

**BOROUGH OF MORTON
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2013**

The borough meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by council president Cimino. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited, and roll was called. The following was the roll call response. : Mr. Akins, Mr. Bissell, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Cimino, Mr. Dickerson, Ms. Roberts, Mr. Stubbs, and Mayor Piselli.

Also present: Engineer Catania, Solicitor Wills, and Tax Collector Nelson-Ruley.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Stubbs announced the passing of a resident. Ms. Roberts welcomed Mr. Akins back from his recent illness.

No public comment.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Bissell made a Motion to approve the minutes of January 2013. Mr. Dickerson seconded the Motion. All voiced approval. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS

Ms. Roberts Made a Motion to approve the monthly bills to be paid. Mr. Bissell seconded the Motion. Before the vote, Mr. Blunt questioned the invoice for DELCORA. Also discussed was the Springfield School District bill for \$1096, and the Allied Waste invoice. After explanations as to what they were, the vote continued. Roll call: Mr. Akins-yes, Mr. Bissell-yes, Mr. Blunt-yes, Mr. Cimino-yes, Mr. Dickerson-yes, Ms. Roberts-yes, Mr. Stubbs-yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FACILITIES:

Mr. Bissell reported that there were 9 building permits, no use and occupancy, and 2 contractor licenses.

Mayor Piselli reported that there were people in the park recently, and Mr. Dickerson did respond and took pictures of the damage that was done in the park.

Mr. Dickerson reported that PECO energy has proposed \$18,780 to repair Providence Road. Mr. Dickerson made a Motion to accept this proposal.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Cimino gave the tax collector's report for January 2013. Mr. Cimino also gave the sewer and trash collection report for January 2013.

Mr. Cimino gave a report on behalf of the finance committee regarding Centax and Berkheimer. There are questions that need to be answered for the loan for DVRFA.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Dickerson gave the police department report.

Fire Department

Mr. Connelly gave the Fire Department report for the month of January. The fire company is planning to do some fundraising; and they are planning on having a shed placed on the property for clothing drop off.

Mr. Dickerson gave a Motion to approve the placement of a Fire hydrant on the apron of the firehouse. Mr. Bissell seconded the Motion. Roll call: Mr. Akins-no, Mr. Bissell-yes, Mr. Blunt-yes, Mr. Cimino-yes, Mr. Dickerson-yes, Ms. Roberts-yes, Mr. Stubbs-yes. Motion carried.

The fire department would like to have a Public Safety day on April 27th.

HEALTH SAFETY AND SANITAITON

Mr. Bissell made a Motion to approve General Pipe Cleaning to video inspect Meter 5. The amount proposed was \$1850. Roll call: Jeff Akins-yes, Bill Bissell-yes, Sheldon Blunt-yes, Mario Cimino-yes, George Dickerson-yes, Michele Roberts-yes, Walter Stubbs-yes. Motion carried.

LAW & ORDINANCE

Mr. Blunt had no report; he did state that he would have to talk to the solicitor about the progress of the codification.

Mr. Blunt also explained the Comprehensive Plan to Mr. Stubbs in order to discuss 203 Woodland Avenue - Special Office/ Commercial district. He also stated that improvements are needed near the train station.

Mr. Stubbs did bring up an issue in his neighborhood; that has been an on-going issue.

COMMUNITIY DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Roberts brought up the Motion to approve Resolution 2013-12; for land use at 203 Woodland Avenue. Mr. Bissell made a Motion to go ahead and approve the Resolution. Mr. Dickerson seconded the Motion. However, after some discussion about the situation, Mr. Blunt stated that we need to take our time on this decision and table this until more discussion can be held.

Mr. Cimino states that the Comprehensive plan is only a guideline, will only impact future proposed development. Anything existing is not impacted by the Comprehensive plan. In order to move forward, it would have to be brought up to Mr. Blunt, and an ordinance can be drafted. As of now, you would need to ask the property owner to put

slats in the fence. Mr. Stubbs stated the gentleman was up here and that is when Mr. Stubbs stated he asked him, and he did not respond kindly.

Mr. Blunt then made a Motion to table the Motion that was just made. Mr. Cimino seconded that Motion. Roll call to table the Motion was held: Mr. Akins-yes, Mr. Bissell-no, Mr. Blunt-yes, Mr. Cimino-yes, Mr. Dickerson-no, Ms. Roberts-yes Mr. Stubbs-no. Motion to table was carried. This will be brought up again in the March meeting, council suggested Mr. Quinn be here for the March 6th committee meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Roberts stated that the Cable committee domain was still under the PSAB. We have a domain name with Mr. McGrath. We need a letter to cancel the domain name with PSAB. Ms. Roberts made a Motion to terminate the contract with PSAB. Mr. Bissell seconded the Motion, with the agreement that we keep the URL for one year. Mr. McGrath will help draft a letter to the PSAB. All voiced approval to terminate with PSAB. Motion carried.

PARKS AND RECREATION

No report. Mayor Piselli urged more resident participation.

CDCA

Mr. Lillicrapp reported that there was no meeting for February. He reported that there is a continuing debate about the Philadelphia agreement. They have to fine-tune the contract with Philadelphia in which DELCORA wants to expand for a treatment plant.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Piselli reported that the polling place for the election would be moved to the gym instead of the firehouse. She had a petition to sign in this regard. There had been many complaints on the location of the firehouse.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. McGrath spoke about the website, channel 44 is going to be Verizon. Mr. McGrath requested a release for the cable committee in order to film children. He did explain that the girl scouts to do a news set. The parents would need to sign off under age 18. Ms. Nelson Ruley suggested the Cable Committee draft a release to present to borough council. This was agreed upon.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dickerson made a Motion to adjourn at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Preston
Secretary