

MONT ALTO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Council President Dennis Monn called the mid-month meeting of February 15, 2011 of the Mont Alto Borough Council to order at 6:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL – Dennis Monn, Tom Lawson, Rick Lee, James Eck, Beverly Spicer and Cheryl Sobun present. Shannon Strizziere absent.

MAYOR – Mayor John Esser present.

BOROUGH STAFF – Patricia Kocek Borough Secretary

INVOCATION – P. Kocek

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VISITORS

Roger Chapman Property Manager for Latrobe
Leasing Agent of that Organization

Council President D. Monn recognized Roger Chapman – R. Chapman appeared before Council to explain a sewer problem that he had at 6 Willow Street.

The problem started on February 12, 2011. Sewage was backing up at 6 Willow Street. He contacted the Borough and explained the problem to them. He was told the problem was on his end of the main.

R. Chapman attended the Mont Alto Municipal Authority meeting on Monday February 14, 2011 and could get no where with them to resolve the problem. He was told that it is not their responsibility. R. Chapman reported that in the meantime raw sewage was backing up into 6 Willow Street.

R. Chapman came this evening to get on the record concerning the sewage problem.

R. Chapman explained to Council the items that were discussed at the MAMA meeting and the results of that discussion.

He went on to explain the events that took place today at 6 Willow Street. Of note is that R. Chapman had two (2) plumbers come in and they opened the Borough sewer main and found out that the main was clogged.

R. Chapman made the following comments:

1. He now has damage in the house, possible mold problems and bills to pay because of the sewer problem
2. He would like to get this solved simply, he is asking Borough Council where he can send the bills to and he is asking you as the Mayor (speaking to J. Esser) too let's get this thing put

away simply

3. I have already contacted my attorney. You gentlemen know that attorney fees and discovery can be expensive and I really see no need to go there if we can just cooperate, it can go away
4. The County can get involved with this, the State can get involved with this
5. He wants to go on the record
6. I'm not here to debate with you or anything, I'm just asking you to consider, let's get a simple solution
7. He obtained a form from this lady (referring to P. Kocek) and I will have my attorney to subpoena the records from the meeting last night and I will get my attorney to subpoena the audio records from the meeting last night
8. I would like to put this thing away just quietly, let's just get it over and done with

D. Monn and R. Chapman discussed the sewer main being opened by R. Chapman's plumbers and the events that transpired concerning the sewer problem.

D. Monn explained that the Mont Alto Municipal Authority is the group that has the authority over the sewer system, not Mont Alto Borough Council.

R. Chapman stated he is just here sharing with you, I'm just recommending, gentlemen, let's put it away quietly, let's do it the easy way.

R. Chapman said he is not here to debate, but just wanted to be on the record and share with you what is going on.

R. Chapman left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Status of laid off employee – Short discussion on the work situation and whether there is enough work available. The call back would be effective mid-month March 2011.

R. Lee made a motion to call Nancy Helman back after the end of her three (3) month layoff, T. Lowson seconded, any further discussion on the motion, hearing none, all in favor Aye, opposed No, so ordered.

This item was missed on the February 7, 2011 Agenda. If Council waited until the March 7, 2011 meeting this would not allow sufficient time to give N. Helman a two week notice to return to work.

The letter will be sent on February 26, 2011. The pay period begins on March 12, 2011 and she will return to work on Monday March 14, 2011.

Any other business that may come before Council

Sewer problem at 6 Willow Street – D. Monn reviewed the sewer problem at this property and Council then discussed Latrobe Leasing being in the main sewer line.

D. Monn will instruct L. Wenger to write up a very thorough Incident Report on this incident.

Sign for Mont Alto Road – B. Spicer addressed the possibility of Penn Dot placing a sign to indicate the way to Mont Alto Road. D. Monn will bring this matter to the attention of David Rock of Penn Dot.

ADJOURNMENT – T. Lowson made a motion to adjourn the mid-month meeting of Mont Alto Borough Council of February 15, 2011 at 6:55 p.m., R. Lee seconded, any further discussion, all in favor Aye, opposed No, so ordered.

Respectfully submitted,
March 7, 2011.

Submitted to Council for their approval on

Patricia A. Kocek
Borough Secretary

Dennis W. Monn Council President

Thomas Lowson Vice President

Beverly Spicer President Pro Tem