

**TOWN OF McCANDLESS  
MINUTES – COUNCIL’S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
AUGUST 22, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:37 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, Bruce Betty, Land Use Administrator and Marie Haller, Administrative Assistant.

**INVOCATION**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENT  
BOY SCOUT RECOGNITION**

Town Manager Cordek recognized Matthew and Nicholas Santucci who are in the process of obtaining a Communication and Citizen in the Community Merit Badges for Boy Scout Troop #368 from St. Teresa Avila Church.

Town Manager also recognized Jacob Balbach who is in the process of obtaining a Citizen in the Community Merit Badge for Boy Scout Troop #335 from Northmont United Presbyterian Church. It was noted this is the last badge required to obtain prior to achieving Eagle Scout, the highest rank attainable in the Boy Scouts of America program.

**ANNOUNCEMENT  
McCANDLESS COMMUNITY DAY  
SEPTEMBER 10, 2016**

Councilman Aufman, Chairman of the Community Day Committee announced and invited all to attend this year’s 16th annual Community Day on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at the McCandless Town Hall. The day begins with a parade at 12:15 p.m., followed by an afternoon of live entertainment, amusement rides, food and exhibitors, concluding with a fireworks display at 9:00 p.m. Also noted, there will be a car cruise (2-6:00 p.m.) and hot air balloon rides (6-8:00 p.m.) at North Allegheny Intermediate School. A shuttle bus will operate from 11:30 a.m. to 9:45 p.m. , traveling between Town Hall, North Allegheny Intermediate School and Rave Cinemas.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Motion was made by Councilmember LeDonne and seconded by Councilmember McKim to approve Council’s Regular Business Meeting Minutes of July 25, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

**BILLS APPROVED**

Motion was made by Councilmember Powers and seconded by Councilmember Walkauskas to approve bills on List #7, dated July 26, 2016 through August 22, 2016, totaling \$1,696,243.23, as submitted to each member of Council and as posted on the bulletin board.

Motion carried unanimously.

**SITE PLAN APPLICATION  
WEXFORD VETERINARY HOSPITAL**

Motion was made by Councilmember McKim and seconded by Councilmember LeDonne to approve the site plan application for the Wexford Veterinary Hospital building to be located at 10309 Perry Highway, as per File No. 3012, sheets 1-12, prepared by Gibson Thomas Engineering Company, dated June 27, 2016, with the latest revisions being made August 18, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION No. 15 OF 2016  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Motion was made by Councilmember McKim and seconded by Councilmember LeDonne to approve Resolution No. 15 of the 2016 Series, a resolution to authorize the Council President and Town Manager to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Allegheny County Conservation District (ACCD) to define roles and responsibilities as defined by the law for regulatory programs and to substantiate Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) requirements.

Councilmember McKim provided a brief overview of this agreement and stated there has been an extensive review of this MOU between the ACCD and the Town. He noted, Jan Lauer, ACCD District Manager and David French, Allegheny County Stormwater Consultant attended the July 18 Zoning Committee to provide an overview of the ACCD and to answer questions about the MOU.

Motion carried unanimously.

**APPOINTMENT – CHIEF OF POLICE CHIEF  
DAVID R. DiSANTI, SR.**

Motion was made by Councilmember LeDonne and seconded by Councilmember McKim to appoint David R. DiSanti, Sr., as Chief of Police for the Town of McCandless, an exempt position, effective October 31, 2016, conditioned upon: 1) residency being established in the Town of

McCandless within one year of commencement of duties as Police Chief (November 1, 2017); 2) The Town of McCandless paying reasonable moving and packing expenses for one home based upon Chief DiSanti obtaining two quotes, reviewing those quotes with the Town Manager and utilizing the lowest responsible bidder; 3) passing medical and psychological examinations; 4) receiving twenty-eight vacation days during the first year of employment and earning one additional day of vacation per year of service thereafter, with such leave to be taken in accordance with the Town Personnel Manual; 5) receiving Longevity Pay after the completion of one year of service starting at the year 20 increment listed in the Memorandum of Understanding between the Town and the McCandless Police Officers' Association, and; 6) submittal of a current Municipal Police Officer Education and Training Commission (MPOETC) certification prior to the administration of the oath office.

Motion was made by Councilmember McKim and seconded by Councilmember LeDonne to amend the above motion to be effective November 1, 2016 and, conditioned upon: 1) residency being established in the Town of McCandless within one year of commencement of duties as Police Chief (October 31, 2017).

Motion carried unanimously.

Councilmember LeDonne commented that this appointment is a result of a national search which began approximately one and a half years ago to find a replacement for Chief Anderson upon notification of his retirement. Chief DiSanti was one of 51 applicants and he was recommended as a leading candidate identified by the executive search firm, this being prior to Council's selection and interviews with candidates. Councilman LeDonne remarked that Chief DiDanti honorably and in a distinguished manner served 27 years on the Town of McCandless Police Department. Since, he has served as Police Chief for the Borough of on the Oakmont where he is highly regarded in his position and reaching the pinnacle of his profession. Town Manager Cordek shared that a swearing in ceremony is tentatively scheduled on October 24, 2016, pending applicable conditions being fulfilled, as required.

RESOLUTION No. 16 OF 2016  
LOAN AUTHORIZATION – PEBBLES VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY  
PURCHASE OF A PIERCE "ENFORCER"  
(NEW HEAVY DUTY LADDER TRUCK)

Motion was made by Councilmember Walkauskas and seconded by Councilmember LeDonne to adopt Resolution No. 16 of the 2016 Series, a resolution authorizing a loan of \$400,000 at 0% interest to Peebles Volunteer Fire Department toward the purchase of a new Pierce "Enforcer" 107 foot heavy duty ladder apparatus from the Town's Fire Apparatus Revolving Loan Fund under a ten-year loan repayment schedule.

Motion carried unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION – REVIEW OF CANDIDATES  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (EAC) &  
NORTHLAND LIBRARAY AUTHORITY BOARD (NPL)**

At 7: 59 p.m. a motion was made by Councilmember LeDonne and seconded by Councilmember Powers to enter into an Executive Session to discuss candidates for the EAC and NPL.

Council President Aufman reconvened the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

**ACCEPTANCE OF RESIGNATION  
JOHN W. MURTAGH, JR., ESQUIRE**

Motion was made by Councilmember LeDonne and seconded by Councilmember Mertz to accept the resignation of John W. Murtagh, Jr., Esq., as member of the Northland Library Authority Board, effective immediately.

Motion carried unanimously.

**APPOINTMENT  
NORTHLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY AUTHORITY BOARD**

Motion was made by Councilmember LeDonne and seconded by Councilmember McKim to appoint Joan D. Powers to fill the unexpired term of office on the Northland Library Authority Board of John Murtagh, Jr., Esq., with said term of office ending December 31, 2017.

Council President Aufman called for the question on the motion. A vote was taken, (Ward: 1=N, 2=Y, 3=N, 4=Y, 5=N, 6=Y, 7=Y), resulting in a 4-3 roll call vote. The motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember McKim and seconded by Councilmember Powers to appoint William C. Kirk to a four year term on the Environmental Advisory Committee with said terms to commence on September 1, 2016 and expire on August 31, 2020.

Council President Aufman called for the question on the motion. A vote was taken, (Ward: 1=N, 2=Y, 3=N, 4=Y, 5=N, 6=Y, 7=Y), resulting in a 4-3 roll call vote. The motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Powers and seconded by Councilmember LeDonne to appoint Jason A. Singer to a four year term on the Environmental Advisory Committee with said terms to commence on September 1, 2016 and expire on August 31, 2020.

The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember McKim and seconded by Councilmember LeDonne to appoint Brian D. Moreth to a four year term on the Environmental Advisory Committee with said terms to commence on September 1, 2016 and expire on August 31, 2020.

Council President Aufman called for the question on the motion. A vote was taken, (Ward: 1=N, 2=Y, 3=N, 4=Y, 5=N, 6=Y, 7=Y), resulting in a 4-3 roll call vote. The motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Mertz and seconded by Councilmember Zachary to appoint Carolyn Schweiger to a four year term on the Environmental Advisory Committee with said terms to commence on September 1, 2016 and expire on August 31, 2020.

The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember Powers and seconded by Councilmember McKim to appoint Kenneth Allshouse to a two year term with said terms to commence on September 1, 2016 and expire on August 31, 2018.

Council President Aufman called for the question on the motion. A vote was taken, (Ward: 1=N, 2=Y, 3=N, 4=Y, 5=N, 6=Y, 7=Y), resulting in a 4-3 roll call vote. The motion carried.

Motion was made by Councilmember Walkauskas and seconded by Councilmember Mertz to appoint David G. Minard to a two year term with said terms to commence on September 1, 2016 and expire on August 31, 2018.

The motion carried unanimously.

Motion was made by Councilmember McKim and seconded by Councilmember LeDonne to appoint Michael J. Zdinak to a two year term with said terms to commence on September 1, 2016 and expire on August 31, 2018.

The motion carried unanimously.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Barbara Richards, 305 Manor Court, requested Council review the names of candidates appointed with their respective Ward. Ms. Richards questioned Council's decision regarding the appointments made. Councilmember Powers stated the candidates were selected based on qualifications, interviews and resumes.

Georgiana Likar, 10150 Grubbs Road, asked if Council weighed in political parties when selecting the candidates. Councilmember Powers replied that political parties were not mentioned. Councilman Mertz commented that it seemed to him that selections were based on contacts. Councilman McKim cautioned Council to refrain from sharing discussions held in Executive Session, noting it is sometimes difficult to separate what was discussed in that venue from the usually public portion of a meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, a motion was made by Councilmember Powers to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember LeDonne and the meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tobias M. Cordek

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