



Mifflintown, PA
April 2, 2018

The Borough Council of Mifflintown met this date in the municipal building at 100 Cross Street, Mifflintown, PA. The following were present: President Edward E. Singer, Vice-President Samuel Klinger, Mayor Roxann McGinnis, Daryl Peachey, Richard R. Zimmerman, Jr., Rick Singer, Polly Digon, Teresa A. Nearhood, Fonda Niman of The Juniata Sentinel, secretary/treasurer Nancy L. Zimmerman, meters Zina Ruble, maintenance Robert Swartz, Sada Diaz of Guante Family Restaurant, Brent Musser of Axis Professional Surveying LLC, Elizabeth Book who is running for the 82nd State House of Representatives, and her campaign chairman, Ronnie Brown, and her treasurer Garth Brackbill. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Singer.

PERSONS TO BE HEARD: Elizabeth Book attended the meeting to introduce herself as a candidate who is running as an independent because she doesn't like either party. She doesn't like how the local political parties influence the people running. She told council that she graduated in the top 2% at the University of Pittsburgh with a degree in history and social work. She has a master's degree in library science. She intends to have monthly town hall meetings at local fire companies in the district. She supports local emergency services and intends to put her offices in the district in local EMS or fire company halls to give them the money. She intends for she and her office to be writing the grants and just going up to the people to sign them. She is a pro-life representative. She is in favor of welfare reform and mandatory drug testing for welfare recipients. Currently the state representatives make \$87,000 and get \$219/day in per diem money for which they don't have to provide receipts for. She believes that you must be made to provide or submit receipts for your per diem expenses.

Sada Diaz was in attendance to ask council and provide them with a handout on her desire to have a farmer's market on Bridge Street from her restaurant down to the video store on Bridge Street. She would like to have it the second week of the month from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. She stated that she is a small business supporter, and she would like to lift up all local businesses. She would like to have this for five months and will be charging no fees to the vendors. She did state that she e-mailed the bank about using their parking lot as a second choice. She stated that she would like to select the vendors, like Village Acres, the Glick Family who makes breads, Brummers, etc., so that you don't get yard sale or knick knock people. She would like to start June 9th. She stated and she and the vendors would be responsible for pick up of all garbage. Councilman Zimmerman stated that he would like to wait until she hears from the Pennian Bank before making a decision. Council discussed allowing the farmer's market garbage to be put in our dumpster at the borough. We will see how it goes if there is not too much garbage.

Brent Musser was present to present a lot addition plan for Mike Smith for ground behind Schlegel LLC. Basically this is just a lot consolidation which will all be added to Mike Smith's property. The Juniata County Planning Commission has already approved the plan.

METERS: Zina reported that she issued 80 tickets, ticket money total \$1,230. The meter money collected was \$1,040.17 for a total for the month of \$2, 270.17. She also reported that we have changed the spring clean up to May 21, 22, because the primary election is May 15. She reported that she is still writing citations.

MAINTENANCE: Bob presented a list of about \$700 worth of signs that the borough needs. He also reported that every time it snows someone from the board calls him to do something extra as far as plowing at Alex Stottle's residence. When he was just about done this last snow, he was called to go up to plow differently and he caught his torque motor on the spreader with the front headlight of Alex's truck. Bob reported to council that some work needs to be done on the gazebo at the playground. It is in rough shape because no finish was ever put on it. The roof is also starting to pull away. Council Rick Singer agreed to call Leroy Arnold from the Kiwanis Club about doing the work, but he wants a detailed list of what council would like done.

Councilman R. Singer stated that something has got to be done about kicking soccer balls against the stage as a backstop. This is being done by big kid's not little kids. Council discussed putting up signs in English and Spanish.

On motion of R. Singer, second by Klinger, council agreed to get the signs submitted by the maintenance man, and also four "road work ahead", and "flagger ahead" signs with stands for the maintenance department. Motion Carried.

On motion of Klinger, second by R. Singer, the minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Motion Carried.

On motion of Zimmerman, second by R. Singer, the treasurer's report was accepted as presented. Motion Carried.

The correspondence addressed included mention of an e-mail to council from Jerry Leach who is also running for the 82nd state representative's seat. A letter from the abuse network asking for permission to put teal ribbons on the parking meters for Child Abuse month in April. The Conrad Siegel Actuarial Valuation report as of January 1, 2017, for Mifflintown Borough Police Pension Fund; and a letter from AmTrust North America introducing Wesco Insurance Company as our workers' compensation carrier.

MUNICIPAL REPORTS: Mayor McGinnis stated that the festival in the park is going to forego the banner for this year. The festival is running their bills, funds, through the Cedar spring park checking account. They intend to give a donation to the borough.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Councilman R. Singer stated that that he was given a key to the bathrooms at the park for the American Legion Easter egg hunt. He stated that there were 137 people at the hunt. He is giving this key to the little league for the season.

NEW BUSINESS: The secretary informed council about the e-mail given to her by Mayor McGinnis from John Breneman stating that for this year only – municipalities are not required to provide a match for the Multimodal Transportation Fund grants. Council agreed to have the Bridge committee meet with the engineers and SEDA-COG about which way to go in submitting this grant application. The secretary suggested paying someone to write the grant application and using the PLIGIT general fund monies if we need to get the engineering studies done. Council members Zimmerman, R. Singer, and Klinger were opposed to using the PLIGIT monies to do this.

Council discussed putting up the new sign which was made by Swartz Signs regarding Moist Run Park and the new basketball court on the fence at the court. There would be no mowing to be done around it then.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS: President Singer asked council to consider purchasing a used pickup truck to haul brush because it is so high to throw the brush into the back of the dump truck. Councilman Klinger asked if we would plow with it too. Councilman Peachey asked about just getting a trailer.

On motion of Digon, second by R. Singer, the secretary was directed to pay the bills for the month. Motion Carried.

On motion of Digon, second by Klinger, the meeting adjourned. Motion Carried.

President _____
Edward E. Singer

ATTEST: _____
Secretary