

**COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WEST MIFFLIN** met in regular session in the Municipal Building Council Chambers on Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. prevailing time with President William Welsh presiding.

<b>ROLL CALL:</b>	Falce	Present	Olasz	Present
	Jabbour	Present	Popovich	Present
	Munsie Present	Stephenson	Present	
		Welsh	Present	

Seven members present, absent none. Mayor Andzelik present.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS:**

The following citizens spoke against Agenda Item C:

1. **Ron Boocks** of Venetia, PA
2. **Kim Stolfer** of McDonald, PA
3. **Wayne Lucas** of West Mifflin, PA
4. **Diane Stanesic** of West Mifflin,PA
5. **James Jasinski** of West Mifflin, PA
6. **Monica Douglas** of Elizabeth Borough, PA
7. **Jeremy Stillwagon** of West Mifflin, PA
8. **Richard Olasz** of West Mifflin,PA
9. **Dan Ragaller** of Upper St. Clair, PA
10. **Rodger Koronza** of Nottingham Township, PA
11. **Krystal O’Conner** of Bethel Park, PA
12. **Thomas Terza** of McKeesport, PA
13. **Joseph Seibel** of Cranberry, PA

- 14. **Chris Lucas** of West Mifflin, PA
- 15. **Mark Christenson** of Cannonsburg, PA
- 16. **Dan (not audible or legible)** of Pleasant Hills, PA
- 17. **Dan (not audible or legible)** of Harmerville, PA
- 18. **Brian Spiegel** of Finleyville, PA
- 20. **Jeffrey (not audible)** of Ambridge, PA

The following citizens spoke in favor of Agenda Item C:

- 1. **Mary Beth Hacke** of West Mifflin
- 2. **Jana Finder** of Cease Fire PA

**Diane Stanesic** of 2803 Glenny Lane Extension questioned whether the tax rate Under Item B is the same as the current year. Mr. Bednar stated that it is the same. Mrs. Stanesic also questioned whether the Borough is implementing a Homestead Exemption and if so how could the Borough manage that. Mr. Bednar reported that it would come from the reserve account which the Borough has had for the last 4 years. Mrs. Stanesic said that she would hope that Council would vote no on Item B and wait until next year when there is a new Council. Mr. Welsh replied that the majority of the new Council has already agreed on the 2010 Budget.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion** by Jabbour, seconded by Popovich that the Minutes of the October 20, 2009 Council Meeting be approved. Roll Call: Six ayes, no nays, one no response (Olasz). Motion carried.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

**Motion** by Jabbour, seconded by Falce that all bills properly approved by the Finance Committee be paid. Roll Call: Six ayes, one nay (Olasz). Motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEMS:**

**A. RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF WEST MIFFLIN, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ADOPTING THE GENERAL FUND, LIQUID FUELS AND CAPITAL PROJECTS BUDGETS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2010 AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2010 IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BOROUGH CODE FOR THE BOROUGH OF WEST MIFFLIN.**

**Motion** by Jabbour, seconded by Falce that the resolution be read. Mr. Bednar read the resolution. Under remarks, Mr. Munsie questioned whether the changes had been made that were agreed upon at the Caucus Meeting. Mr. Bednar replied that the changes were made. **Motion** by Munsie, seconded by Popovich the resolution be adopted. Roll Call: Six ayes, no nays, one present (Olasz). Motion carried. Resolution given No. 1207.

**B. ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WEST MIFFLIN, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, FIXING AND REENACTING THE REAL ESTATE TAX RATE FOR THE YEAR 2010 AND IMPOSING DISCOUNTS, PENALTIES AND INTEREST THEREON AND ESTABLISHING A HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION PROGRAM.**

**(2010 TAX RATE IS 7.27 MILLS)**

**Motion** by Munsie, seconded by Falce the ordinance be read. Mr. Bednar read the ordinance. **Motion** by Munsie, seconded by Falce the ordinance be enacted. Roll Call: Six ayes, no nays, one present (Olasz). Motion carried. Ordinance given No. 1164.

**C. ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF WEST MIFFLIN, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, REQUIRING PROMPT NOTIFICATION TO AUTHORITIES OF LOST OR STOLEN FIREARMS, AND IMPOSING PENALTIES; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF INCONSISTENT ORDINANCES; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY OF THE ORDINANCE; AND PROVIDING THAT THE ORDINANCE SHALL TAKE EFFECT AS PROVIDED BY PENNSYLVANIA LAW.**

**Motion** by Munsie, seconded by Falce the ordinance be read. Mr. Bednar read the ordinance. **Motion** by Munsie, seconded by Falce the ordinance be enacted. Under remarks, Mr. Olasz stated that this should never have been brought before this Council. Roll Call: Six ayes, one nay (Olasz). Motion carried. Ordinance given No. 1165.

**D. RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF WEST MIFFLIN, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, ESTABLISHING THE CONTRIBUTION RATE FROM EMPLOYEE POLICE MEMBERS OF THE POLICE PENSION PLAN FOR THE YEAR 2010.**

**(Contribution rate is five percent (5.0%))**

**Motion** by Munsie, seconded by Popovich the resolution be read. Mr. Bednar read the resolution. **Motion** by Munsie, seconded by Falce the resolution be adopted. Roll Call: Six ayes, no nays, one present (Olasz). Motion carried. Resolution given No. 1208.

**E. RESOLUTION OF THE BOROUGH OF WEST MIFFLIN, ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, IN SUPPORT OF KEEPING THE BRADDOCK HOSPITAL OPEN.**

**Motion** by Munsie, seconded by Falce the resolution be read. Mr. Bednar read the resolution. **Motion** by Munsie, seconded by Falce the resolution be adopted. Roll Call: Seven ayes, no nays. Motion carried. Resolution given No. 1209.

**F. Motion** by Popovich, seconded by Falce approving the Consolidation Plan request for Gary and Stephanie Dora involving lot & blocks 385-F-94, 385-F-96 and 385-F-98. Roll Call: Seven ayes, no nays. Motion carried.

**G. Motion** by Munsie, seconded by Falce approving the Bombardier and Union Railroad Company simple sub-division. Roll Call: Seven ayes, no nays. Motion carried.

**H. Motion** by Jabbour, seconded by Popovich approving the retention of Thomas Richards as Captain and Theresa Savage and Michael Ragan as Lieutenants with the West Mifflin Police Department, all having successfully completed their six (6) months probationary period. Under remarks, Mr. Stephenson expressed thanks to all three for working together in the absence of a Police Chief. Roll Call: Seven ayes, no nays. Motion carried.

**I. Motion** approving and authorizing Change Order No. 1 in the amount of \$30,087.16 and the payment of Periodic Estimate Number 3 in the amount of \$31,261.48 to A. Folino Construction, Inc. for additional work completed on Contract No. 2009-02, the Street Paving Program, with payment from the Capital Projects Fund.

**Motion** by Falce, hearing no second Agenda Item I fails.

**J. Motion** by Munsie, seconded by Popovich awarding the contract for Dog and Animal Control services for the period of January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011 to Ferree Kennels as per their proposal received October 23, 2009. Roll Call: Seven ayes, no nays. Motion carried.

**DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:**

**Community Development..... Walter Anthony**

Mr. Anthony read the Community Development Report for the month of November 2009.

**Finance..... Virginia Finnegan**

Ms. Finnegan read the Finance Report for the month of November 2009.

**Police..... Thomas Richards**

Acting Chief Richards read the Police Department Report for the month of November 2009.

**Mr. Olasz left the meeting at 7:50 p.m.**

**Public Works..... James Hess**

Mr. Hess read the Public Works Department Report for the month of November 2009.

**REPORT OF THE MAYOR:**

Mayor Andzelik thanked everyone involved in making the Annual Light-Up-Night a huge success.

**REPORT OF THE SOLICITOR:**

No report.

**REPORT OF THE ENGINEER:**

No report.

**REPORT OF THE BOROUGH MANAGER:**

Mr. Bednar reported that letters of interest would be accepted by any resident interested in serving on the Zoning Hearing Board, Sanitary Sewer Municipal Authority, Police and Employees Pension Boards, Vacancy Board & Streets Run Watershed Association until 12:00 noon on Thursday, December 24, 2009.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Motion** by Jabbour, seconded by Popovich that the Meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m. prevailing time.