

**TOWN OF McCANDLESS
MINUTES – COUNCIL’S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING
JULY 25, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Council President Aufman, with the following in attendance: Council Members: Zachary, Mertz, Powers, Walkauskas, LeDonne and McKim; also present, Town Attorney Ries, Town Manager Cordek, Assistant Town Manager Ebner, Police Chief Anderson, John Bojarski, Communications Assistant, Marie Haller, Administrative Assistant and citizens as per the sign-in sheet.

INVOCATION

The invocation was given by Councilmember McKim and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ANNOUNCEMENT – NEW MEETING PROCEDURE

Town Manager Cordek discussed the new meeting procedure policy and noted there are now two sign-in sheets, one being for those who sign-in prior to the start of the meeting at 7:30 p.m. and one for those arriving after 7:30 p.m. He also commented that citizens addressing council during the public comment portion of the meeting are required to sign-in as a matter of record.

MINUTES APPROVED

Motion was made by Councilmember LeDonne and seconded by Councilmember McKim to approve Council’s Regular Business Meeting Minutes of June 27, 2016, as submitted to each member of Council.

Motion carried unanimously.

BILLS APPROVED

Motion was made by Councilmember Powers and seconded by Councilmember Walkauskas to approve bills on List #6, dated June 28, 2016 through July 25, 2016, totaling \$607,394.80, as submitted to each member of Council and posted on the bulletin board.

Motion carried unanimously.

ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION

Motion was made by Councilmember Powers and seconded by Councilmember Walkauskas to accept the resignation of Robert J. Fall, member of the Personnel Board.

Councilmember Powers reported upon acceptance of this resignation the position will be opened for applicants to apply. She noted anyone interested may apply to serve on this board. The newly adopted policy and the application for appointment is posted on the Town’s website

at www.townofmccandless.org. Town Manager Cordek read the resignation letter and Council recognized that Mr. Fall has provided many years of service to the Town.

Motion carried unanimously.

**ORDINANCE No. 1459
ENFORCEMENT OF STOP SIGNS IN McCANDLESS CROSSING**

Motion was made by Councilmember LeDonne and seconded by Councilmember McKim to adopt Ordinance No. 1459, an ordinance permitting enforcement of stop signs at various locations within the development known as "McCandless Crossing". Councilmember LeDonne reported there have been several work sessions pertaining to this ordinance which has included review of the benefits as well as the drawbacks of additional signage in this development.

Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

John Henchar, 9161 Plateau Drive, requested Council develop and adopt a nuisance ordinance to address problematic properties, particularly those involving multiple police calls pertaining to public disturbances and public profanity. He urged Council to review policies adopted by other Towns. Mr. Henchar stated he previously discussed specific neighborhood issues with Mr. Walkauskas. Councilmember Walkauskas mentioned the Town has established zoning requirements and zoning districts relative to the location of group homes in the Town. Town Attorney Ries clarified that group homes are regulated by the Federal Government and he would review the property being discussed to determine if it meets current regulations.

Dee Speer, 9161 Plateau Drive, discussed an individual resident along with specific incidences she has witnessed on Plateau Drive. She discussed potential safety issues and her attempt to address concerns directly with both the property owner and the facility director and Allegheny Department of Health Services (DHS), both of whom are involved with the individual resident. She expressed her frustration with ongoing issues and with not knowing what can be done to address the situation. Councilmember LeDonne requested Chief Anderson contact DHS to inquire about this property to obtain information for further review. Town Attorney Reis encouraged Ms. Speer to contact the McCandless Police Department to report disturbances or issues observed.

Mark Donatelli, 9753 Griffith Road, shared that he recently met a couple of out of town visitors who referenced the Town's website. He complimented Town staff for the work that has been done on the Town's website. Mr. Donatelli asked Council about the Town's Emergency Department's equipment supply and their preparedness to address any significant event. Council President shared they are well equipped and has no knowledge of any deficiencies. Mr. Donatelli also discussed a newly installed and uniquely constructed basin on Route 19; he complimented the construction and suggested these type of basins are beneficial in McCandless.

INTERVIEWS
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

At approximately 8:04 p.m., the meeting adjourned for a brief recess before commencing the scheduled interviews of the Environmental Advisory Committee applicants. Interviews were conducted with four candidates.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion was made by Councilmember Powers to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Mertz and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tobias M. Cordek

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