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Minutes Canton Borough Council November 9, 2009 7:00 p.m.

Canton Borough Council held a regular scheduled meeting on Monday, November 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at Canton Borough Hall, 4 North Center Street, Canton. Council members in attendance were: Alfonse Ciaccio, Roger Tracey, Eric Anderson, Ken Robertson, Sheila Riggs and Nichole Trick. Council member Will Holmes was absent.

Also attending were: Borough Administrator Amy C. Seeley, John Vineski, Eric Hrin, Mayor John Mosser, Chief Doug Seeley, Jason Robertson, Jerry Schmidt, John Shaffer, Kim Jennings, J. Scott May, John Farwell, III, Robert Hugg, Jr. and Larry Wright.

President Robertson called the meeting to order, led the Pledge of Allegiance and gave the invocation.

Administrators Report

Administrator Seeley updated Council on regulations in the Borough Zoning Ordinance regarding boarding houses. She stated that in light of the influx of the gas drilling business a lot of people are wanting to change their homes to boarding houses for the employees and most times it's probably being done without the Borough even knowing. Administrator Seeley asked that the newspaper representatives pass the information along to their readers so that the public knows the procedure and regulations for these boarding houses. She stated that a Special Exception Hearing by the Canton Borough Zoning Board is needed for a boarding house in the Low Density Residential District, the Medium Density Residential District and the Central Business District. Solicitor Brann stated that in all of those cases a boarding and lodging home may be permitted but only as a Special Exception. He stated that if there is a desire to convert a residential home into a boarding home then the resident would ask for a special exception through the Zoning Hearing Board and notices would be sent and the Zoning Hearing Board, based on input, would make a decision.

Anderson commented that building codes would play a part in the decision making as well.

Solicitor Brann stated that Administrator Seeley and he wanted to bring this information to Council's attention as it's probably happening in the Canton community and he hoped that the press would report the information appropriately.

Discussion was held regarding code applicability in Troy Township regarding boarding houses.

President Robertson continued the meeting until Monday, November 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

8:53 p.m.