

***MINUTES OF THE
TOPTON BOROUGH COUNCIL
MONDAY October 26, 2015***

Members of the Tipton Borough Council met on Monday October ~~12~~ 26, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. at Borough Hall for the regularly scheduled meeting. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Stauffer with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll call was taken and the following members were present Mr. Gehman, Ms. Lorah, Mr. Jost, Mr. Beck, Mr. Arndt, and Mr. Stauffer. Borough Secretary Marcus Dolny and visitors were also in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Mr. Beck, seconded by Mr. Gehman the minutes of October 12, 2015 were approved unanimously.

Visitors

Lt. Blugis from Pennsylvania State Police introduced himself to council. He provided updates on drug issues within the community. Numbers are down, but efforts are ongoing. The biggest issue is identity theft, and he reminds all communities about protecting yourself by securing homes and vehicles. On a final note asked council with possible assistance with future recruitment.

Secretary's Report

Mr. Dolny reported that Barry Isset received a bid to mill and overlay Lemon Alley (Included) at \$11,250.00. Mr. Beck made a motion to accept, seconded by Ms. Lorah and passing unanimously.

Budget

The initial draft budget was presented to council for their review.

~Major discussion points as follows:

- Currently the budget has a surplus in all funds, with no proposed increase in tax milage or utility rates.
- Paving projects were outlined as possible projects for 2016.
- Provisions for staffing needs, and possible changes to insurance offerings.
- Possibility of acquiring an ATV that also can use a variety of service attachments.
- Future concerns regarding an additional well for water.
- Possible restoration of sewer main on Barkley

Other Business

Bids were opened for the sale of the truck and blower. The official report will be given at the November meeting.

Berks surveying is looking at a lot line adjustment plan. Mr. Dolny asked if council wished for it to go through planning, and was informed that as long as it meets needed zoning requirements it could be brought directly to council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Council adjourned at 9:05 PM on a motion by Mr. Gehman, seconded by Mr. Beck.

The next Borough Council meeting will be held on November 9, 2015 at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Marcus V. Dolny
Borough Secretary