

## **MONT ALTO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING**

**CALL TO ORDER** – Council President Dennis Monn called the midmonth meeting of August 17, 2010 of the Mont Alto Borough Council to order at 6:31 p.m.

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

**MAYOR** – Mayor John Esser absent.

**BOROUGH STAFF** – Jeff Evans Solicitor and Patricia Kocek Borough Secretary

**INVOCATION** – P. Kocek

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**VISITORS**

Cathy Fogelsonger arrived at 6:38 p.m. Fogelsonger Subdivision/Water line

**ATTORNEY'S REPORT**

**Mont Alto Film Project Location Agreement/Release Form** – J. Evans received a Release Form from Dr. Kevin Boon that allows them to use the footage that they film here and it asks for extra time to film if they need it.

J. Evans has reviewed the form and doesn't find anything objectionable at all. In return for allowing them to use the footage they shoot the Borough's compensation is a film credit. J. Evans recommends signing if Council is so inclined to allow them to use the building.

D. Monn said that he would do all he can do to be available if they need to be inside after hours.

T. Lawson made a motion authorizing Council President D. Monn to sign the Agreement/ Release Form, B. Spicer seconded, any further discussion on the motion, any further discussion, all in favor Aye, opposed No, so ordered.

**WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE**

**Fogelsonger Subdivision/Water Line** – Council President D. Monn explained the following:

1. The trailer on 1 Yew Street (served through 509/510 S Main Street) has its own meter and can be shut off separately from inside 509/510 S Main Street
2. Serving this trailer through 509/510 S Main Street is in violation of Borough Ordinance

J. Evans told Council that if 509/510 S Main Street would subdivide the trailer at 1 Yew Street the water situation at the trailer would have to be improved or the subdivision wouldn't go through.

J. Evans said that Ordinance 229 states that the developer is responsible for installing or upgrading the facilities to serve a new subdivision. This would apply to the new water line that would be required for the Fogelsonger subdivision.

Council, J. Evans and C. Fogelsonger discussed at length various ways/options to provide water to the proposed Fogelsonger subdivision.

According to Borough Ordinance the following answers/options were provided for consideration by C. Fogelsonger. The following are the only solutions available for providing water to the proposed Fogelsonger subdivision on Yew Street.

1. If Fogelsonger would remove their trailer they would still have to subdivide the lot because there can't be more than one (1) principal residence on a lot
2. Install a 2" water line on Yew Street to serve the proposed new home
3. Remove existing trailer on their property and use the water hook up for the trailer for proposed new home

C. Fogelsonger thanked Council for their help in resolving this situation. She left the meeting at 7:23 p.m.

**Water and Sewer Construction Specifications** – Council and J. Evans discussed the best way to incorporate/accept the water and sewer specifications.

P. Kocek to provide J. Evans with a copy of the Minutes of the MAMA where the water and sewer specs were accepted. J. Evans will stop at the Borough office and download the specifications for the water and sewer on a flash drive.

J. Evans will look at the proposed Water and Sewer Specifications and the existing Ordinances. He will develop an Ordinance to incorporate the specifications and the ordinances so that there is only one place to look for this information instead of having to go back and research the Ordinances.

J. Evans will provide the draft to E. Vranich, T. Lowson and D. Monn for their review.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**FEMA – Flood Plain Map** – Council President D. Monn will attend the meeting on August 25, 2010 and will take along the requested information.

Council members reviewed the old and new Flood Plain Map. Discussion on various items concerning the Flood Plain Map but no final conclusion was decided upon.

D. Monn will be taking a copy of the Flood Plain Ordinance to the meeting. P. Kocek received a call from Amy Kauffman from the Association of Township Supervisors. Her organization has been tasked by DCED to rewrite/replace the Flood Plain Ordinances for the various municipalities. P. Kocek provided a copy of the Borough Flood Plain Ordinance to A. Kaufman.

## **Any other business that may come before the meeting**

**RRFB lights** – Council President D. Monn received a letter from Penn Dot stating that the Borough's request to install the RRFB lights is under review and after the review Penn Dot will inform the Borough of the results and make the appropriate recommendations. The Borough is to allow up to 30 days to receive the results of the review.

Council discussed various items concerning the RRFB lights. This discussion included:

1. Does Penn Dot realize what kind of lights the Borough wants to install
2. Stop the Project completely
3. Is the Borough guaranteed repayment?
4. Why does the Project have to be advertised since the lights are experimental?

It was the consensus of Council to wait until after the review letter is received before any decision is made on the RRFB Project.

**Pavilion** – T. Lowson reported that one section of the roof is sagging on the large pavilion roof. D. Knepper has looked at the roof and he recommends jacking up the affected part a little at a time and then put on plates to correct the problem. D. Knepper suggests doing this work in October after the pavilion is no longer rented out for the season.

If this project is undertaken, the rest of the trusses will be looked at when the roof is jacked up for the repairs. T. Lowson also told Council that there are roof problems at the restroom area also.

There is money available in the Recreation Fund from the rental of the pavilion in the amount of \$5863.75 to do this project. The project will cost approximately \$1500-\$2000.00.

**Seal coat walkways at Recreation Area** – L. Wenger obtained a quote of \$1195.00 to seal coat the walkways from D & S Parking Service.

T. Lowson told Council there is money available to do this because there wasn't as much mowing done this summer at the Recreation Area.

This item will be on the Agenda for the September 7, 2010 meeting. This price was received in the spring so the price may have increased slightly.

**Tar & chipping Constitution Avenue** – There is an area approximately 18' x 330' between 406 and 410 Constitution Avenue that needs to be tarred and chipped.

L. Wenger obtained three (3) quotes for this Project:

1. D & S Parking Service \$ 362.00
2. Triple A Paving \$2,120.00
3. Ganoe Paving \$ 950.00

These prices were received in the spring so the price may have increased slightly.

T. Lowson reported that there is money available to do this Project.

T. Lowson discussed the Project from the financial end and he will discuss the street projects with K. Smith Street Committee.

**University Drive from Slabtown Road to Willow Street** – This street will have to be paved because tar & chip will not save this section of the street.

Bids:

1. \$23,355.00
2. \$24,699.50

There is approximately \$49,037.51 in the Liquid Fuels Fund at this time.

J. Evans is working with Bernadette on the status of the University Drive money that is needed in order to pay on the note for the work that was done on University Drive. J. Evans should have an answer in the next few days.

Approximately ½ of the Liquid Fuels money would be needed to pave University Drive. A certain percentage of the Liquid Fuels money can be used to pay on the note and the skid loader payment comes out of the Liquid Fuels money.

The Borough also has a Street Fund and this money is 3% of the mill rate collected each year. There is approximately \$9,992.13 in that fund.

T. Lawson also said that additional work will have to be done at the dumpster area at the Penn Gate Halls because the garbage trucks are damaging that area when they pull in out.

T. Lawson is not asking for any decision this evening but this will be on the Agenda for the September 7, 2010 meeting.

**Stop bars** – R. Lee asked if the Borough can paint stop bars at selected stops signs. T. Lawson said the Borough owns the equipment to do this type of work.

R. Lee thinks this should be done at selected stop signs as an experiment. T. Lawson said that the intersections would have to be identified. Discussion.

**Budget** – T. Lawson reported that the 2010 Budget is working efficiently. The Borough is receiving less money. There is less EIT money being received because residents are not working because of the economy.

Council President D. Monn pointed out that if the Borough is planning on the RRFB lights and paving University Drive that will deplete the Liquid Fuels Fund. Continued discussion about scrapping the complete RRFB Project because Council is concerned about when Penn Dot would reimburse the money that the Borough has to pay out up front.

**Sewer lines** – D. Monn reported that Constitution Avenue has a major root problem in the main line. D. Monn outlined what has been done to temporarily relieve the problem. L. Wenger is looking at a system to fix the problem permanently. There are residents that also have root problems in their lines but that is the owners responsibility to have the lines cleared.

**Sewer and water minimums** – Council President D. Monn told the members that a resident attended the MAMA and expressed his opinion about the unfair practice of charging minimums for water and sewer. Council briefly discussed this matter.

**Town meeting** – The Town Meeting is set for October 21, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. T. Lawson will contact Steve Hirsch and arrange for Downes Associates to be at the meeting.

**Adjournment** – R. Lee made a motion to adjourn the Midmonth Meeting of the Mont Alto Borough Council of August 17, 2010 at 8:15 p.m., T. Lawson seconded, all in favor Aye, opposed No, Aye's have it.

Respectfully submitted,

Submitted to Council for their approval on  
September 7, 2010.

Patricia A. Kocek  
Borough Secretary  
Council President  
Thomas Lawson Vice President  
Beverly Spicer President Pro Tem