

MONT ALTO BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER – Council President Dennis Monn called the Regular meeting of July 5, 2011 of the Mont Alto Borough Council to order at 6:35 p.m.

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

MAYOR – Mayor John Esser present.

BOROUGH STAFF – Jeff Evans Solicitor, Erik Vranich Engineer, Larson Wenger Maintenance Supervisor and Patricia Kocek Borough Secretary

INVOCATION – P. Kocek

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VISITORS - None

VACANCIES – Remove this item from the Agenda until such time it is needed.

ACCEPTANCE OF ZONING OFFICERS REPORT June 2011

R. Lee made a motion to accept the Zoning Officer's Report for June 2011, C. Sobun seconded, any further discussion on the motion, any further discussion, all in favor Aye, opposed No, so ordered.

BOROUGH OF MONT ALTO ZONING OFFICERS REPORT TO THE BOROUGH COUNCIL

Report Period: June, 2011

LAND USE PERMITS JUNE, 2011

PERMIT #	DATE	NAME	ADDRESS	PROJECT
LU-11-20	6/3/11	GARY KREPS	20 ASPEN DR	FENCE 4' TALL
LU-11-21	6/3/11	MONT ALTO BORO	14 SPRUCE ST	10' OCTAGON GAZEBO
LU-11-22	6/20/11	ANDREW & JEN FORTNEY	504 S MAIN ST	4' TALL FENCE
LU-11-23	6/28/11	PAUL AND DEBRA NOLL	408 PARK ST	18' RND 4' TALL POOL
LU-11-24	6/28/11	ALLEN YARNELL	19 REYNOLDS AVE	18' RND 4' TALL POOL

DEMOLITION PERMITS JUNE, 2011

PERMIT #	DATE	NAME	ADDRESS	PROJECT
D-11-04	6/28/11	MIKE & PAT GOSSARD	301 PARK ST	16'8" X 18'6" GARAGE

SUBDIVISION REVIEWS

Land Use Permits Issued This Month 5
Land Use Permits Denied This Month 0
Land Use Permits Issued To Date 24
Subdivision Reviews This Month 0
Subdivision Reviews Year To Date 2

Demolition Permits Issued This Month 1
Demolition Permits Denied This Month 0
Demolition Permits Issued To Date 4

ZONING/SUBDIVISION ISSUES

6/7/2011 ZONING HEARING BOARD MET TO HEAR MICHAEL NOLL RE. 225 SOUTH MAIN STREET TO RECEIVE A VARIANCE FOR RELIEF TO PUT A DRIVEWAY WITHIN THE SETBACK LIMITS. HIS REQUEST WAS DENIED.

Respectfully submitted by,
Mont Alto Zoning Officer
Provided by CCIS
Wm. David Lutz

CCIS Building Permits Commonwealth Code Inspection Service, Inc. Report – For your information.

UCC Building Permits Accredited Services Report – For your information.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 6, 2011

R. Lee made a motion to approve the Minutes of June 6, 2011, B. Spicer seconded, any further discussion, any further discussion, all in favor Aye, opposed No, so ordered.

ACCEPTANCE OF TREASURER’S REPORT

May 31, 2011

R. Lee made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report for May 31, 2011, J. Eck seconded, any further discussion, any further discussion, all in favor Aye, opposed No, so ordered.

Table the June 30, 2011 Treasurer’s Report until the August 1, 2011 meeting.

ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 531 TRANSFER OF FUNDS JUNE 2011 – R. Lee made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 531, Transfer of Funds for June 2011, C. Sobun seconded, any further discussion on the motion, any further discussion, all in favor Aye, opposed No, so ordered.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Wireless phones – R. Lee told Council that he has been playing phone tag with the wireless provider so he has nothing to report this evening.

J. Evans supplied an Acknowledgement and Consent form for Council to review. This would be the document that the employees would sign when they receive the new phones outlining the employees’ responsibility for the phones. No action taken on the document this evening.

Credit/Debit Card for utility billing – R. Lee received some information from Michael

Cermark but does not have it with him this evening. Short discussion on an option for utility billing payment that is offered by Pennsylvania Rural Water Association. Table until T. Lawson is at the meeting.

Comcast Cable Renewal Agreement – At this time there is nothing to be done about the Agreement. The Borough is waiting for the representative from Comcast to call and arrange a meeting. Later in the meeting it was decided that the Finance and Administration Committee would be in charge of the Renewal Agreement.

ATTORNEY'S REPORT

Official Recreation Map/Recreation fee for developers – No report.

Public Gathering/Festival Ordinance – After discussion it was decided that P. Kocek would provide this document to the members and at the August meeting Council will review the Ordinance for changes/corrections/deletions.

Smith/Mont Alto Borough Subdivision – This project is complete and Mrs. Smith has been provided with the documents relevant to the subdivision.

Crosswalk MAVFD and Walnut Street – J. Evans told Council that he could not find anything to support of doing a traffic study to install a crosswalk on a Borough street.

Council will have to adopt an Ordinance to install a crosswalk. Discussion.

R. Lee made a motion to install a crosswalk on Walnut Street, C. Sobun seconded, any further discussion on the motion, any further discussion, all in favor Aye, opposed No, so ordered.

Council discussed how many feet from the intersection of 997 and Walnut Street the crosswalk should be installed.

D. Monn and L. Wenger will take measurements and provide this information to J. Evans so that information can be included in the Ordinance.

R. Lee and C. Sobun amended the above motion to include authorizing J. Evans to draft and advertise the Ordinance to install a crosswalk on Walnut Street, any questions or discussion on the amended motion, all in favor Aye, opposed No, so ordered.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor John Esser officiated at a wedding on June 25, 2011 at the Penn State Chapel. It is noted that Mayor Esser did not receive payment for officiating at this ceremony.

J. Esser did not attend the Penn National Community Days.

Discussion on various meetings that are upcoming and who will be attending.

P. Kocek to provide by email a copy of the information concerning the July 18, 2011 Comprehensive Plan meeting to be held at Norlo Park and the Transportation meeting to be held in July.

There is also going to be a meeting held by Waynesboro Borough to include Mont Alto, Quincy, Washington Township and Waynesboro School Board.

P. Kocek and G. Socks to coordinate and develop a calendar of upcoming meetings for Council. Determine if this can be placed on the website with Council access only.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Fogelsonger Request for Extension – If the request for an extension of time is not granted the Plan will expire on July 27th, 2011. If this happens the plan would be deemed approved.

There are still outstanding invoices due from the Fogelsongers. The plans cannot be approved until these invoices are satisfied.

J. Evans recommends granting the extension but then write them a letter telling them that the Plan will not be approved until the invoices are paid.

R. Lee made a motion to grant a 90 day extension per the request from the Fogelsonger's, discussion, J. Eck seconded, any further discussion on the motion, discussion, any further discussion on the motion, all in favor Aye, opposed No, so ordered.

WATER/SEWER COMMITTEE

Water Line Yew Street – L. Wenger reported that the line is in the ground and testing has begun and if the final test is returned negative the line will be connected later this week.

In approximately 60 days the street will be repaired. L. Wenger reported that there were two (2) gas leaks when they dug the line but they were preexisting and not caused by digging the line.

STREET COMMITTEE

Four Way Stop Sign Greenwood and Jones – J. Eck received a complaint from T. Cook of Greenwood about the intersection of Greenwood and Jones. T. Cook feels the Borough needs to install 4-Way Stop signs at that location. J. Eck invited T. Cook to attend the meeting but he is not in attendance.

A lengthy discussion followed on the pros and cons of a four-way stop sign at this location. A traffic study would have to be completed before signs could be installed. J. Evans doesn't feel that street could meet the criteria for a traffic study. Council also discussed site distance for the intersection.

J. Eck, L. Wenger and D. Monn will meet on Monday July 11, 2011 9:00 a.m. at the site to take measurements for site distance.

PROPERTY & SUPPLY COMMITTEE

Borough lot problems – On hold.

Diesel Pump/Gas Pump – No report.

Ceiling in the office – On hold.

Borough building repairs – The supplies have been purchased and the boards are being painted. Will begin this project next week.

Parking and kids – There have been children riding bikes and skate boarding on the porch and the parking lot of the Borough office. There has also been a sports utility vehicle parking in the shared driveway beside the Borough office.

Discussion on how to correct these problems. J. Evans will send a letter to the Holden's next door concerning the parking and the children. P. Kocek to provide J. Evans with the mailing information for the Holden's.

ELECTRIC COMMITTEE – Council President D. Monn reported that the PPA is within the required 3%.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Employee Handbook – The Secretary was instructed to print and provide the Handbook to the employees.

SANITATION & SAFETY COMMITTEE – Nothing

RECREATION COMMITTEE

Fields - B. Spicer reported that the ball fields are in good shape.

Memory Lane – B. Spicer said that there are six (6) bricks being engraved for Memory Lane. The bricks are available for purchase for Memory Lane at \$35.00 per brick.

Mont Alto State Park – Council President D. Monn reported that there is a new ranger responsible for Mont Alto State Park and he is more receptive to doing things at the park. He also agrees that the restrooms need to be moved but at this time there isn't money available to move the restrooms.

Chestnut Springs – The ranger is also interested in taking care of Chestnut Springs.

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEE Year 2013 Celebration

Council President D. Monn reported:

1. Received a reply from the Governor's office - his schedule is not confirmed until 2-4 weeks before the event.
2. Read a thank you card from the Centennial Committee thanking the Borough for their contribution to the Centennial Committee.
3. The Committee also received \$500.00 from the Ladies Auxiliary of the MAVFD
4. The Committee is considering selling T-shirts, mugs, water color prints and a commemorative collection.
5. Looking into the possibility of holding antique, flea and/or farmer's markets
6. Jonestown Borough in Lebanon County just held a centennial celebration – will contact Jonestown Borough after they have had time to evaluate their celebration and talk to them about what worked and what didn't work for their event
7. Also looking in to having a Queen of the Borough contest

REPORT ON COG (Council of Governments) – No meeting.

VISION 2015 – No meeting.

FRANKLIN COUNTY EMERGENCY SERVICE ALLIANCE – D. Monn attended this meeting. The main topics of discussion were the radio problems and the lack of volunteers.

L. Wenger inquired about the inability of the municipalities and the Emergency Management Coordinators too receive the ops channels on the new radio system. The FCESA is trying to correct this by going through the Commissioners to make these changes.

MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

1. The dumpster has been removed from the Mont Alto Recreation Area. Even though the Borough has a contract with IESI they had no objection to removing the dumpster.

2. L. Wenger has contacted the water haulers and informed them that the Borough will be flushing the fire hydrants this summer. This process will take approximately 2-3 days. L. Wenger will notify P. Kocek approximately ten (10) days before flushing is to begin so that the schedule can be advertised in the newspaper.
3. Cintas Uniform Contract – L. Wenger will contact T. Lowson to find out if he sent a letter to the company. Will arrange a meeting with Cintas to discuss the uniform contract.

OLD BUSINESS

Comprehensive Plan – Nothing

Rapid Response System – Nothing

Franklin County Drug Task Force Report – This information was provided to Council by email for their information.

Thank you – Council President D. Monn thanked those that helped with the Mont Alto Volunteer Fire Department's carnival.

NEW BUSINESS

Long Term or Extended Health Care – Council discussed whether or not to provide this option to the employees. B. Spicer will work with P. Kocek to find out more details about this plan. No decision at this time on whether or not to allow this company to come in and make a presentation.

Sidewalks – Councilperson C. Sobun asked why the Borough of Mont Alto does not have sidewalks. She would like to see the Borough have sidewalks for the safety of pedestrians.

The main reason the Borough does not have sidewalks is the cost of installing them would be beyond most residents means to have them installed. After a discussion it was decided that at this time it is not feasible to mandate that the residents install sidewalks.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - None

ADJOURNMENT – R. Lee made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting of Mont Alto Borough Council of July 5, 2011 at 8:11 p.m., J. Eck seconded, all in favor Aye, opposed No, so ordered.

Respectfully submitted,

Submitted to Council for their approval on
August 1, 2011.

Patricia A. Kocek

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Dennis W. Monn Council President
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