision Reviews Year To Date	0		

Building Code Officials Report January 2009 and Complaint Log

J. Powell very briefly reviewed the open issues listed on the Report with the members of Council. (Copy on file)

J. Powell reported that the fence at 414 S Main Street has been lowered. J. Powell will measure the fence and if it meets the requirements the issue will be closed.

The problem with the cars at 108 Park Street has not been abated. J. Evans will advise J. Powell of the next step that needs to be taken.

410 Constitution Avenue – J. Powell told Council that Accredited Services is still working on this problem.

Commonwealth Code Inspection Service, Inc. Report - For your information.

Accredited Services Report – For your information.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

January 5, 2009

Page 2 Dennis Koons/Dennis Kauffman Subdivision Plans 310 Penn Street Paragraphs 1-4 Change Subdivision Plans to “**Land Development Plan**”

D. Monn made a motion to approve the Minutes of January 5, 2009 as corrected, B. Spicer seconded, any further discussion, any further discussion, all in favor Aye, opposed No, motion carried.

ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER’S REPORT

December 31, 2008 – D. Lee made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report of December 31, 2008, D. Monn seconded, any further discussion, any further discussion, all in favor Aye, opposed No, motion carried.

Table the January 31, 2009 Treasurer’s Report to the March 2009 meeting.

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 479 TRANSFER OF FUNDS JANUARY 2009 – D. Monn made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 479, Transfer of Funds for January 2009, B. Spicer seconded, any further discussion, any further discussion, all in favor Aye, opposed No, motion carried.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Letter Re: 2008 Audit – Copy of the letter was provided for Council to review. T. Lawson signed the original documents to be given to the Auditors.

Dennis Koons Invoices – T. Lawson reminded Council that Dennis Koons withdrew his Land Development Plans at the January 2009 meeting.

T. Lawson is asking approval not to send D. Koons any more invoices after the (2) two that already have been sent to him. T. Lawson told Council that D. Koons is liable for these two invoices.

D. Monn made a motion not to send D. Koons any further invoices in regards to the Land Development Plan, B. Spicer seconded, any further discussion, any further discussion, all in favor Aye, opposed No, motion carried.

COLA (Cost of living increase) – T. Lawson told Council that there is a discussion each year as to the effective date of the COLA increases. T. Lawson said that a Policy letter should be written to establish the effective date of the COLA increases to coincide with the passing of the Budget.

Council President M. Gossard will write the Policy letter. Short discussion on the effective date. T. Lawson has information that he will provide to M. Gossard. Short discussion about when accumulation of leave begins.

VACANCIES

Mont Alto Municipal Authority Term of Staat Stymiest expired on 12-6-2008 – P. Kocek contacted S. Stymiest and he is willing to serve another term on the Mont Alto Municipal Authority.

D. Monn made a motion to appoint S. Stymiest for another term on the Mont Alto Municipal Authority, T. Lowson seconded, any further discussion, any further discussion, all in favor Aye, opposed No, motion carried.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Recreation Fees for developers – J. Evans told Council that he needs to set up a meeting with M. Gossert, B. Spicer and T. Lowson to discuss this matter.

Generator – D. Monn reported that Guilford Township has committed \$10,000.00 towards the purchase of the generator and Quincy Township has committed \$3000.00.

D. Monn and J. Esser gave a report on the ongoing saga of obtaining a generator to be used at the MAVFD for a Mass Case Center.

Discussion about the amount that the Borough has already contributed to the generator project.

D. Monn reported that the Project is on hold until such time it can be determined the start up costs for the generator.

MAYOR'S REPORT

February 2009 – The February 2009 report was provided to Council in their packets on January 30, 2009.

Mayor J. Esser briefly reviewed the February 2009 Mayor's Report with the members of Council. (COPY ON FILE)

M. Gossard and Lt. W. Lauer of the Pennsylvania State Police did speak during this past month and discussed the issues brought forth at the last Council meeting. Awareness of the problems has been raised and the response time should improve.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Borough boundary proposal – M. Gossert reported that they are working on the documentation for the Borough boundaries. There is a problem with one of the annexations and it shows a 300' difference but they are working on that at this time.

Weather permitting they may be able to do some control work next month. They are planning on tying this information in with the county coordinates. Every property corner can be plotted by coordinates. This will all be in computerized form.

D. Monn questioned whether or not Quincy Township has ever done this type of project. M. Gossert said that they are checking into this.

National Flood Insurance Program – Request for information from Gannett Fleming, Inc.-

M. Gossert reported that some areas of Lowery Lane may be eliminated as flood plain because the stream has been relocated. These changes will be made and the map will be submitted.

WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE

Sump Pumps – T. Lowson gave the following break down on the Sump Pump Survey:

299 responded	74 garbage disposals	156 Sump Pumps (19 are not connected to outside drains)
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The 19 will have to be inspected by the Borough employees.

STREET COMMITTEE

Joint road maintenance with Quincy Township – Nothing at this time.

PROPERTY & SUPPLY COMMITTEE

Glessner's Alarm and Communications

Alarms (fire & intrusion)/Card Access System – Short discussion. Council Vice President D. Monn will try to get quotes from several companies.

ELECTRIC COMMITTEE

Electrical Repair Contract (Expires 3-6-2009) - Council Vice President D. Monn advised P. Kocek to bring this to the attention of Council at an earlier date.

G. W. Electric Co., Inc.

Following is our proposed rate schedule for work to be performed for the Borough of Mont Alto.

Materials: Cost Plus 25% Mark-Up

Labor: Weekdays Between 7:30 AM & 4:00 PM	2009	\$35.00 per hour
	2010	\$36.00 per hour
	2011	\$37.00 per hour
After 4:00 PM Weekdays & Saturdays	2009	\$52.50 per hour
	2010	\$54.00 per hour
	2011	\$55.50 per hour
Sundays and Holidays	2009	\$70.00 per hour
	2010	\$72.00 per hour
	2011	\$74.00 per hour

Bucket Truck: Mondays through Sunday & Holidays \$50.00 per hour

D. Monn made a motion to accept the new rates from G. W. Electric Co., Inc., T. Lowson seconded, any further discussion, any further discussion, all in favor Aye, opposed No, motion carried.

J. Evans will prepare the Contract that will need to be signed by G. W. Electric Co., Inc. and the Borough of Mont Alto.

Approve for advertising “An Ordinance to allow only the Borough of Mont Alto to aggregate Demand Response of Retail customers located in and served by the Borough in accordance with FERC Order 719” – J. Evans reviewed the information that he received and developed an Ordinance to protect the Borough of Mont Alto from Borough customers shopping for electricity.

T. Lowson explained what is happening in the electrical industry that makes passing this Ordinance necessary. The Borough needs to look out for them selves because there are people trying to take away the Borough electrical business. The Borough has joined an organization to lobby for electrical systems.

D. Monn made a motion to authorize J. Evans to advertise the above Ordinance to be passed at the March 2009 meeting, R. Lee seconded, any further discussion, any further discussion, all in favor Aye, opposed No, motion carried.

J. Evans will advertise. There would be time to advertise for the mid-month meeting if Council so desires. No decision at this time whether there will be a mid-month meeting.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Request from Borough Secretary Re: Holiday Pay – No action was taken on this request.

This item is to be removed from the Agenda.

SANITATION & SAFETY COMMITTEE – Nothing

J. Powell left the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Joint meeting Re: Mont Alto State Park February 12, 2009 1:00 p.m. Caledonia Park Office – B. Spicer told Council that she cannot attend the meeting. S. Strizziere has been informed about the meeting. D. Monn will attend if no one else can attend the meeting.

REPORT ON COG (COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT) ISSUES – D. Monn reported the following:

GSI Mapping Sharon Gates reported that she needs help with this and the project is going very slowly

CCIS – Will have office hours in Washington Township

VISION 2015 – D. Monn reported that Main Street Waynesboro was discussed and that the new auditorium at the High School is available for outside use.

Vision 2015 members also discussed new focuses to get the committees moving.

OLD BUSINESS

NIMS Certification – Nothing at this time.

Public Gathering/Festival Ordinance – Nothing at this time.

Ordinance 35 – An Ordinance Regulating Hawking, Peddling and other Borough Ordinances – S. Strizziere is absent this evening.

Letter from Guilford Township Re: Generator – Covered previously.

New trash collector – Council Vice President D. Monn informed Council that there is a new trash collector doing business in the Borough of Mont Alto. This trash collector has not provided the proper documents to the Borough.

P. Kocek will look into this and try to obtain the proper paperwork. P. Kocek is also to inform the trash hauler that he is not allowed to run his trucks in the (cart way.) **Change to Swales**

Short discussion about the time of operation for trash haulers in the Borough of Mont Alto.

NEW BUSINESS

Award – Council President M. Gossard showed Council a plaque that the Borough of Mont Alto was awarded at the Firemen's Banquet on Saturday evening. Plaque to be displayed at an appropriate place in the Borough building.

Approve MAVFD activities for 2009 – C. Baker provided the required information and it is on file. C. Baker also provided copies of the driver's license for the members.

D. Monn made a motion to approve the MAVFD activities for the year 2009, D. Lee seconded, any further discussion, any further discussion, all in favor Aye, opposed No, motion carried.

Letter Re: Availability of funds Arro Consultants - M. Gossert reported that they are already working on applying for a portion of these funds.

Waynesboro Fest Update - B. Spicer informed Council that Waynesboro Fest contacted the Historical Society and asked them to conduct three bus tours in the Borough of Mont Alto. At this time there is not a set date for the tours. There will be a parade in Waynesboro and the Historical Society will be seeking participants from the Borough of Mont Alto. Waynesboro Fest will be held the last week of September and the first week of October. All costs will be borne by Waynesboro Fest.

Cumberland-Franklin County Boroughs Association Meeting information – Mayor J. Esser will be attending this function.

Thank you card from R. Hamsher Head of Chambersburg's electrical department – D. Monn and T. Lowson told Council that R. Hamsher retired from the Borough of Chambersburg. The Borough of Mont Alto sent a letter and a gift card from Hoss's to R. Hamsher. R. Hamsher has been very instrumental over the years in helping the Borough negotiate their electrical contracts. P. Kocek read a card of thanks from R. Hamsher.

PSAB 98th Annual Conference Info & changes to by-laws – For your information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council President M. Gossard called for an Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss personnel issues.

Council President M. Gossard called the Regular Meeting of February 2, 2009 back to order at 7:54 p.m.

D. Lee made a motion to reinstate Dennis Monn to the Maintenance Superintendent position, T. Lowson seconded, any further discussion, any further discussion, no rate of pay to be set at this time, all in favor Aye, opposed No, motion carried. D. Monn abstained from voting.

Adjournment – D. Lee made a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting of the Mont Alto Borough Council of February 2, 2009 at 7:55 p.m., R. Lee seconded, all in favor Aye, opposed No, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Submitted to Council for their approval on
March 2, 2009.

Patricia A. Kocek

Patricia A. Kocek
Borough Secretary

Michael Gossard President

Dennis Monn Vice President

Deb Lee President Pro Tem