

BOROUGH OF MORTON
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

JANUARY 10, 2018

The regular council meeting for January, 2018 was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by council president Cimino. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll was called. The following was roll call response: Mario Cimino-present, Michelle Miller-present, Michele Roberts-present, Natalie Young-present, Robert McGrath-present, John Miller-present, Mayor Blunt-present. Absent: Keriann Williams.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

President Cimino called on a moment of silence for the recent passing of Matthew Letourneau who passed in a fire in Philadelphia on January 6.

Mr. McGrath pointed out that he received a temperature gage as a gift and he went into the gym and the ceiling temperature registered at 78° and the floor temperature was 54°. Mr. McGrath reported that tonight's meeting would be recorded on three separate devices, there is a new digital system. Mr. Cimino asked if there was an on and off switch, and Mr. McGrath stated there was not.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS -No comments

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mr. McGrath made a Motion to approve the minutes for the month of December 2017. Ms. Miller seconded the Motion. All council voiced approval. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS

Mr. McGrath made a Motion to approve paying the bills for December. Ms. Miller seconded the Motion. Roll Call: Mr. Cimino-yes, Ms. Miller-yes, Ms. Roberts-yes, Ms. Young-yes, Mr. McGrath-yes, Mr. Miller-yes. Motion carried.

COUNCIL COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS 2018-2019

Mr. Cimino announced the following: Finance and Administration: Mr. McGrath, Chair, Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Young will be on the committee. Public Safety – Mr. Miller will be Chairman with Mrs. Roberts and Mr. Cimino. Law and Ordinance- Natalie Young will be chairman of Law and Ordinance, with John Miller and Keriann Williams. Public Facilities-Michelle Miller will be chairwoman, with Bob McGrath and -this is tabled until next month.

Public Health Sanitation and Recycling will be chaired by Ms. Roberts with John Miller and Bob McGrath.

Community Development will be chaired by Keriann Williams with Michele Roberts and Mario Cimino as members. Planning and Parks and Recreation will be tabled until next month and we have to go back to the minutes from 2016 and determine who had the two year, four year, and six year term in Planning.

Presentation – Development Proposal at 409 Baltimore Pike. -Ted Flowers, an attorney from Philadelphia, and Matt Darron – from AES Compassionate Care – regarding a development proposal for a medical marijuana site. Governor Wolfe signed Act 16 regarding medical marijuana program. He explained the strict regulations; such as limited to medical only, not recreational. You must be a patient and go through a certification process to confirm that you are legitimately a patient. He gave the general requirements on who is to be on site and permitted to be in the building. There are 17 qualifying conditions under Pennsylvania Law. This site is not open to the general public.

The second speaker was Matthew Darron – is from a commercial real estate background, mostly in the Midwest. They entered the medical cannabis industry in 2013; and applied for licenses to grow and dispense; and awarded three of the 45 licenses to dispense. Licensed in Chicago for two years, and are experienced. This is a medical program, the feel and look of the environment is medicinal; as an alternative to other pharmaceuticals. He described the appearance of the building and the aesthetics. The property at 409 Baltimore Pike fits all the requirements. This is a medical product and the staff are trained to deal with this product and customers. There is a lot of education that is involved. Security is above and beyond the requirements, 24-7 video surveillance, and access control.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Ms. Miller reported 7 building permits, 1 Use and Occupancy permit, and no contractor licenses. Ms. Miller also reported that there is a draft of the employee manual; which will be discussed in February.

Mr. McGrath stated we received a sound system for the gym; a professional system; and it is suitable for all events, including outdoor, and is wifi capable.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

TAX COLLECTOR REPORT – Ms. Nelson Ruley congratulated new members of council. The new tax collector was not well so was not present. She gave the last of the regular collection report. December 2017, balance at the beginning of the month \$98,446.22; face for December- #34,721.94; balance at the end of December - #63,724.28. Actual cash collected \$34,721.94; face -\$3472.20; overpayment of \$4.21. Total cash collected \$38,198.35. No interims for this month. Mr. McGrath thanked her and stated we are looking forward to Ms. Truell.

SEWER AND TRASH

Mr. Poole read the December Sewer \$536,192.90; current year and Trash –\$126,505.39.

VIDEO-MORTON CONNECTS

Mr. McGrath mentioned that we are moving ahead with Morton Connects, and he has a video which will be shown on social media and the website.

POLICY MANUAL

Mr. Cimino mentioned that the draft of the policy manual will be reviewed by the committee and shoe ready by next month

PUBLIC SAFETY –

Police Dept.

Ms. Roberts read the police report for December. There were 195 calls, and 11 traffic citations. Chief added that a lot of progress has been made at the police department in his first year as police chief. Ms. Roberts commended the chief on all his hard work at the police department.

Ms. Miller reported that there is a form that is available that if someone is wheelchair bound and needs help, there is a notice that appears on the officer's computer so that they are aware.

Fire Department

Chief Reiff gave the year-end and December's report from the Fire Department. There were 22 incidents, in service for 4 hours and 52 minutes, he gave details on the incidents. 88 personnel involved. 4 special details for 120 hours and 30 minutes. Morton Borough tree lighting, Rutledge Boro tree lighting, and both towns Santa around town. Year end – company responded to 170 incidents, in service for 94 hours and 45 minutes, total response 1,139 members, total personnel hours 529 hours and 30 minutes. This report is on file in the borough office.

PUBLIC HEALTH, SANITATION, AND RECYCLING

No report

LAW AND ORDINANCE

No report

NEW BUSINESS – Mr. Cimino stated that the borough would be making a \$100 donation to the Fallen Firefighters in memory of Matt Letourneau. **All council did approve this donation.**

OPEN DISCUSSION

Michael Lee -123 W Sylvan stated that he had attended the 12-14-17 school board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Roberts made a Motion to adjourn at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Martha Preston, Secretary