

**BOROUGH OF MORTON**  
**REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**  
**February 14, 2018**

The regular public meeting for the month of February was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by council president Mario 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, John Miller-present, Mayor Blunt-present. Also present: Solicitor Ewald, Police Chief LaSpina, Engineer Catania, and Fire Chief Reiff. Present but did not answer roll call: Robert McGrath (setting up camera).

**COUNCIL COMMENTS.**

Ms. Miller -wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day. She also commented that another school shooting has occurred this time in Florida. Ms. Roberts voiced same concern with school shooting, Ms. Young – same, Mr. Miller stated we have been down this road too many times. Mayor Blunt- our prayers go to the people involved. Mr. McGrath wished everyone a Happy Valentine's Day.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS-** none.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Michelle Miller made a Motion to approve the minutes of the month of January. Ms. Roberts seconded the Motion. All council voiced approval. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS**

Ms. Roberts made a Motion to approve the payment of the bills for January. Mr. McGrath seconded the Motion. Roll call: Mr. Cimino-yes, Ms. Miller-yes, Ms. Roberts-yes, Ms. Young, Mr. McGrath-yes, Mr. Miller-yes, Motion carried.

**HONORING RESOLUTION**

Mr. Charles Catania was honored as Engineer of the Year, the borough council also honored Mr. Catania with a Resolution which Ms. Miller then read aloud. All council congratulated Mr. Catania.

**Committee Reports**

**PUBLIC FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE**

Ms. Miller reported that there were 8 building permits, no use and occupancy certificates, and 5 contractors licenses.

**AF Damon -payment**

Ms. Miller made a Motion to approve payment in the amount of \$20,631.11 to AF Damon for roadwork. Mr McGrath 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. Ms. Miller explained there is still

retainage on this contract as the road will need to be repaired at Yale Avenue crosswalk area, the material that was placed there has failed.

**Premiere Concrete**

Ms. Miller made a Motion to approve payment to Premiere Concrete for Amosland Road bridge work, in the amount of \$44,150. Mr. McGrath 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.

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

Ms. Neal supplied council with the January tax collectors' report. The close out report from the former tax collector will be deferred until March meeting. Mr. Poole reminded council that the tax bills are now out.

**Sewer and trash**

Mr. Poole read the sewer and trash collection reports for the month of January. These reports remain on file.

**Resolution -2018-01**

Mr. McGrath made a Motion to approve Resolution 2018-01 the resolution approving the Tax collector to do internet banking. 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.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Police Report**

Mr. Miller read the January 2018 police report. There were 276 calls reported. The entire report is on file.

**Parking Meters**

Ms. Roberts stated that she spoke to Swarthmore borough, and they use the Parking Meter passport program and are highly satisfied. This program is an electronic payment app. This is currently under review.

**Fire Dept. Report**

Fire Chief Reiff read the January fire report. There were 27 incidents; using 125 personnel. This report is also on file in the borough office.

**PUBLIC HEALTH, SANITATION, & RECYCLING**

Ms. Roberts gave the recycling tonnage report for the month. We also received the recycling grant from PADeP in the amount of \$6345 for 2015 recycling.

### **COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. McGrath stated there will be a cultural and recreation newsletter coming out very soon.

### **PARKS AND RECREATION**

Council discussed who the members were that were on the committee. Currently it is Doug Jennings and Tom App, and Michelle Miller as chairman. There will be a meeting on March 22, 2018.

### **PLANNING**

Solicitor Ewald explained that Mr. Lillicrapp and Mr. Deasey will remain on the Planning Commission. This was verified by a phone call from Mr. Deasey.

### **ZONING**

Solicitor Ewald explained the board appointments and stated that Mr. Steve D'Antonio has resigned his position on the board altogether, remaining are Jack Pisani-who will serve 3 years, and Sheldon Blunt who will serve two years. We are now in need of an alternate.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

\*Rain Barrell workshop – will be held Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at the borough hall from 6p.m. to 8 p.m.

### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Michael Lee – 123 W Sylvan – gave his condolences to the victims of the most recent shooting in Parkland, Florida.


Glen Bixby -511 N. Morton Avenue – questioned the pollution reduction plan and asked when this would be voted on.

He also asked for volunteers for fire fighters and asked if he could take some of sticks and fallen wood from the nearby woods. Ms. Miller told him to take what he wanted.

Ben Carone and Eli Zethersen of 542 Rutgers Avenue, Swarthmore – gave some information to council regarding their interest in purchase of 25 S Morton (Sharon Bank) basement, for a 'nano' brewery, which is a small brewery. They were asked to speak directly with Solicitor Ewald and Mr. Catania first.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Michelle Miller made a Motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted  
  
Martha Preston, Secretary