

MONT ALTO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Council President Dennis Monn called the Mid Month meeting of April 20, 2010 of the Mont Alto Borough Council to order at 6:33 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Dennis Monn, Thomas Lawson, Karlton Smith, Cheryl Sobun and Shannon Strizziere present. Beverly Spicer and Rick Lee absent.

MAYOR – Mayor John Esser present.

BOROUGH STAFF – Jeff Evans Solicitor and Patricia Kocek Borough Secretary

INVOCATION – P. Kocek

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VISITORS – Kevin McCardle, Jr. Park’s Garbage Service, Inc.

K. McCardle, Jr. gave a short background synopsis of the services that Park’s Garbage Service, Inc. could provide for the residents of Mont Alto.

Garbage would be picked up weekly and recyclables bi-weekly. Park’s Garbage service does single stream recycling. The cost per quarter is \$61.50 which includes a 96 gallon cart for the garbage and a 32 gallon lidded container for recyclables.

Discussion on having a bulk pickup day in the Borough of Mont Alto. Their company can do it on a fee per customer basis. Dumpsters are an available item and price is based on the size of dumpster and other criteria.

Park’s Garbage Service, Inc. will have to provide a Certificate of Insurance and a list of the trucks that will be used in the Borough before they can begin to operate within the Borough.

Chad Ely 8 Locust Street Electric issues – C. Ely appeared before Council because he was told there would be a number of people at the meeting this evening to discuss electric issues.

C. Ely and the members of Council discussed estimating the electric bills for the March 1, 2010 billing and many items concerning obtaining electric for the Borough of Mont Alto.

T. Lawson pointed out that there has only been one (1) increase in the electric rate increases in the last two (2) years.

D. Monn said that Council may, later in the meeting, discuss waiving the penalties if it is a hardship for someone to pay that has an extremely high bill because of estimating the bills on March 1, 2010.

Council President D. Monn thanked C. Ely for attending the meeting. C. Ely then left the meeting.

Jeremy/Cathy Fogelsonger Subdivision – Council briefly reviewed the Subdivision Plan for Fogelsonger’s .

D. Monn pointed out that the water line may need to be enlarged because of the new house that is going to be built on the property. The line that is there already serves two buildings.

D. Monn also wants to discuss the electrical services to serve the new home that will be built on the property because there are two (2) poles that may need to be moved. He will discuss this with Raymond Slothour.

This is the preliminary and final plan for this subdivision.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Engineering Firm – R. Lee previously provided Council with information about Martin & Martin and William F. Hill & Assoc., Inc. Council discussed the pros and cons about each company serving as engineers for the Borough of Mont Alto. Both companies would be a good fit for the Borough. Several members were leaning toward Hill & Assoc. because they are already working with the MAMA.

T. Lawson made a motion to hire William F. Hill & Assoc., Inc. as the Borough engineering firm per their proposal, K. Smith seconded, any further discussion, any further discussion,

Roll Call Vote

K. Smith	Yes	D. Monn	Yes
T. Lawson	Yes	C. Sobun	Yes
S. Strizziere	Yes		

Motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the subdivision will be sent to William F. Hill & Assoc., Inc. for their review.

C. Sobun asked what the purpose of a Roll Call vote is. This is used to make major decisions or if the Borough is spending a large amount of money. It gives a record of who votes for what.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

2009 Audit Signatory on checks – During the Audit each year the Auditor’s indicate that the chain of command for checks needs to be altered to make it harder for funds to be misused.

The Mont Alto Municipal Authority at their regular meeting on April 12, 2010 made a motion to remove P. Strite as a signatory on the MAMA checks. When the last person signs the checks they are to put them in the envelopes and lay them on the Secretary’s desk for mailing.

Right now Dennis Monn and Tom Lawson are authorized to sign checks for the Borough. B. Spicer will be added as a third signatory. Two (2) out of the three (3) will have to sign all checks for the Borough.

T. Lawson developed a Policy outlining the internal control for checks for the Borough and the Mont Alto Municipal Authority and it has been signed by David Monn of the Mont Alto Municipal Authority and Dennis Monn Mont Alto Borough Council

S. Strizziere made a motion to adopt the same Policy for signing checks as adopted by the Mont Alto Municipal Authority concerning the security of signing checks, C. Sobun seconded, any further discussion, any further discussion on the motion, all in favor Aye, opposed No, motion carried.

ELECTRIC COMMITTEE

Downes Associates/Electrical issues – T. Lawson will discuss this matter with the members of Council at the May 3, 2010 meeting.

Estimating utility invoices – Council briefly discussed a new policy for solving the problems with estimating the utility invoices. It is not the Borough's policy to estimate but once in a while it is necessary to estimate.

T. Lawson pointed out that the electrical market is still very volatile. Council discussed issues involving obtaining electric for the Borough of Mont Alto.

At this time the Borough rates are higher than Allegheny Power but when the cap comes off Allegheny Power will definitely have a rate increase.

OLD BUSINESS

RRFB Lights - Council President D. Monn told Council that he received all of the information required to go forward with this Project. The only thing missing is permission in writing to use Liquid Fuels money to pay for the RRFB lights.

Council President D. Monn will call tomorrow to check on the Liquid Fuel portion of this Project.

NEW BUSINESS

Designation of Agent Resolution – Council President D. Monn explained that since the President declared parts of Pennsylvania a disaster area (Franklin County was included) the Borough may be able to receive funds to help with snow removal expenses during the two (2) major snow storms in February.

The Resolution needs to be signed and someone designated to sign all of the paperwork involved in obtaining these funds.

T. Lawson made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 505 "Designation of Agent Resolution" and designate Dennis W. Monn to sign all paperwork to obtain funds for this disaster declaration, S. Strizziere seconded, any further discussion, any further discussion, all in favor Aye, opposed No, motion carried.

Skateboarding and Biking opportunities – A gentleman that gives skateboarding and biking lessons would like to have his sign posted at the Mont Alto Recreation Area.

T. Lawson said there is a place to post things at the Rec Area but the Borough is not responsible for any of the activities advertised. T. Lawson knows the gentlemen and knows that he does give lessons.

T. Lowson asked if there is any objection to posting the flyer at the Rec Area. It was the consensus to allow the flyer to be posted.

T. Lowson briefly reviewed the progress on obtaining the skateboarding equipment for the Rec area.

Flag Pole – D. Monn would like to have the flag pole put up by Memorial Day. D. Monn outlined where he would like to see the flag pole placed on the grassy area in front of the Borough office.

It wouldn't cost very much to have the flag pole installed. Place this item on the Agenda for the May meeting.

\$10,000.00 Grant – Council President D. Monn explained that when the grant was first discussed T. Rock intended part of it to go to the Historical Society.

When the funds were received the Grant designated what the Grant had to be spent for and there was not any money designated for the Historical Society.

It was the consensus that the Historical Society will have to submit a letter to the Borough of Mont Alto requesting money for a specific project. If this is done the Borough may be able to supply a certain amount of money to the Historical Society for the project they have in mind.

Oak Knob Observatory Replica – There was a short discussion on the replica and where it could be placed permanently.

Adjournment – T. Lowson made a motion to adjourn the Mid-month Meeting of the Mont Alto Borough Council of April 20, 2010 at 7:55 p.m., S. Strizziere seconded, all in favor Aye, opposed No, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Submitted to Council for their approval on
May 3, 2010.

Patricia A. Kocek
Borough Secretary

Dennis W. Monn Council President

Thomas Lowson Vice President

Beverly Spicer President Pro Tem