

**BOROUGH OF MORTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JULY 10, 2013**

Sheldon Blunt, vice president, called the borough meeting for July to order. The Pledge was recited, and roll was called. The following was roll call response: Jeff Akins-present, Sheldon Blunt-present, George Dickerson-yes, Michele Roberts-yes, , and Mayor Piselli-present. Also present was Solicitor wills, Tax Collector Nelson-Ruley. Absent: Bill Bissell.

Present after roll call: Mario Cimino. Walter Stubbs

Public Comment on Agenda – no comments

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF JUNE 2013

Ms. Roberts made a Motion to approve the minutes of June 2013. Mr. Dickerson seconded the Motion. Voice vote. All voted approval by “aye”. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS-JUNE 2013

Ms. Roberts made a Motion to approve the bills be paid. Mr. Akins seconded the Motion. Roll call: Jeff Akins-yes, Sheldon Blunt-yes, Mario Cimino-yes, Geroge Dickerson-yes, Michele Roberts-yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC FACILITIES

Mr. Blunt read the building inspector report – 11 Building permits, 20 Use and Occupancy certificates issued, and 2 contractor licenses issued.

STREET PAVING

Mr. Cimino began a discussion of the street paving bids received. The bids were competitive. The total low bid was \$365,880 (base bid of \$287,020, alternate #1 includes Morton Avenue from Providence to Amosland Road -\$64,840 and Alternate #2, - Borough Hall parking lot - \$14,020 by Joseph E. Sucher and Sons.

Mr. Rodriguez who was here representing Catania Engineering spoke briefly about Sucher and Sons, that they have done quite a lot of work in the area, and will do their work on time and complete on schedule. There are no reasons why we would not consider their low bid.

Mr. Cimino read the other bids – Innovative Construction –base bid -\$308,457.25; alternate #1 - \$65,548.75; Alternate #2 -\$13,940. A.F. Damon –base bid \$322,035, and alternate #1 -\$59,940, and Alternate #2-\$16,396.00. Allan Myers LP – base bid \$373,680, Alternate #1 - \$77,650; and Alternate #2 -\$14,500.

Mr. Blunt suggested we discuss and vote on next month, pending release of funding from PennDot.

Mr. Wills explained that procedure would be to pass an ordinance is up for adoption this evening that would authorize the borough to incur the general obligation to PennDot in the amount of \$478,250. We will need to advertise this ordinance then we will need to obtain approval of the occurrence of the debt from PA DCED. Once receive this approval, then additional documents will be forwarded to PennDot. We do not expect loan proceeds to be disbursed until August.

Mr. Cimino stated the ordinance would be put on the August agenda council meeting.

Mr. Dickerson made a Motion to approve advertisement of Ordinance 720, an ordinance in regard to stop signs at Country Lane, Country Circle and Sycamore Avenues. Ms. Roberts seconded the Motion. Roll call: Jeff Akins-yes, Sheldon Blunt-yes, Mario Cimino-yes, George Dickerson-yes, Michele Roberts-yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

SWEAR-IN POLICE OFFICERS

Thomas Morrow – Glenolden, PA. Mr. Dickerson read a brief description of Mr. Morrow. Mayor Piselli then swore in Mr. Morrow for work on Morton Borough police department.

James Brawley – Ridley Township – he also read a brief description of Mr. Brawley. They were both sworn in to the Morton Borough police department

POLICE REPORT

Mr. Dickerson did read the June police report

FIRE REPORT

Mr. Connelly was absent – no fire report

INLET @ PROVIDENCE ROAD

Mr. Dickerson briefly discussed the inlet that is collapsed on Providence Road, near Morton Avenue. Mr. Cimino questioned the right of way for this area; he questioned if the deterioration if this was from previous years and if it was in imminent danger of collapse. Mr. Catania stated if this is not repaired, it will get worse, but it can wait until the repaving is approved. This was tabled until next month until the street paving bids are approved. Some discussion was held on the responsibility of Providence Road. The solicitor stated that as long as he has been solicitor the borough of Morton has always been responsible.

FINANCE, LAW, AND ADMINISTRATION

The tax collector read the June tax report; this will be on file in the borough office. The opening balance was 93,496.67. 0 tax collections for June ending balance was 93,496.67. Actual cash collected 934.11; this was recorded and postmarked as a may

31st collection; additionally 515.00 in certification and duplicate bills. Actual cash deposited was \$1449.11.

SEWER AND TRASH REPORT – JUNE 2013

Sewer rents – month to date : \$51,508.88; year to date \$213,326.93; Year to date prior \$29,663.28.

Trash – month to date \$774.40. Year to date \$109,440.62. Prior rents month to date \$515.55; year to date: \$15,910.94.

Mr. Blunt commented on ordinance 719 before it was approved – section 7. This requires us to have a sinking fund for the general obligation note. He questioned if we can require that we maintain a certain amount of money in that sinking fund? He was concerned that there would not be a sufficient ‘cushion’.

Some of us may not be here on council in 10 years, so he wanted to make mention so the borough is not stressed, trying to make this note.

Mr. Wills responded that this is a management issue within the borough. We are required to maintain monies in Sharon Savings Bank, and sufficient money should be in the account - \$52,000 per year for 10 years. He suggested a Resolution be drafted for this purpose at a later time.

Ms. Roberts made a Motion to approve Ordinance 719; the issuance of a General obligation note in the amount of \$478,250. Mr. Dickerson seconded the Motion. Roll call: Jeff Akins-yes, Sheldon Blunt-yes, Mario Cimino-yes, George Dickerson-yes, Michele Roberts-yes, and Walter Stubbs-yes.

HEALTH/SAFETY/SANITATION

Mr. Stubbs announced the discussion of Resolution 13-05; adopting the Delaware County Act 537 Sewage Facilities Plan update. He stated he was in the office and suggested that Mr. Lillicrapp speak on this subject. He did suggest a meeting.

Mr. Rodriguez was not aware of all the issues with this Facilities Plan. He was aware of the Lateral ordinance.

Mr. Lillicrapp gave his brief comments; these are estimates, and all the meetings said 2.1 billion, and other reports say 2.4 billion. This means anywhere from \$110,000 to \$140,000 per year for the borough. He thinks at a minimum it should be discussed among council and solicitor any municipality should see a copy of the contract with DELCORA and the Philadelphia Water Authority. DELCORA did hire a high profile firm that specialized in very intricate negotiations for this type of agreement. We have new members coming on; but they will not have any pool flows till 2015. The service agreement was signed in 1973.

After very lengthy discussion, it was suggested a meeting be held to discuss this further. It was decided to have a meeting on Wednesday of July the 24th at 7:30 p.m.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mrs. Roberts commended the July 4th committee on the parade. It was very receptive and good for the community overall. She did thank the chief of police and the fire company.

She stated the Cable Commission met yesterday evening. She commented on the views on the website.

Recycling committee will meet Monday July 22nd. We did receive a grant for \$3020, and we should receive in 6-8 weeks.

She stated we might reach out to Republic and have a discussion on where we are and the strategy of our trash.

We are also preparing to have electronic recycling on September 8, and this is forthcoming.

PARK AND RECREATION

Mayor announced the next meeting is scheduled for July 19, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Dickerson made a Motion to adjourn at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully,

Martha Preston
Secretary