

BOROUGH OF MORTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 11, 2021

The regular council meeting 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-present, Michele Roberts-present, Robert McGrath-present, Hiele Hodnett-present, Joseph Boylan-present, Douglass Eagar-present, Also present- Borough Manager Marlene Richmond-zoom, Kristin Acquarola-Tax Collector, Solicitor Ewald, Chief Laspina, Engineer Catania.

Council comments: Ms. Miller announced that masks are required.

Executive Session –Council adjourned at 7:09 p.m. for a litigation-personnel issue. They did reconvene at 7:43 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS

Mr. Boylan made a Motion to approve payment of the bills. Mr. Boylan did announce that Springfield Township made an announcement at a public meeting of theirs that we owed payment on invoices, we will follow up and see that this is taken care of; and refine our processes. Ms. Miller seconded the Motion. Roll call: Michelle Miller-yes, John Miller-yes, Michele Roberts-yes, Robert McGrath-yes, Hiele Hodnett-yes, Joseph Boylan-yes, Douglass Eagar-yes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY MINUTES

Motion was made by Ms. Miller to approve the minutes for the month of July. Ms. Roberts seconded the Motion. All council voiced approval. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public Facilities

Ms. Miller reported that there were 17 building permits, 2 Use and Occupancies, and 4 Contractor Licenses issued. 7 violations were issued for trash and tall grass. People are reminded to put their lids on trash cans and not to put their trash out too early.

Greenways Grant

Solicitor Ewald announced the Greenways Grant, there is a 0 match, for small municipalities. Think about park projects.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Council announced that they did receive the July Tax Collector's report.

Temporary hire

Mr. Boylan ,made a motion to hire a temp at \$42 hour to handle the Quickbooks entries. Ms. Hodnett seconded the motion.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Miller read the Police Department report – 27 parking tickets issued, 38 moving violations, 132 building checks, 20 x assisted other policed, 43 citations, 225 traffic tickets, and 790 citations issued.

FIRE DEPT

Mr. Miller read the fire department report as well. The company reported 17 incidents, 75 personnel responded, personnel hours was 62 hours and 50 minutes. He gave the report of all the incidents

Mr. Miller also reported the fire marshal's report as well.

STOP SIGNS

Stop signs will be installed at Morton and Mitchell. Ms. Miller explained it was a cooperative effort on Penn Dot's part and a Transit Study committee, among others to have this accomplished.

PUBLIC HEALTH, SANITATION AND RECYCLING

Ms. Roberts reminded all that 3rd quarter bills will be in the mail this week with due date of 9-15-21. She also reiterated that she would be following up in trying to move the igloos.

LAW AND ORDINANCE

Mr. Ewald reported that there would be a Motion 2021-09 – setting Towing fees.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Hodnett reported a blood drive will be held on September 14, from 2-7 p.mn.

She also announced their committee

PARKS AND RECREATION

Ms. Miller announced a meeting will be held next week.

PLANNING

Planning meeting was held Tuesday August 10, regarding 132 Yale and 220 Newell . 132 Yale intends to build a glass fabrication business, and 220 Newell will be combining two lots into one. Waiting on feedback from the county.

Someone reported a pipe at the creek, where a tree is pushing the wall out.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Michael Lee – 123 W Sylvan – was concerned about comments made during the meeting, and stated that council is very patient.

Bill Heffner – 571 Old Middletown Road – asked about the police litigation, and what is potential cost to the borough. He was told he would have the information at next meeting. Ms. Hodnett suggests he attend the budget sessions.

Joan Languth – 142 Althea – questioned why do we need a temp?

Pete Acquarola – 232 Hawthorne – asked same question. Kristin Acquarola mentioned that there are programs that offer free training.

Cecilia Todd – 110 Althea – suggested council go through a school, isn't someone in the area qualified for less than \$42 per hour.

ADJOURNEMENT

Mr. McGrath made a Motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Martha Preston, Secretary

*note-the meeting was not recorded-minutes are from notes made.