

**BOROUGH OF MORTON  
REGULAR PUBLIC  
MEETING 3-13-13**

The regular council meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by council president Cimino. The pledge was recited and roll was called; with the following being the roll call response: Mr. Akins-present, Mr. Bissell-present, Mr. Cimino-present, Mr. Dickerson-present, Ms. Roberts-present, Mr. Stubbs-present, and Mayor Piselli-present. Also present was Engineer Catania, Solicitor Wills, Chief Guarnera, and Tax Collector Nelson Ruley.

Mr. Blunt arrived after roll was called.

Council Comments – Ms. Roberts thanked the Mayor for the new chairs.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Bissell made a Motion to approve the minutes of the meeting for February, 2103. Mr. Dickerson seconded the Motion and all voiced approval. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS**

Ms. Roberts made a Motion to approve the bills for the month of February, 2013. Mr. Bissell seconded the Motion. 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.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PUBLIC FACILITIES**

Mr. Akins reported that there were 12 building permits, 1 Use and Occupancy certificate, and 7 contractor licenses issued.

Mr. Bissell made a Motion to approve American Tower proposed agreement regarding access road and repairs to Jacob's Park field. Mr. Dickerson seconded the Motion. Mr. Stubbs did question if families would be notified that live in the area, because of truck fumes. Is there a provision that trucks cannot idle? Mr. Wills responded that he has not consulted with any neighbors. Mr. Cimino stated that there is a State law now that regulates that issue. If there is such a need we can enforce this under the State law. Mr. Stubbs suggested we add this provision. Roll call: Mr. Akins-yes, Mr. Bissell-yes, Mr. Blunt-yes, Mr. Cimino-yes, Mr. Dickerson-yes, Michele Roberts-yes, Mr. Stubbs-No. Motion carried.

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

Ms. Ruley, the tax collector, gave the tax collection report for February 2013. The report is in the file.

Mr. Cimino gave the February sewer and trash collection reports.

Mr. Cimino briefly discussed the Motion to contact the State legislator and Senator to voice opposition or suggestion of reallocation of State aid. Mr. Bissell made a Motion to take care of this letter. Mr. Dickerson seconded the Motion. Voice vote – approval. Motion carried.

Mr. Bissell made a Motion to approve Maureen Koch as the borough treasurer. Mr. Stubbs seconded the Motion. 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.

Mr. Bissell made a Motion to approve the agreement with Centax relating to delivery of electronic records. Mr. Stubbs seconded the Motion. 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 SAFETY**

Mr. Dickerson read the police report for the month, which is on file.

There will be a Public Safety Day on April 27 10-2- with a rain date of May 4, 2013.

Mr. Dickerson made a Motion to approve proposed agreement with Haverford township for the US Open police assistance. Mr. Bissell seconded the Motion. 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.

### **HEALTH/SANITATION**

Mr. Stubbs made a Motion to accept the quote from General Sewer for the grouting work on Meter #5 area the quoted amount was \$4300. . Mr. Catania explained the issue of the leaks in the area and this proposal is to seal the leaks. This does not totally answer the #5 issue. Mr. Bissell seconded the Motion. 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.

### **LAW & ORDINANCE**

Mr. .Blunt had no report; had not met with MR. Wills to date; but he would revisit the proposal from Keystate. He wanted to revise the fence ordinance and create a shopping cart ordinance and revise the zoning ordinance within the next 4 weeks.

Mr. Cimino informed him that his committee did meet and decided to meet with business owners about the sign ordinance; to get their suggestions.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Ms. Roberts asked if the cable commission could utilize the children in the community, specially the girls scouts. She had a release form from the cable commission regarding children.

Michele Miller interjected that the form was a draft, and a package would be given to Mr. Wills. One of the things on the release was the cable companies. They are requiring that they be listed on the release. We are giving Mr. Wills as well as the council members which show other releases; we do not have any from other boroughs yet. The school districts have nothing to do with this; they have their own.

Mr. Cimino stated the legal ramifications of such releases; are an issue, whether these releases are valid and binding. There is case law that states a parent or guardian can't sign a release that waives the rights of a minor child. He did not want the cable committee to be on a comfort level that if these are signed, we are in good shape.

Ms. Roberts reported that the Recycling Committee would be meeting next week. We may be doing another electronic recycling very soon; possibly combining with Rutledge and Swarthmore. Mr. Bissell reported that apparently in his neighborhood, some people may be going through the recycling bins. He would have the chief look into this.

#### **PARKS AND RECREATION**

Mayor Piselli reported that a meeting would be held March 20, 2013 at 7:00 and that the July 4<sup>th</sup> parade committee and summer recreation program will be in attendance.

#### **CDCA REPORT**

Mr. Lillicrapp reported that the CDCA met on March 12 the loan was approved for the test meters 2 for Morton at \$14,000. We will pay for installation and maintenance.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Wills gave a report regarding the PennDOT Capital Improvement loan – we may be approved for this loan.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

County Council will be working on a strategic planning.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Bissell made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Preston,  
Secretary