

**BOROUGH OF MORTON  
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2013**

The public meeting of September 11, 2013 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 roll call response: Mr. Akins-present, Mr. Bissell-present, Mr. Blunt-present, Mr. Cimino-present, Mr. Dickerson-present, Mr. Stubbs-present, and Mayor Piselli-present.

Also present was Engineer Catania, Solicitor Wills, Chief Guarnera, and Tax Collector Nelson-Ruley. Ms. Roberts arrived late due to car trouble.

MOMENT OF SILENCE – TO HONOR 911

Council Comments – none

Public Comments on Agenda Items – Jennifer Hunter of 119 Bridge Street, Taylor Court Apts., was questioning how far the paving would be done on Taylor Avenue.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Bissell made a Motion to approve the minutes for the regular meeting of August, 2013. Mr. Dickerson seconded the Motion. All voiced approval. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

Mr. Bissell made a Motion to approve the bills to be paid for the month of August. Mr. Dickerson seconded the Motion. Roll call: Mr. Akins-yes, Mr. Blunt-yes, Mr. Cimino-yes, Mr. Dickerson-yes, Mr. Stubbs-yes. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PUBLIC FACILITIES**

Mr. Bissell reported that there were 14 building permits, 5 Use and Occupancy certificates issued, and 1 contractor license issued.

Mr. Bissell made a Motion to approve the refund of escrow to Aldridge and Sabrina fox for 216 Newell Street in the amount of \$2288.00. Mr. Dickerson seconded the Motion. Roll call: Mr. Akins-yes, Mr. Bissell-yes, Mr. Blunt-yes, Mr. Cimino-yes, Mr. Dickerson-yes, Mr. Stubbs-yes. Motion carried.

Street Paving –Mr. Bissell read the schedule of the street-paving project to begin Friday September 13. A question was raised about being able to park on the street, and moving cars, etc. Mr. Catania did explain the procedure they would be following for the street.

### **CHANGE ORDER –PROVIDENCE ROAD INLET**

Mr. Bissell made a Motion to approve Sucher to repair the inlet on Providence road for \$1800. Mr. Akins seconded the Motion. Roll call: Mr. Akins-yes, Mr. Bissell-yes, Mr. Blunt-yes, Mr. Cimino-yes, Mr. Dickerson-yes, Mr. Stubbs-yes. Motion carried.

### **FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, AND LAW**

The tax collector gave the Tax report for August 2013. The balance at the beginning of August was \$86,121.51. Less the face collections amount of \$463.05; bringing the balance at the end of the month to \$85,658.46. Actual taxes collected \$463.05. Penalties were \$46.30; for a total taxes collected of \$509.35. There were also erroneous deposits to her tax account of \$306,244.38; which was then transferred to the School District. Actual money into the borough tax account during august was \$306, 753.73.

### **SEWER AND TRASH REPORT**

Mr. Cimino read the borough sewer and trash report for August 2013. These reports will be on file at the borough office.

### **MMO –2014**

Mr. Cimino announced the minimum municipal obligation for the pension funds. They have increased significantly; as this was the year they redid the actuarial tables, and life expectancies change, as well as the police contract. The remaining percentage increase was we did not see any returns on the performance in the market. We wont see the benefit to the return of our investments until 2015.

Mr. Cimino questioned the council on their opinion of where the funds should be placed. Mr. Bissell stated this is a “double-edged sword” if we make the \$176, the minimum obligation and the return is there, the other figure of \$281 will still rise, but if our return rate increases at it has been, it could reduce the following year by having the funding in place. Solicitor Wills did mention that other municipalities are using the Act 44, reduced obligation. After lengthy discussion, council did make a recommendation to make the Act 44 reduced obligation of \$176,681.00 and to revisit during budget meetings and quarterly in 2014 depending on our financial condition. Mr. Dickerson seconded the Motion. Roll call: Mr. Akins-yes, Mr. Bissell-yes, Mr. Blunt-yes, Mr. Cimino-yes, Mr. Dickerson-yes, Mr. Stubbs-yes. Motion.

Mr. Bissell made a Motion to approve the MMO amount of \$4729.00. Mr. Stubbs seconded the Motion. Mr. Akins-yes, Mr. Bissell-yes, Mr. Blunt-yes, Mr. Cimino-yes, Mr. Dickerson-yes, Mr. Stubbs-yes. Motion carried.

### **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Dickerson read the August 2013 police report; and this will be placed on file.

### **HANDICAPPED SPACE**

Mr. Dickerson made a Motion to approve the handicapped parking space at 236 Harding Avenue. Mr. Stubbs seconded the Motion. All council voiced approval. Motion carried.

Mr. Bissell mentioned that he required it be on cable to put out the fact that many commercial vehicles are being vandalized or robbed.

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

Mr. Stubbs discussed a Motion to approve the draft letter to other municipalities in DELCORA Eastern Service Area and release the letter to the public. Prior to the vote, Mr. Cimino did read the entire letter to the audience. Mr. Bissell stated he has no intention of voting for this Act 537; and he refuses to vote to spend taxpayer dollars in the city of Philadelphia. Lengthy discussion was held on this matter, and Mr. Cimino suggested changing some of the letter.

Mr. Bissell made a motion to amend the letter. Mr. Blunt seconded the motion. Roll call: Mr. Akins-yes, Mr. Bissell-yes, Mr. Blunt-yes, Mr. Cimino-yes, Mr. Dickerson-yes, Mr. Stubbs-no.

Motion carried.

### **VIDEO INSPECTION**

Mr. Stubbs stated he would like to discuss the video inspection for 2013; and he acquiesced to Mr. Catania. Mr. Catania explained the program was to divide the borough into quadrants, and we should be pro-active in this matter. He stated he would have the information for next month's meeting. We are still having high numbers in Meter 5 area, but about 25% less than before. Mr. Catania stated he would have a recommendation at next month's meeting.

### **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. Cimino, began to speak, but was interrupted by Ms. Miller, who offered to speak on Ms. Roberts behalf.

Mr. Cimino announced that the Electronic recycling was a very good event, as well as the Shredding. Ms. Miller did report on the success of the event.

Mr. Cimino questioned if we could post the paving schedule on the website, and he did forward.

### **CABLE ROOM**

Mr. Akins was asking if the room at the end of the hall could be cleaned up. Ms. Miller stated they absolutely need to have the room cleaned up; and suggested the room on the end of the hall. She stated we need it cleaned up. They propose the room at the end of the hall for the bicycles. Council stated that this room cannot be used; due to the moisture issue.

## **EMAILS**

Ms. Miller did explain that they have emails set up for all council on the website; and Mr. McGrath stated he would be forwarding the emails someplace to let the council know how to set this up. We are also going to find out who is the master email person? Who will get all the emails?

They suggested such as the borough council president or the secretary.

Mr. McGrath stated that in the process of doing this, we would like as many emails as we can tonight to be able to forward the emails.

Mr. Blunt stated that council needs to figure out who is responsible for all these emails before this occurs. Mr. Cimino stated this would be gone over with Ms. Roberts. He questioned if it makes sense to have an email for each individual committee or an email for the councilperson that is head of that committee? Ms. Miller then did mention that WIFI is blocked in this building, and a lengthy discussion was held in this matter. Mr. Cimino stated we need a secure connection for police, administration, and guest, and Mr. Cimino questioned if the secretary could look into RCN.

Ms. Miller also stated that the web and the TV station are available during the election process. Mr. Cimino stated a detailed policy would have to be in place first and approved.

Ms. Miller also stated the dvd keeps getting stuck, and requested a key for the room. They need access to the room. Again, lengthy discussion was held and Mr. Bissell stated he would look into this possibility.

\*Ms. Roberts entered the meeting at this point.

She did hand Mr. Cimino a check from the 4<sup>th</sup> of July committee in the amount of \$500; a refund of the donation that the Borough gave to them.

Council suggested a meeting prior to the Agenda meeting at 6:30 p.m. next month, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. This is already advertised.

Ms. Roberts also spoke with Ed Kline of Delaware County – they are promoting awareness of emergency disasters. She was coordinating to see if Morton has ever done anything like this. The mayor stated, no she had not. This is where they will come and present a seminar. She did ask him if he would consider; and he stated yes, he would make contact and they would come and do a seminar for both communities.

## **PARK AND RECREATION**

Mayor just announced the meeting on 9-18-13 at 7:30 p.m.

## **CDCA**

Mr. Lillicrapp reported that at their September meeting they began the draft of the 2014 budget.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

**RENEE DUNN – 402 N. MORTON** – is interested in using the hall for a book club and some activities for the youth and she needed a place for the marching band group she was running to practice. She was urged to attend the Park and recreation meeting to help them develop the policy on working with youth in borough sponsored activities. She stated she would be interested in attending.

Adjournment as tape ends  
Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully  
Martha Preston  
Secretary