

**TOWN OF MCCANDLESS  
MINUTES – COUNCIL’S REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING  
JUNE 27, 2016**

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 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, Zoning Officer Betty and Marie Haller, Administrative Assistant.

**INVOCATION**

The invocation was given by Councilmember LeDonne and was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Councilmember LeDonne recognized the 72<sup>nd</sup> anniversary of the Battle of Normandy, which occurred June 6, 1944. Following the conclusion of the invocation, Councilmember McKim requested recognition and remembrance of his mother’s brother, Thomas A. Gagan, was born in Haverstraw, New York, was the second eldest in a family of six, and honorably served and survived the Battle of Normandy.

**MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT**

Town Manager Cordek announced there will be a Public Safety, Services, Works and Recreation Committee Meetings will be held on Monday, July 11, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was not originally scheduled due a potential scheduling conflict. A meeting notice will be posted and advertised as required by the Town’s Home Rule Charter.

**BOY SCOUT RECOGNITION**

Town Manager Cordek welcomed and recognized Boy Scout Alex Vogt, Troop 171 of Ingomar who is working on his Citizen in the Community badge.

**MINUTES APPROVED**

Motion was made by Councilmember LeDonne and seconded by Councilmember Mertz to approve Council’s Regular Business Meeting Minutes of May 23, 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 May 24, 2016 through June 27, 2016, totaling \$757,120.64, as submitted to each member of Council and as posted on the bulletin board.

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION No. 11 of 2016  
ESTABLISHMENT OF A SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY**

Motion was made by Councilmember Powers and seconded by Councilmember Walkauskas to adopt Resolution No. 11 of the 2016 Series, a resolution establishing a Social Media Policy for the Town of McCandless.

Attorney Kristin Biedinger of Tucker Arensberg was in attendance and was recognized by Town Manager Cordek for providing legal guidance to the Town pertaining to the development and implementation of this policy. It was explained the purpose of this policy will enable the Town to engage in Social Media with established guidelines that have been thoroughly reviewed by the Town's staff, Ms. Biedinger and Town Council. Preparations have been made to launch a Facebook site that will host comments and provide informational items to Facebook users.

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

**RESOLUTION No. 12 of 2016  
ESTABLISHMENT OF A MEETING PROCEDURES POLICY**

Motion was made by Councilmember Powers and seconded by Councilmember McKim to adopt Resolution No. 12 of the 2016 Series, a resolution establishing a Meeting Procedures Policy for Town Council Meetings.

Councilmember Walkauskas proposed an amendment to Item #6 to extend the three (3) minute time frame for comments to a maximum of five 5 minutes. He stated the purpose of his suggestion is to provide individuals with an opportunity to utilize a full five minutes to communicate.

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

Councilmember Walkauskas proposed an amendment to Item #9 to permit comments after each item on the agenda versus at the end of the meeting. He shared that this would be more effective and considerate to the public, preventing them from being required to stay for the duration of the meeting to comment on a particular matter. A vote was taken, (Ward: 1=Y, 2=N, 3=Y, 4=Y, 5=Y, 6=N, 7=N), resulting in a 4-3 roll call vote. The motion carried.

Council President Aufman called for the question on the motion to adopt Resolution No. 12 of the 2016 series, with the approved amendments. A vote was taken, (Ward: 1=Y, 2=Y, 3=Y, 4=Y, 5=Y, 6=Y, 7=N), resulting in a 6-1 roll call vote. The motion carried.

SUBDIVISION APPLICATION  
HAGEN PLAN

Motion was made by Councilmember McKim and seconded by Councilmember LeDonne to approve the simple subdivision application of property, a portion of which is located along Pine Creek Road and the private segment of Harmony Drive and at the terminus of Highview and Brooks Roads, to be known as the Hagen Plan as per File #35509, sheets 1 & 2, prepared by Tait Engineering, Inc., dated May 6, 2016, with the latest revision being June 10, 2016.

Councilmember McKim reported there has been significant discussion at four meetings and review of this application and the Town of McCandless Planning Commission has recommended this plan for approval.

Council President Aufman requested information regarding the latest revisions made to the plans originally submitted. Zoning Officer Betty provided an overview and noted all of these changes are recorded in the Planning Commission meeting minutes.

Dave Martin, 10585 Grubbs Road, expressed his confusion and objection to the review and approval of this application. He commented negatively regarding the process and stated he is unfamiliar with the location of this proposed plan and Council's approval process.

Council President Aufman stated that Council is following the procedures according to Act 247; Attorney Ries concurred. Councilmember McKim stated the subdivision application has been reviewed at multiple public meetings and there has been plenty of fair comment regarding this matter including attendance and input received by the property owner.

Mr. Martin got up to speak again. Council President Aufman denied the request and informed him of the new Meeting Procedures Policy adopted in June and that he had already shared his comment. From his seat, Mr. Martin commented that this is now going into Nazi-ism and asked when will the brown shirts be brought in.

Councilman McKim remarked that Mr. Martin's comments were totally inappropriate and urged him to attend more meetings.

Council President Aufman called for the question on the motion.

Motion carried unanimously.

LAND DEVELOPMENT APPLICATION  
VINCENTIAN ACADEMY  
ADDITIONAL CLASSROOM SPACE

Motion was made by Councilmember McKim and seconded by Councilmember LeDonne to approve the land development application of Vincentian Academy, located at 8100 McKnight Road, for the construction of additional classroom space as per Project #:170707, sheets 1-16, prepared by VEBH Architects, PC and Pashek Associates, dated May 6, 2016, with the latest revision being June 23, 2016.

Councilmember McKim reported this application has been thoroughly reviewed, discussed and recommended for approval by the Town of McCandless Planning Commission. He pointed out that this property has been reviewed at a minimum of three public meetings.

Motion carried unanimously.

ORDINANCE No. 1458  
FIRE LANE EXTENSION  
BAIERL CENTER – NEWMAN STADIUM

Motion was made by Councilmember LeDonne and seconded by Councilmember McKim to adopt Ordinance No. 1458, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 704, of the Codified Ordinances of the Town of McCandless, by adding to and amending Article 505, Section 505.05, entitled “Fire Lanes established; Parking Prohibited” to extend a fire lane in order to maintain emergency vehicle access on the driveway serving the Baierl Center, the Newman Stadium Complex and adjoining tennis courts within the North Allegheny High School campus.

Councilmember LeDonne reported that Chief Anderson has reviewed and discussed issues with traffic observed during events and games, particularly regarding blockage of these lanes and this being problematic to emergency vehicles.

Motion carried unanimously.

CONTRACT APPROVAL  
MORTON SALT (ROAD SALT)

Motion was made by Councilmember Mertz and seconded by Councilmember LeDonne to approve a road salt contract extension with Morton Salt under the North Hills Council of Government’s year two option at a price of \$66.40 per ton. Town Manager Cordek noted the cost is the same as last year’s price per ton.

Motion carried unanimously.

**BID REJECTION  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
GARAGE FLOOR RENOVATION**

Motion was made by Councilmember Mertz and seconded by Councilmember LeDonne to reject bids received for Public Works building floor renovations.

Motion carried unanimously.

**RESOLUTION No. 13 AND 14  
REQUESTING PENNDOT APPROVAL FOR BANNERS**

Motion was made by Councilmember Zachary and seconded by Councilman LeDonne to adopt Resolution Nos. 13 and 15 of the 2016 Series, resolutions requesting permission from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Transportation to place a banner across Peebles Road at Duncan Avenue and Perry Highway (Route 19) at Perrymont Road to advertise McCandless Community Day 2015. These resolutions are presented every year which are required for documentation of the permission from the Commonwealth in connection with Community Day.

The motion was passed unanimously.

**APPOINTMENT – COUNCILMEMBER KIM ZACHARY  
TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON – ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Council President Aufman appointed Councilmember Kim Zachary as Town Council Liaison to the Environmental Advisory Committee, with such appointment to commence immediately and expire January 2, 2018.

**APPOINTMENT – COUNCILMEMBER WILLIAM J. MCKIM  
TOWN COUNCIL ALTERNATE LIAISON – ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Council President Aufman appointed Councilmember William J. McKim as Town Council Alternate Liaison to the Environmental Advisory Committee, with such appointment to commence immediately and expire January 2, 2018.

**CITIZENS' SUGGESTIONS/COMMENTS**

Dan Kortum, 8281 Bramble Lane, discussed his frustration with the deer population in the Town and asked Council if there has been or will be plans by the Town to implement a program to decrease the number of deer in the neighborhoods. Council President Aufman stated the management of the deer population falls under the authority of Pennsylvania Game Commission; however, he explained that a deer culling program in North Park has been in existence for approximately 20 years, conducted by Whitetail Management. Town Manager

Cordek commented that there are also a number of archery hunters Council has granted permission to hunt on Town properties for the purpose of decreasing the deer population. Mr. Kortum asked if hunting is permitted on private property. Chief Anderson affirmed hunting is permitted on private property if the PA Game Commission's safety zone regulations are met.

#### ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, motion was made by Councilman LeDonne to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilwoman McKim and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Tobias M. Cordek  
Town Manager

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