

**BOROUGH OF MORTON  
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
AUGUST 14, 2013**

The regular public meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by President of Council, Cimino. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and then roll was called; with the following response: Jeff Akins-present, Bill Bissell-present, Sheldon Blunt—present, (entered after name was called), George Dickerson-present, Mario Cimino-present, George Dickerson-present, Michele Roberts-present, Mayor Piselli –Present.

Present After roll call: Walter Stubbs.

Also present, Solicitor Wills, and Chief Guarnere.

Council Comments: Mr. Stubbs offered condolences to those who lost family members recently in Morton.

Public Comments – none

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Bissell made a Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of July 2013. Mrs. Roberts seconded the Motion. All voiced approval by saying “aye” , none opposed. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS**

Mr. Bissell made a Motion to approve the paying of the bills for July, 2013. Mr. Stubbs seconded the Motion. Roll call: Mr. Akins-yes, Mr. Bissell-yes, Mr. Blunt (abstain) Mr. Cimino-yes, Mr. Dickerson-yes, Ms. Roberts-yes, Mr. Stubbs-yes. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PUBLIC FACILITIES**

Mr. Bissell read the building inspector report for July, 2013. There were 14 building permits issued, 5 use and occupancies issued and 1 contractor license issued.

Mr. Bissell made a Motion to approve the street paving bids. The low bid of \$365,880 (base bid of \$287,020) Alternate #1 Morton Avenue-Providence to Amosland, \$64,840, and Alternate #2 – Borough Hall parking lot - \$14,020. by Joseph E. Sucher and sons. The cul-de-sac on Providence Road was deleted. Mr. Dickerson 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 change order for street paving bid to include the inlet repair n Providence Road (between West and Highland Avenue). Mr. Dickerson 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 Ordinance 720, an Ordinance of the Borough of Morton to amend, supplement, change, and modify the provisions of Ordinance 483, article 1, Section 9, providing for the establishment of certain stop intersections” by amending said ordinance to include additional stop signs at Country Lane @ Country Circle North and South, and Sycamore Avenue @ Country Lane South and West. 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.

#### **FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION & LAW**

Mr. Cimino read the tax collection report for July 2013. The balance collectible at the beginning of the month was \$93,496.67, face collections - \$7, 375.16; balance collectible of \$86,121.51. There were also penalties of \$737.52; bringing a total cash collected to \$80,112.68; and there were other adjustments, certification fees of \$410.00 which brings the total cash collected to 8522.68.

#### **SEWER AND TRASH COLLECTION REPORT**

Sewer – current month to date \$11,891.21; year to date \$227,131.69; prior rents month to date \$3,753.84; and year to date prior \$37,217.53.

Rubbish – month to date \$580.80; year to date \$110, 021.42. Prior month to date collected was \$1038.67; year to date \$18,543.95.

#### **BUDGET SCHEDULE**

Mr. Cimino set the 2014 schedule as the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays of September – December, 2013. The time will be 7:00 p.m. The first ones, being September 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

#### **RESOLUTION – STREET PAVING**

Mr. Bissell made a Motion to establish a minimum balance to be maintained in the street paving escrow account. Mr. Dickerson seconded the Motion. 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.

#### **ESCROW RETURN**

Mr. Bissell made a Motion to refund Escrow amount for Aldridge and Sabrina Fox –216 Newell Street. The amount was announced as \$2288, however Mr. Catania corrected that the correct amount should have been \$6300.00; balance remaining was \$2288.00. Mr. Bissell corrected his Motion to reflect. Mr. Dickerson seconded that Motion. 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.

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Dickerson did read the police report for July. This report is on file.

Fire Department report – The fire department was interested in placing a trailer on the borough property.

Mr. Catania did explain that council is able to approve this, as long as it is placed in the rear of the property and landscaping is provided.

Mr. Wills advised that they defer until a member of the fire department can explain further. Mr. Dickerson was asked to contact the fire chief on this matter.

Mr. Dickerson did thank the police department for helping us during recent funerals.

### **HEALTH/SAFETY/SANITATION**

Mr. Stubbs made a Motion the committee recommends that correspondence is sent to DELCORA to the effect that the borough council does not believe they can consider the act 537 draft facilities plan update without providing additional critical information regarding financial ramifications of the plan, including at a minimum, the contract of February 19 2013, between DELCORA and city of Philadelphia, coverage sewage treatment from 2013-2028. The Motion was amended to say that the correspondence be sent to the Delaware County Planning Commission instead of DELCORA. Mr. Bissell seconded that Motion. 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.

Mr. Stubbs made a Motion that the draft Act 537 Sewage Facilities plan update be sent to the engineer as well as the Morton Borough planning commission for their review and comments. Mr. Bissell seconded the Motion. 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.

Mr. Stubbs recognized Mr. Lillicrapp for his comments. He did state that the borough council has a right to know these issues.

Mr. Cimino stated that Mr. Wills will prepare the letter and send to council for approval. Discussion was held regarding the establishment of lateral inspection ordinances. Mr. Bissell stated this will add to the cost of selling homes, and will place a burden on sellers. This should not be mandated, and he stated we should be aware and keep abreast of this situation.

Mr. Cimino stated that DELCORA is stating that we have homes that were built in the 1920's, and some laterals have not been looked at in many years and may be leaking. He understands that the realtors association is concerned that this may prevent sales going through and may be more fair is this perhaps a randomly selected percentage of municipalities. Mr. Lillicrapp stated that they are suggesting that each municipality would have a rolling schedule. He further explained that they suspect that there is where most of the I&I is coming from.

Mr. Bissell stated that he has insurance on his lateral through AQUA; if you need the laterals replaced. He stated we should get the word out to the residents. Lengthy

discussion was held on this matter.

Mr. Lillicrapp mentioned the agreement from 1973; that the borough should have. Mr. Bissell did mention that he would come up to the borough and help locate that file.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Ms. Roberts reported that Eddystone Borough was pleased with a meeting they attended here with our Recycling Committee. Ms. Roberts stated that September 7<sup>th</sup> would be the Electronic Recycling and Shredding Event. The first part is 9:00-12:00. Then the Shredding will be afterwards. Ms. Roberts made a Motion that council has agreed to utilize services of Centac for 2 hours for shredding, at a total price of \$400 from the recycling funds just received. Mr. Bissell seconded the Motion. All council approved by saying "aye".

Ms. Roberts did state that we received a grant from PECO for \$500. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July is to re-submit \$500 back to the borough as they had leftover funding.

### **PARKS AND RECREATION**

The mayor announced that the next meeting will be September 18<sup>th</sup>. She did question that Summer Recreation resolution will be taken care of by the Park and Recreation Committee. Mr. Cimino explained what the suggestions were. Mayor announced that a good time was had by the attendees this year, and all went well.

### **PLANNING**

The next meeting will be held on August 27, 2013 at 7:30 p.m.

### **CDCA**

Mr. Lillicrapp reported that there was no August meeting, and they did have a budget meeting on August 7. They did go over their cash allocations; they looked at treatment costs, and anticipating that based on the percent of total flow they will be shy of the estimate. Financial statements for 2012 are being re-worked and we had a new government accounting standard for one of the items pertaining to our bond issue and we have to change the way that is being shown. We did not come to anything final in the budget at this time; it has to be discussed with committee chair and all involved. Mr. Lillicrapp added that he had asked about a service where all the members could get a 'package deal'. At point of sale, a video inspection would detect a leak they would not cover that. This is for lateral insurance.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Robert Maddox – 310 School Street – has submitted a permit for addition. The borough council had to grant relief for setback – Mr. Catania explained the reasoning the permit could not be approved without council's grant of relief. Solicitor Wills then concurred that it was council's decision to waive the requirement for setbacks. Mr. Bissell made a Motion to grant the setback relief. 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.

### **TRAILER**

Mr. Dean Kemp of the Morton Fire Department did arrive at the council meeting, and he did explain the trailer and the reason for having it at the fire house. This would be for training purposes; and they intend to place it behind the shed that is already on the property, and they will landscape around the trailer, for aesthetic reasons. Mr. Stubbs made the Motion to approve, Mr. Bissell seconded the Motion.

Mr. Catania stated this was 1507 – on lot storage in Zoning ordinance. Roll call: Jeff Akins-No, Bill Bissell-yes, Sheldon Blunt-no, Mario Cimino-yes, George Dickerson-yes, Michele Roberts-no, Walter Stubbs-yes. Motion carries.

### **FENCE – MRS. LEE**

Mr. Bissell explained that he has put various phone calls to fence companies, but has not gotten a response. The borough did receive a bid of \$1450. Mr. Bissell explained that it has been an up hill battle. Mr. Catania felt that the bid was acceptable for 50 linear feet of galvanized chain link fence at 6'. Mr. Bissell made a Motion to accept the bid and have the fence repaired. Mr. Stubbs seconded the Motion. All council approved by "aye" voice vote. Motion carried.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Bissell made a motion to post meeting minutes on the website after they are approved. He also stated in a timely fashion, depending on the secretary workload. The minutes are to be given from January 2013, going forward.

Ms. Roberts seconded the Motion. All council approved with "aye" voice vote. Motion carried.

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

Ms. Roberts announced that the recycling committee would be meeting on August 27, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Roberts thanked Mr. Heffner of FEA Industries for his 4<sup>th</sup> of July contribution.

Mr. Stubbs announced the meeting with Republic Services tomorrow at 10:00. Also the Kiosk vendor for parking meters would be present at 11:00 a.m.

Mr. Cimino stated that when we decide to pave the borough parking lot may be the time to decide whether we want to change to a kiosk system for their car instead of these meters.

**CHANGE ORDER FOR STREET PAVING**

Mr. Cimino stated the following areas may need attention – small section of Amosland from the Ridley Township line to Highland. The section of Fairhill, between Waverly and Rose Lane. We are currently awaiting Penndot approval before we can move forward. Part of the project approval is we have to know what streets we are going to do. It is okay to delete, just can't add new ones. Mr. Bissell made the Motion to delete the Providence road west from Waverly to the end of the cul de sac. Mr. Stubbs seconded the Motion. All voiced approval. Motion carried.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

Michele Miller of the Recycling committee announced that July 5<sup>th</sup> was the lowest recycling day. She stated last Thursday was the highest.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07 p.m, motion made by Mr. Bissell.

Respectfully.

Martha Preston  
Secretary