

**BOROUGH OF MORTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 8, 2013**

The regular meeting of May, 2013 was called to order at 7:32 p.m. by Council President Cimino. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll was called with the following response: Mr. Akins-present, Mr. Bissell-present, Mr. Cimino-present, Ms. Roberts-present, Mr. Stubbs-present, Mayor Piselli-present. –After roll call: Mr. Blunt. Absent: Mr. Dickerson.

Also Present –Sgt. LaSpina, Engineer Catania, and Solicitor Wills.

Council Comments: Mr. Cimino announced that Law and Ordinance Committee and Finance will consolidate; and will consist of Michele Roberts, Bill Bissell and himself. NO other comments.

No public Comments on agenda Items

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Roberts made a Motion to approve the minutes of April 2013.

Mr. Bissell seconded the Motion. All voiced “aye” approval. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF APRIL BILLS

Mr. Bissell made a Motion to approve payment of bills for April. Ms. Roberts seconded the Motion. Roll call: Mr. Akins-yes, Mr. Bissell-yes, Mr. Blunt-Abstain, Mr. Cimino-yes, Ms. Roberts-yes, Mr. Stubbs-yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FACILITIES

Mr. Bissell reported that he would be contacting two more contractors for tree removal at 636 Cedar lane area. Mr. Bissell reported that we had 12 building permits, 1 Use and Occupancy, and 1 Contractor License issued for April.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Cimino gave the tax collection report for April as follows: Balance collectible at the beginning of the month -\$183,587.08. A deduction of \$371.00 – total collectible of \$183,216.08. Face collections were \$59,380.48. Balance collectible at the end of the month of \$123, 835.60. Total cash collected less discounts was \$58, 488.19.

Sewer and trash collections: Sewer – current –month to date: \$4,605.83; year to date \$119,780.51. prior rents – month to date \$335.99 – year to date: \$22,806.49. Rubbish – month to date – current -\$5,204.80; year to date \$108, 666.22. Prior rents- month to date were \$615.04; year to date: \$11,773.78.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Sgt. Laspina read the police report in Mr. Dickerson’s absence. They had 249 calls; 39

traffic citations and assisted 25 other police assists. 3 assaults, 19 suspicious conditions, 10 domestic disturbances, 22 medical emergencies, and 111 parking tickets. They attended Public Safety day and had 100% participation.

Fire Dept. report – MR. Connelly gave the fire department report. There were 22 incidents, company was in service 23 hours and 47 minutes, for 179 man hours. Non-emergency – 7 details, totaling 22 hours –attended by 53 members for 1166 man hours. Total amount of non emergency was 36 hours and 32 minutes. He added that Public safety day went very well, 200 residents were present. Coming up; the SPCA has requested our assistance again to microchip our pets and low cost vaccinations. This year they would like to use our Morton station on Alfa Terrace. July, August in September on a Tuesday.

PUBLIC HEALTH/SAFETY/SANTATION

Mr. Stubbs reported that recently the trash company, Republic had an oil or unknown substance leak out of their truck onto the borough roads. They did take care of the removal of the substance from the borough streets.

LAW & ORDINANCE

Mr. Bissell made a Motion to approve Resolution 2013-04 – the Liquor License Transfer for 23 Woodland Avenue. Solicitor Wills explained the issue prior to the vote. Mr. Stubbs then seconded the Motion. Roll call: Mr. Akins-yes, Mr. Bissell-yes, Mr. Blunt-yes, Mr. Cimino-yes, Ms. Roberts-yes, Mr. Stubbs-yes. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Roberts reported that the Morton Communication Commission met, and they are in need of volunteers for video production. The recycling committee will meet Tuesday May 14th. She also reported that she and the Mayor met for a meeting regarding greenspace at Smedly Park.

PARK AND RECREATION

Mayor Piselli announced that the meeting for Park and Recreation would be held May 15th at 7:30 p.m. Mulch is going to be delivered to Jacob's park. The music fest is scheduled to be May 11 from 5-9. She urged attendance.

CDCA

Mr. Lillicrapp reported that no meetings were held; but the Finance committee did meet regarding emergency repairs and long-term capital improvements for \$346 million – Delcora is responsible for 9.47%.

There is a \$2billion long-term capital improvement plan for the southwest treatment plant.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Jackie Guy – 635 Country Lane - had a petition for a 25 mph speed limit sign and discussed with council the speeding problem and the problem with traffic. She did claim that there are approximately 75 children on Country Lane, and people do not stop for these children. Sgt Laspina stated they will again do a traffic study in the area.

Rose Morse 18 Pennington - complained about tires at 10 Pennington, and FEA trash situation. Mr. Bissell stated he would go visit the owner of the FEA. Mr. Blunt and Ms. Roberts again stated they would go together to meet the owner of FEA.

Michele Miller – 500 block of N. Morton – Complained about Springfield Trucks parking in front of the Check Cashing building at 2 N. Morton Avenue. Sgt. Laspina stated he would look into this matter.

Diane Minton – Country Lane (no # address given) - Complained about paving on her street. Council did explain that this street is on the list for repair.

Lisa Lockley – 114 Harding – questioned if trash could be picked up an extra day after the 4th of July.

George Latch – 21 Woodland Avenue – his dumpster was set on fire recently, and thanks to his camera, they did find out who did it. He also thanked the Fire Department for their quick response.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bissell made a Motion to adjourn the meeting, and the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 8th day of May, 2013

Martha Preston, Secretary