

MINUTES SECOND MEETING OF UPLAND BOROUGH COUNCIL

DATE January 24, 2017

TIME 7:00 P.M.

PLACE Upland Municipal Building, 224 Castle Avenue, Upland, PA

CALL TO ORDER President Peterson called the Second Meeting of January 2017 for Upland Borough Council to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / MOMENT OF SILENCE

President Peterson led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

ROLL CALL

Mrs. Peterson – Present; Ms. Crawford – Present, Mr. Dennon – Present; Mr. McClintock – Present, Mr. Hunter – Present; Mrs. Bush – Present; Mr. Mitchell – Absent; Mayor Ciach – Present; Daniel Archdeacon, P.E., Catania Engineering – Present; and Mr. Robert E. O’Connor, Esquire – Present.

GUESTS/RESIDENTS IN ATTENDANCE

Mr. Ken Stark, Reporter, and approximately six (1) resident/guest was also in attendance.

5. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

A-1 Council Meeting Minutes – January 10, 2017

Mr. McClintock made a motion to accept the Council Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2017 as presented. Ms. Crawford seconded the motion. Roll call was taken: Mr. Dennon – Aye; Mr. McClintock – Aye; Mr. Hunter – Aye; Mrs. Bush – Aye; Ms. Crawford – Aye; and Mrs. Peterson – Abstain. Motion carries.

6. Ordinances and Resolutions Report – Richard McClintock

A-1 Ordinance No. 2 of 2017 – Authorize the Borough Manager to Advertise
- Compensation of the Borough Tax Collector

Mr. McClintock read Ordinance No. 2 of 2017; Compensation of Borough Tax Collector, into record. Mr. McClintock made a motion to authorize the Borough Manager to advertise Ordinance No. 2 of 2017. Mr. Dennon seconded the motion. Roll call was taken: Mr. Dennon – Aye; Mr. McClintock – Aye; Mr. Hunter – Aye; Mrs. Bush – Aye; Ms. Crawford – Aye; and Mrs. Peterson – Aye. Motion carries.

7. Solicitor’s Report – Robert E. O’Connor, Esq.

Mr. O’Connor stated he had no report at this time.

8. Engineer's Report – Daniel Archdeacon, P.E.

Mr. Archdeacon had reported the bid date for 227 Eighth Street demolition project will be on February 10, 2017. President Peterson inquired about an email that was send by Ms. Catania, pertaining to a grant that will be available for parks and recreation. President Peterson asked Mr. Archdeacon if he knew more about this grant. Mr. Archdeacon stated he doesn't have that information in front of him however he has seen it before. Mr. Archdeacon stated it is more of less pertaining to any kind of recreational area. Both President Peterson and Mr. Archdeacon concluded the Hill Street Project would benefit from his type of grant.

9. Old Business

No old business to report.

10. New Business

Mr. Dennon informed he will be setting up the Parade Committee meeting; contracts are starting to arrive at the office. Ms. Crawford asked if the letters were sent out to all the bands that participate. Mr. Dennon replied that they have.

President Peterson stated that Mr. O'Connor checked zoning as Crozer is planning on putting in a Drug and Alcohol Detox Rehabilitation Center. Crozer inquired of there was a zoning issue; and there was no zoning issue. Mr. McClintock asked where the rehabilitation center will be located at Crozer. President Peterson replied she believes it to be the first floor. Mrs. Bush stated 1 Southeast.

President Peterson stated we had a letter and has been misplaced. The Pusey House is asking for their annual \$7,000.00 donation. Does anyone want to make a motion to do that? Ms. Crawford replied "We have, in the past, given a donation to the Caleb Pusey House to assist the historical location down there. President Peterson replied "Correct." Ms. Crawford made a motion to give a donation of \$7,000.00 to the Caleb Pusey House. There was no second. President Peterson stated "Motion does not pass."

Mr. Dennon stated the Marine Corp League should have sent out a letter to President Peterson requesting a donation. President Peterson stated she has not seen any letter. Mr. Dennon stated he will make sure they send the letter.

Ken Stark asked if he could make a comment on behalf of the Pusey House. President Peterson gave approval. Mr. Stark stated he was a member of the Board at the Caleb Pusey House.

Mr. Stark I understand why you may not want to continue to give that money. Just so that you know, that Board is really facing some hard financial times coming up. They have the three tenant house at the end of their street and they are rented. That is the income that keeps that site floating; that income from those rental sites. And one of those sites needs \$35,000.00 worth of repairs before it can be rented again. One is rented and the other one just became vacated, and it needs \$14,000.00 worth of work on it.

Already, looking at next year, we already have to cover grass cutting. The Borough had done it for several years. We are looking at another \$3,500.00 for that. The Pusey House is looking at bills that there is no way can pay, in the short run. And

just to let you know, if anyone thinks that property down there has any value, it's going to be facing some very hard times in the next few years. I don't know how we are going to come up with money. The fundraisers down there count for a couple of hundreds of dollars.

So, I just felt that I should say. I am not trying to talk anyone into anything other than (inaudible). I just thought you should know the Pusey House board is facing some very hard financial times right now. That is all I want to say.

President Peterson Thanks, Ken.

Mr. Stark Thank you.

President Peterson asked if there was any other business. There was no response.

11. Floor Open to Public

Mr. Jessie Richardson, Mulberry Street resident, approached Council.

Mr. Richardson I have two things. Was the Borough responsible for removing the flag pole at Hill Street and Kerlin Street?

President Peterson Were we responsible for it?

Mr. Richardson Yes, did you remove it?

President Peterson When?

Mr. Richardson It's down. I happened to come down there today.

Mr. Harris Bloom – resident of Sixth Street It's been down for approximately three weeks.

Unknown - Response from Public Upland Furniture had it taken down.

Mr. Richardson Because at the last Council Meeting, I asked about it. So it's been done since the last Council Meeting?

Unknown I got a phone call about it.

President Peterson That was two weeks ago.

Ms. Crawford That didn't come up last Council Meeting.

Mr. Richardson No, I mentioned it as a danger. Or it was after the Council Meeting.

Ms. Crawford Okay.

Mr. Richardson Because the flagpole looked like it was going to fall over.

President Peterson I was going to say, that is the first time I heard of that.

Ms. Crawford Me too.

Mr. Richardson Now the next one. That house on Hill Street; the Borough bought it. I understand this, the two houses; the old Laundromat and the house next to it.

President Peterson We have not purchased the Laundromat yet, but #4 and #6, we now own.

Mr. Richardson And what's the number to the Laundromat?

President Peterson Number 2. That whole corner right there is part of the Beautification Project.

Mr. Richardson The Mayor was so kind to send me the Borough Code. It was what I said that the fact that the president of Council does not have that much power after the Board adjourns the Council. They are just like everyone else. They do not make decisions to hire, firing, taking away anything unless Council authorizes it.

President Peterson and other Council members Replied Correct.

Mr. Richardson I just wanted to make sure.

- President Peterson No one Council person; the President, the Vice-President; no one can fire or hire someone without the entire Board.
- Mr. Richardson They cannot make any decisions about the Borough without all of Council?
- President Peterson Well. That depends. You're saying making any decisions. There are decisions made on a daily basis.
- Mr. Richardson Well, you take my car away. Can you do that to me?
- President Peterson You are correct, no I can't.
- Mr. Richardson Thank you.
- Kathy Zeola, Main Street resident; approached Council.
- Ms. Zeola I am unsure how many of you are aware of the problem at #5 Main Street. I guess my first question is; I was told it was a single family dwelling. Is this true? And are you allowed to have several families living in the house in a single family dwelling?
- President Peterson That is a code issue. Mr. Grillone will have to get with the Code Officer on that. Hasn't he been down there? The Code Officer has been down there, correct?
- Ms. Zeola I have no idea. Right now, there's four people living in the home and she's on Facebook advertising to have more people live there. This house has gone from a tattoo place, to a whore house, to a drug place, to having nine people when she got arrested the last time. She had nine different people living in the home. She is out of jail and now starting to move back the same people that were in there before. I have called the Police several times since last January. Her house is deemed a nuisance house; her house is not up to code. She bought it; she was given a Temporary Use and Occupancy, which is up in February. Now I want to know what happens with that situation. If she does not have it up to occupancy, does she have to move out; or do you extend it.
- Mr. Hunter It will have to be re-inspected by the Code Officer.
- Ms. Zeola Who is the Code Officer?
- President Peterson and Mr. Hunter replied Bill Kirby
- Mr. Hunter It will have to be re-inspected by all the inspectors.
- President Peterson Its Tom Kennedy, Parker Ferguson and Jim Skulski will have to look at the house.
- Mr. Hunter If it is deemed to be uninhabitable, the house will be posted and must be vacated within 15 days.
- Ms. Zeola How many more people is she allowed to have move into the house considering it's a single family dwelling?
- Mr. Hunter It is so-many people per bedroom.
- Ms. Zeola Her house is attached to my house. I have a twin. She sleeps all day; she parties all night. And so do the people that live there.
- President Peterson But Kathy, you have to call the police about that if there is an issue. That is not a Councilmatic issue.
- Ms. Zeola I do. My question is; the police have no authority over how many people can live in a single family dwelling.
- Mr. Hunter It would be the Code Officer. There is an ordinance.
- Mr. McClintock I think what the lady is looking for is advice. I think we should send our Code Officer down there to see what is going on there.
- President Peterson I agree and we will. Kathy, please give Mr. Grillone your phone number. He will check into your questions and call you. I really cannot give you answers without the inspectors here to question them on it.
- Ms. Zeola There are no inspectors here? Do they have a special meeting?

President Peterson No. They are separate from us. They are contractors, per say.
Ms. Zeola Thank you for your time.

Mr. Sal Deviato, Second Street resident spoke to Council:

I wanted to give thanks for having the wall repaired on Second Street.

President Peterson You're welcome.

12. Adjournment

Mr. McClintock made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Bush seconded the motion. Verbally, all Council voted Aye; no one opposed. Motion carries.

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gregory Grillone
Borough Manager/Secretary/Treasurer

Shannon Strigle
Recording Secretary