

BOROUGH OF MORTON

AGENDA MEETING

JULY 28, 2021

The agenda meeting for July was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by council president, Michelle Miller. The Pledge of allegiance was recited and roll was called. The following was roll call response: Michelle Miller-present, John Miller-on zoom, Michele Roberts-present, Robert McGrath-present, Hiele Hodnett-present, Joseph Boylan-present, Douglass Eagar-present, Mayor App-present, Borough Manager Richmond-present. Also present: Solicitor Wills, Chief Laspina.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA –none

COUNCIL COMMENTS – Ms. Miller announced the grass was cut at 129 Althea, we will take care of it until the mortgage company or someone steps up to take care of this. Ms. Miller stated that a comment was made by an audience member that she was texting during the meeting. She stated this was a slanderous comment and not appreciated.

Ms. Miller reported that the grant for the police department accreditation was completed by the borough manager and filed on time, without the filing fee. The cost is \$20,000 for the year and \$10,000 a year after that.

Mayor App thanked the manager for working hard on this grant and the cooperation that was given.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

1) 129 Althea Lane –had already given the update above.

2) Motion to direct Portnoff to proceed with collections with writs of execution regarding properties which owners have not responded to collection efforts.

Ms. Miller made the Motion. Mr. Boylan spoke that on the agenda, the second item is directly related to item 1. Mr. Boylan then seconded the Motion. Roll call: Michelle Miller-yes, John Miller-yes (on zoom), Michele Roberts-yes, Hiele Hodnett-yes, Joseph Boylan-yes, Douglass Eagar-yes.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

- 1) Discuss Perdue pharmacy bankruptcy – Mr. Boylan gave a synopsis that this was due to a lawsuit due to the opioid crisis. We do not want to stop this filing for bankruptcy, or take on the case. Solicitor Ewald that we were part of a number of lawsuits in Delaware County. Ms. Miller stated a Motion would be made to Not Oppose the Bankruptcy Plan. Ms. Roberts seconded the Motion. All voiced approval. Motion carried.
- 2) Resolution to properly dispose of old Borough records. Resolution No 2020. These are files with no historical value, and to get rid of the files, you are required to pass a Motion. Mr. Boylan made a Motion to approve this Motion. Ms. Miller seconded the Motion. Voice vote – all council voiced approval.. Motion carried. Ms. Roberts wanted it clarified the number

- 3) June 9th meeting minutes approval. Mr. Boylan made a Motion to approve those minutes. Ms. Miller seconded the Motion. Roll call: Michelle Miller-yes, John Miller-yes, Michele Roberts-yes, Hiele Hodnett-abstain-did not read the minutes, Joseph Boylan-yes, Robert McGrath-yes, Douglass Eagar-yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Miller had no report, as nothing was on the agenda.

Ms. Roberts asked the chief if he has received any reports regarding drones, as a resident had approached her about it. Chief did not receive any reports and stated that if there are, the people are to call 911.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Hodnett stated that the Delaware County has a rental assistance website that people can go to. Ms. Hodnett would be placing that information on the bulletin board.

Covid 19

Ms. Hodnett stated that there is a 4th surge of Covid-19 with the delta variant. She stated that there were pop up sites on August 3, one at Cardinal O'Hara and the other at the Springfield Country Club. Ms. Hodnett reported that there is a site at Springfield Hospital where you do not need appointments.

Ms. Hodnett reported that the next meeting would be Tuesday August 17 AT

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION

Ms. Roberts reported that the committee is working on the relocation of the igloos. Ms. Miller reminded all that they take plastic glass and tin.

LAW AND ORDINANCE

Solicitor Ewald reported that procedures will change next month due to Act 65 of 2021. Every agency shall post agenda at the location of the meeting and at the principal office of the agency. Posting needs to be 24 hours in advance.

He also reported on Act 50 of 2021 – 5G small Cell Technology- ordinance.

PARK AND RECREATION

No report

PLANNING

2 Applications have been received – one for 132 Yale and one for 220 Newell.

OLD BUSINESS

PECO has done work on Locust and Althea Lane recently and has left tire marks in the street which they say they will rectify. Mr. Charles Lillicrapp reported this, and has been dealing directly with PECO in this matter.

NEW BUSINESS

Representative from Tow Squad addressed council on the issue of towing fees.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Hodnett made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Preston, Secretary