

Meeting Minutes of the Middletown Borough Council
Emergency Meeting
January 25, 2016

An Emergency Meeting of the Middletown Borough Council was called to order at 12:00 p.m. by Vice-President Damon Suglia. The following Council members answered roll call: Anne Einhorn, Dawn Knull, Robert Louer, Diana McGlone, Robert Reid, Ed Shull, and Damon Suglia. Greg Wilsbach arrived later at the meeting. Also present were Mayor James H. Curry III and Borough Secretary Bruce Hamer.

It was noted that President Kapenstein was absent due to the birth of his child.

Audience members included Emergency Management Coordinator Tom Foreman, Public Works Superintendent Chris Burkholder, Dan Miller from the Press and Journal, and Mike Bowman, 100 Wilson Street.

Mr. Suglia indicated the meeting was called to consider a proposed Disaster Emergency declaration from Mayor James Curry because of conditions created by the recent historic snowfall amounts.

MOTION by Anne Einhorn, second by Robert Louer to receive a proposal by Mayor James Curry III to declare a Disaster Emergency due to conditions caused by the historical snowfall of Winter Storm Jonas.

Mayor Curry made his emergency declaration and discussion then ensued on the matter. Snow removal activities have entered a clean-up phase and Mayor Curry indicated the snow needs to be removed from the streets. Chris Burkholder stated the truck being offered by Suez is not sufficient to handle the workload.

It was noted the disaster declaration is necessary in order to avoid any bidding requirements for procuring contractors to remove the snow. There was a discussion about possible reimbursement of excess expenses through the Dauphin County EOC. Mr. Reid opined that reimbursement for excess expenses may not occur. Tom Foreman indicated that any reimbursement would not be received quickly.

Discussion began about possible areas for dumping snow removed from the streets and about available contractors. Mr. Wilsbach arrived at the meeting as these discussions were ongoing. Mr. Burkholder suggested Borough properties in the Oak Hills area, near the swimming pool and ball fields in the lower end of town might be suitable for dumping snow.

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Several suggestions were made concerning possible contractors to hire for the snow removal work including ATO and York Excavating. Mr. Louer suggested the National Guard as a possible resource.

MOTION by Anne Einhorn, second by Robert Louer to amend the original motion to ratify approval of the Disaster Emergency Proclamation by Mayor James Curry III. Motion carried by a vote of 8 to 0.

Mr. Wilsbach commended the Public Works Department for their efforts and provided some explanation about the problems encountered in the snow removal efforts. Mayor Curry echoed Mr. Wilsbach's comments noting the ability to respond quickly will be dependent upon the availability of contractors to perform the work.

Several additional suggestions were made concerning areas to dump snow including dead end streets, Hoffer Park, and the vacant lots along Few Avenue. Mr. Reid suggested getting permission to use airport property.

Mr. Louer suggested the Red Horse Battalion as a possible resource. Mr. Burkholder indicated he would update Dan Miller from the Press Journal regarding snow removal activities. It was also noted there is a need to remove snow around fire hydrants.

Mr. Louer departed the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Adjournment – **MOTION** by Dawn Knull, second by Anne Einhorn to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting adjourned at 12:32 p.m.

Bruce Hamer
Borough Secretary