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Minutes of the Mount Airy Town Council Meeting January 7, 2019

Attendees: Town Officials: Mayor Patrick Rockinberg, Council President: Peter Helt; Councilmembers: Bob King, Larry Hushour, Patty Washabaugh and Jason Poirier.

Town Staff: Barney Quinn – Town Engineer, Tom McCarron - Town Attorney, Monika Weierbach- Town Administrator, Debbie Brennan – Town Clerk, Colleen Reilly – Administrative Assistant, John Breeding – Community Planning Administrator, Debra Clinton- Planning Assistant, Holly McCleary – Human Resources, Charlene Singleton - Accounting Department, Gina Campanile- Parks Manager.

OTHERS: Approximately 52 residents/visitors and 4 reporters.

- 1. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE** – Councilmember Helt called the meeting, held at Town Hall 110 S. Main Street, to order at 7:30 pm and led everyone in the pledge.
- 2. SPEAKERS** – NONE
- 3. PRESENTATION** – Mayor Rockinberg presented the Prudence Masonic Lodge with a Proclamation.
- 4. APPROVAL OF TOWN COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES, and other related minutes as listed:**
 - **Public Hearing minutes** – Councilmember Helt moved to accept, Councilmember King seconded. Vote: All in Favor.
 - **Town Council meeting minutes-** Councilmember Helt moved to accept with changes, Councilmember King seconded. Vote: All in favor.
 - **Closed Meeting Minutes** – Councilmember Helt moved to accept with changes, Councilmember King seconded. Vote: All in Favor.
- 5. MOUNT AIRY POLICE CHIEF REITZ'S MONTHLY REPORT** – See Attached
- 6. MOUNT AIRY VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY REPORT** - Bruce Walz gave his report and announced the new Fire Chief is Jeff Lowman.
- 7. COMMUNITY CONCERNS/CITIZENS COMMENTS-** Pete Bowlus announced that the Historical Society Museum will be open Saturday and Sunday from 12:00pm – 4:00pm. He also discussed the Mount Airy Hall of Fame Dinner on March 19, 2019. Heather Hobbs Michael discussed the traffic problems on Back Acre Circle caused by the dance school.
- 8. ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS** –
 - a. **Annexation Resolution #42 – Dorseytown – Up for Adoption.** – MOTION: Councilmember Poirier moved in, Councilmember King seconded. Councilmember Hushour moved to table for 1 month. Councilmember King seconded. Vote: All in Favor.
 - b. **Ordinance 2018-20 – to add a section to the Town Election Regulations pertaining to provisional ballots. Introduced 12-3-18. Up for adoption.** MOTION: Councilmember Helt moved in for purpose of discussion. Councilmember Washabaugh seconded. Bruce Walz explained the ordinance. Councilmember Helt suggested they table and re-introduce next month. Councilmember Poirier seconded. Vote: All in Favor.
 - c. **Ordinance 2018-21 – amendments to Chapter 25 – Planning Commission – members need to be residents and voting of TC Liaison. Introduced 12-3-18. Up for adoption.** – MOTION:

Councilmember Hushour moved in for discussion, Councilmember Washabaugh seconded. Vote: Councilmember Hushour- Yea, Councilmember Washabaugh- Yea, Councilmember King- Ney, Councilmember Poirier Ney, Councilmember Helt – Ney.

- d. **Resolution 2019-1 – To allow the consumption and possession of alcohol in open containers on public property in the Town of Mount Airy for a specific time for the Hometown Chili Cook Off. –Up for adoption. –MOTION:** Councilmember King moved to adopt, Councilmember Hushour seconded. Vote: All in Favor.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None

10. NEW BUSINESS –

- a. **Approval request for street closing for Chili Cook-off on June 15, 2019.** - Councilmember Helt moved to accept, Councilmember Poirier second. Vote: All in Favor.
- b. **Approval of Bid for Generator for WWTP.** – Councilmember Helt moved to accept, Councilmember King seconded. Vote: All in Favor.

11. MAYOR AND COUNCIL REPORTS-

- **Mayor Rockinberg’s Report and Commission appointments and re-appointments** – Mayor Rockinberg re-appointed Mark Moxley, Richard Swanson, Bruce Walz and Ann Marie Duckett to Board of Supervisors of Elections.
- **Beautification Commission – Board of Recreation and Parks-** Councilmember Hushour gave his report.
- **Economic Development – Planning Commission** - No December Meeting.
- **Sanitation and Recycling & Mount Airy Sustainable Commission** – No December Meeting.
- **Streets & Roads Commission** – Councilmember Washabaugh gave her report. Jennifer Smith was elected Chairperson and Lynne Galletti was elected Secretary.
- **Water & Sewer Commission** - Councilmember Helt gave his report.
- **Town Administrator Report-** See attached.
- **Town Attorney Report** - Tom McCarron gave his report.
- **Code Enforcement Officer Report** – See Attached.

12. POSSIBLE CLOSED MEETING – “STATUTORY AUTHORITY TO CLOSED SESSION, GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE” – as allowed by “GENERAL PROVISIONS ARTICLE” 3-305 (b)(3) To consider the acquisition of real property for a public purpose and matters directly related thereto; and (7) To consult with counsel to obtain legal advice on a legal matter – Subj; Rails to Trails.

13.ADJOURNMENT – Councilmember Helt moved to adjourn immediately following the closed meeting, Councilmember King Seconded. Vote: All in Favor.