

**BOROUGH OF MORTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 12, 2013**

The borough meeting for June 12 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 response: Mr. Akins, Mr. Bissell, Mr. Cimino, Ms. Roberts, Mr. Stubbs, and Mayor Piselli. Also present was Sgt LaSpina and Solicitor Wills.
Absent: Sheldon Blunt and George Dickerson.

Council Comments – Mr. Stubbs recognized that Mayor Piselli recently attended his church. Ms. Roberts thanked everyone for attending the function on Friday evening. Mario also thanked PECO.

Public Comments on Agenda – no

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Roberts made a Motion to approve the minutes for May 2013, Mr. Bissell seconded the motion. All voiced approval. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF MONTHLY BILLS

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC FACILITIES

Mr. Bissell reported that there were 8 building permits, 3 Use and Occupancy certificates issued, and 5 Contractor licenses issued.

Mr. Bissell made a Motion to authorize the Engineer to advertise for the Road Resurfacing program. Mr. Catania did give a list of the roads, and the alternates were the borough parking lot and Morton Avenue from Providence to Amosland.

Mr. Akins seconded the Motion. Roll Call: Mr. Akins-yes, Mr. Bissell-yes, Mr. Cimino-yes, Ms. Roberts-yes, Mr. Stubbs-yes. Motion carried.

Tree quotes –Pisani's tree – 636 Cedar: Mr. Bissell only had one quote, the others did not respond. He did recommend we go with Rick's Tree Service at \$1200. Mr. Bissell made a Motion to approve Rick's quote for the fallen tree at \$1200. Mr. Cimino clarified that it is the borough owned right of way. Mr. Stubbs stated that the Johnson's did remove the tree today, and based on this information, they did modify the Motion to reflect that information. Mr. Stubbs seconded the Motion with the amendment. Mr. Akins-questioned first – does the quote include the clean-up?

Mr. Bissell explained that it was only the cutting not taking away.

Ms. Roberts felt we need two more bids before we just approve. After some discussion, council moved to table the Motion. All voiced approval to Motion, that Motion carried.

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION & LAW

Ms. Nelson Ruley gave the tax collection report for the month of May 2013. beginning balance for May was \$123,835.60; with \$30,338.93 transferred to the General fund, with an ending balance of \$93,496.67.

Mr. Cimino gave the sewer and rubbish collection for May 2013. Sewer – month to-date - \$42,037.54. Year to date - \$150, 614.16. sewer – prior – none. Year to date - \$24,761.48. Rubbish – current – month to date: \$774.40; year to date: \$109, 440.62. Prior rents – month to date \$618.52; year to date: \$13,294.34.

Mr. Bissell made a Motion to approve the Resolution authorizing Morton Borough to enter into a loan agreement with the PA Infrastructure Bank for Road resurfacing. Mr. Wills did explain the Motion, and the amount is \$478,250 over a period of 10 years at 1.625%; which is an annual payment of \$52,202.26. Mr. Akins seconded the Motion. Roll: Mr. Akins-yes, Mr. Bissell-yes, Mr. Cimino-yes, Ms. Roberts-yes, Mr. Stubbs-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Bissell made a Motion to authorize advertisement of Ordinance 719, authorizing the issuance of a General Obligation Note in the amount of \$478,250.00. Mr. Akins seconded the Motion. Roll call: Mr. Akins-yes, Mr. Bissell-yes, Mr. Cimino-yes, Ms. Roberts-yes, Mr. Stubbs-yes. Motion carried. Roll call: Mr. Akins-yes, Mr. Bissell-yes, Mr. Cimino-yes, Ms. Roberts-yes, Mr. Stubbs-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Bissell made a Motion to approve the Independent Contractor agreement with Mr. Richard Marino to do the codification. Mr. Cimino discussed that he will take care of the completion of the codification. We have determined that it is more work than council can handle on their own. Mr. Marino is willing to provide these services and only additional compensation, Mr. Marino also indicated he wishes to retire from his duties as finance administrator on March 31, 2014. From now until December 31, 2013 he will work on the codification and he will be available to train the person to take over the financial aspect of the borough. Ms. Roberts seconded the Motion. Roll call: Mr. Akins-yes, Mr. Bissell-yes, Mr. Cimino-yes, Ms. Roberts-yes, Mr. Stubbs-yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Sgt. LaSpina gave the police report, there were 296 calls; and he gave the breakdown. The report is on file.

Sgt. LaSpina reported that the US Open is being handled well; he and two other officers are representative of Morton. They are very appreciative of the help they are receiving, yesterday was a practice day, and there were 25,000 people.

Sgt LaSpina responded that a traffic survey was done on Country lane – 24 hour study. Wednesday, May 29 to June 4th. Low rating – 1.6% are enforcing the speed violations. He does have a breakdown of the speeds they were going. 517 cars between 21-25 mph. 206 between 26-30, and 40 cars were doing 31-35. Bill questioned the time frame as to when the higher speeds were occurring. The chief had that report, but Sgt did not have the report with him at the time of the meeting, but will have a full report at the end of the month.

Mr. Cimino then did open the meeting briefly to residents of Country Lane to discuss the traffic issues. There was open discussion among the residents for quite awhile. MR. Bissell then announced a public meeting would be held on June 26, at 7:30 to discuss these issues.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Jerry Connelly reported that they had 186 hours of training, and there would be a microchip program sponsored by the SPCA at the fire house from July 23 to 8/20.

HEATH/SAFETY/SANITATION

Mr. Stubbs reported that the trash company has a rule that they will not accept any trash that his heavier than 45 lbs. He also urged those that walk their dogs in the park or around the borough to clean up after them.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Roberts made a Motion to appoint Jenny Citino to the Communications Cable Committee. All council voiced approval by “aye” vote. Motion carried. Ms. Roberts discussed briefly the possibility of having a dog park in Morton.

Mr. Carlton Bagby was introduced as heading the 4th of July parade. Mr. Bagby gave council a rundown of what was gong to take place at the parade. He gave the parade route and the rain date would be Saturday the 6th of July. Ms. Roberts made a Motion to approve the borough donation of \$500 to the Parade. Mr. Bissell seconded the Motion. Roll call: Mr. Akins-yes, Mr. Bissell-yes, Mr. Cimino-yes, Ms. Roberts-yes, Mr. Stubbs-yes. Motion carried.

PARK & RECREATION

Mayor Piselli announced that the meeting is schedule for June 19, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

CDCA

Mr. Lillicrapp gave a brief report on the Act 537 update and the financial impact it would have on the borough. A copy was given to borough council. A resolution would have to be passed.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Sandra Lee – 16 Alfa – complained about the borough property trees, falling on her fence. Mr. Bissell announced that he would call three contractors first thing in the morning.

Michael Fiorentino – 32 Providence – complained about the severe mosquito problem in his neighborhood. He also complained about Providence Road.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Stubbs made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:15.

Respectfully,

Martha Preston
Secretary
Morton Borough