

**BOROUGH OF MORTON
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
NOVEMBER 13TH, 2013**

The meeting of November 13, 2013 was called to order by Council President Cimino. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll was called; with the following being the roll call response: Mr. Cimino-present, Mr. Bissell – present, Mr. Dickerson-present, Mr. Stubbs-present, Ms. Roberts-present, and Mayor Piselli-present. Mr. Blunt arrived after roll was called.

Also present, Sgt. LaSpina, Engineer Catania, and Solicitor Wills. Absent: Mr. Akins, , and Tax Collector Nelson-Ruley.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Mr. Stubbs congratulated all the Soldiers because of Veteran’s Day.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS

No comments.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Dickerson made a motion to approve of the minutes for the October meeting. Ms. Robert seconded the Motion. All voiced approval. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS

Ms. Roberts made a Motion to approve the monthly bills. Mr. Stubbs seconded the Motion. Roll call: Mario Cimino-yes, George Dickerson-yes, Michele Roberts-yes, Walter Stubbs-yes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC FACILITIES

Mr. Cimino read the inspector’s report for October. There were 22 building permits issued, 5 Use and Occupancies issued, and 3 Contractor licenses issued.

FINANCE, ADMINISTRATION, AND LAW

Mr. Cimino read the tax collection report for the month of October,2013. Balance at the beginning of the month of October was \$83,595.28. Face collections were 6,250.51; penalties were \$625.06 – total cash collected \$6875.57. There was an erroneous deposit of \$2102.88. There was also certification fees in the amount of \$260.00

Sewer and trash report –October.

Mr. Cimino reported that for sewer – month to date we collected \$13,128.23. year to date \$337,667.19. For prior rents – month to date \$355.87, year to date - \$43,371.12. For Trash – we collected month to date \$3,004. year to date \$114, 861.48. prior rents – trash month to date – none, and year to date \$19,821.36.

Ordinance 721

Mr. Dickerson made a Motion to approve Ordinance 721, an ordinance reducing the charge to checkmakers from \$50 to \$25 for checks returned unpaid. Ms. Roberts seconded the Motion. Roll call: Mario Cimino-yes, George Dickerson-yes, Michele Roberts-yes, Walter Stubbs-yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Stubbs made a Motion to advertise the Finance Administration position, a job description was passed around; and Mr. Cimino had made some adjustments. Mr. Cimino suggested we advertise it as borough finance administrator. He also discussed the college degree as opposed to financial experience; it should be a combination of both; college and real world experience. On the duties, aside from Mr. Marino's current duties, we would require this person assist council and the mayor in preparing funding and grant applications. He also felt they should help with intergovernmental coordination; checking regularly with our other officials. Possibly multi-funding opportunities. Mr. Blunt seconded the Motion.

Roll Call: Mario Cimino-yes, George Dickerson-yes, Michele Roberts-yes, Walter Stubbs-yes, Sheldon Blunt-yes. Motion carried. Council discussed placing the ad on Monster.com. Solicitor Wills announced that he would draft an ad to place on the Delaware County Daily Times and it would run in two consecutive weeks.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Dickerson read the October police report. There was no fire department report. Mr. Dickerson made a motion to place a handicap sign at 28 Harding from the request of Ms. Connie King. All council voiced approval, Motion carried.

HEALTH/SAFETY/SANITATION

Mr. Stubbs thanked Michelle Miller for the name of the Eagle Scout who may be helping with the stormwater committee.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Roberts made a Motion to approve Proclamation 2013-02 Great American Smokeout Day, November 21st. Mr. Dickerson seconded the Motion. All voiced approval. Motion carried.

PARK AND RECREATION

Meeting scheduled for November 20, 2013. Ms. Daishya Nicholas was also approved as the borough's first junior councilperson.

CDCA

Mr. Lillcraap gave his CDCA report, he reported that Morton's budget increase to CDCA would be \$507,806 for the year 2014 budget. There was a 9.4% increase over last year.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Ms. Lisa lockley reported that the annual Christmas Senior Citizen Tea would be held on December 14 from 1-3 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The preliminary budget meeting will be held November 27 th at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bissell made a Motion to adjourn at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted this 13th day of November, 2013.

Martha Preston
Secretary