

BOROUGH OF MORTON  
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING  
JULY 11, 2018

The regular public meeting of July 1m 2018 was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Council Vice President Michelle Miller. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll was called. The following was roll call response: 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. Arrived after roll call: Mario Cimino. Absent: Bob McGrath.

Public Hearing on Block Party

Solicitor Ewald opened a hearing at 7:08 p.m. to the public for comment on the Block Party Ordinance 754. There was no one there to comment. The hearing adjourned at 7:09. A vote is to be taken to approve this ordinance during Law and Ordinance reporting.

**SWEAR-IN POLICE OFFICER**

Mayor Blunt administered the oath of office to our new part time officer, John Ryan.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Ms. Miller made a Motion to approve the minutes for the month of June. 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 bills for the month of June. Ms. Dickerson seconded the Motion. Roll call: Mr. Cimino-yes, Ms. Miller-yes, Ms. Roberts-yes, Ms. Young-yes, Mr. Miller-yes. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PUBLIC FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

Ms. Miller reported that the inspector reported 19 building permits, 3 Use and Occupancy certificates, and 0 Contractors licenses were issued this month.

**Road Program-2018**

Ms. Miller had a listing of suggested road improvements from the engineer. Mr. Cimino suggested council take a look at the list at hand and come up with a revised list that can be discussed in August.

Ms. Roberts did suggest the engineer look at the “dip” in the road at Pennington and N. Morton Avenue.

Ms. Miller reported that the pole with the light has been put in by Higgins on the borough building parking lot.

Providence Road-Gas smell

There was a report of a gas smell at Providence and Highland Avenues, it was suggested that the administration office contact PECO .

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

Ms. Dickerson introduced Mr. Poole to read the June 2018 tax collector's report in her absence.

The Beginning balance was \$156,716.74 the face amount collected was \$33,332.89 the ending balance was \$123,383.85.

Ms. Dickerson then read the sewer and trash collection reports for the month of June. This report is on file in the borough office.

Ms. Dickerson reviewed the quotes for the Surveillance system. This will be done on the police side first and then the administration office. The amount of the system is \$11,578.58 which is base equipment. Council approved the use of funds from other revenues in the building fees. Manager Poole reported that we have received some revenue from a building permit that we can use to pay for the surveillance system. Ms. Dickerson made a Motion to earmark funding in the amount of \$4795.38 to assist in payment of this system. Ms. Miller seconded the Motion. All council voiced approval. Motion carried.

Financial Policies

Ms. Dickerson stated her committee was reviewing some financial policies for when funding is requested from the borough. She would like these forms to be filled out any time anyone is requesting funding from the borough.

Handbook

Mrs. Dickerson put out a reminder to council that we are still awaiting comments for this handbook to be completed. We will again put this item on August's agenda for a vote in September.

Bank

This branch of Sharon Bank will be closing in September. We do have time to look for another bank, and we will be requesting an RFP in the near future.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Miller began by thanking the police and fire departments for Public Safety Day. He also thanked the police for their work on the July 4<sup>th</sup> holiday, as there were no incidents to report in the borough.

Mayor Blunt read the police report which will be placed on file.

Fire Department

Chief Reiff read the fire company report. There were 20 incidents, 70 personnel and 19 man hours. The entire report is on file in the borough office. Chief Reiff reported that Dean Kemp has resigned as Deputy Chief, and Don Holstein would be filling that position. He also indicated that Steve Ferry resigned.

#### Police Report

Mayor Blunt reported for June that there were 14 Accidents, and 179 violations during the month of June. The entire report is on file in the borough offices.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH, SANITATION, AND RECYCLING**

Ms. Roberts reported that Delaware County sent notice that there would be Mosquito spraying program beginning in upper Chichester, very soon.

Ms. Roberts reported that B&L picked up 12.38 tons in recycling, and that DSCW reported 11 pickups and 84.25 tons.

#### **LAW AND ORDINANCE**

Ms. Young made a Motion to approve Ordinance 754, Block Party Ordinance. Mr. Miller seconded the Motion. Roll call – Mr. Cimino-yes, Ms. Miller-yes, Ms. Roberts-yes, Ms. Young -yes, Ms. Dickerson-yes, and Mr. Miller-yes. Motion carried.

#### **COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPEMENT**

Ms. Miller commented in Mr. McGrath's behalf that he is organizing is thoughts on "Morton Day" activity which will be September 15, 2018.

#### **PARKS AND RECREATION**

Ms. Miller reported that there will be a kickoff CDBG meeting. Mr. Cimino suggested that Mr. McGrath and Ms. Miller be in attendance.

Ms. Miller reported that the committee met on July 9<sup>th</sup>. Only one backboard is up in the park, but the other backboard will be put up very soon.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Poole announced that he reached out to Mr. Catania regarding the crosswalk, and hopefully a meeting with SEPTA will be scheduled.

#### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

**Michael Lee – 123 W Sylvan** – thanked council for Family Fun Day.

**Michael Fiorentino – 32 Providence Road** – echoed Mr. Lee, and thanked everyone for 4<sup>th</sup> of July event.

**Charles Lillicrapp- 114 Locust** – questioned if an approval was given for the 24 Kedron Avenue project. He was told yes, and then he did ask for a copy as the Planning Commission chairman.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Roberts made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Preston, Secretary

