

BOROUGH OF MORTON

AGENDA MEETING

AUGUST 25, 2021

The agenda meeting of August 25 was called to order at 7:02 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, and Mayor App-present. Also present was Solicitor Ewald, and Chief Laspina.

220 Newell Street -presentation

Representative from TDK builders, LLC –Nelson Flores gave five minute presentation on the land consolidation resolution for 220 Newell Street. The applicant gave the presentation that the reverse subdivision needs approval to consolidate the lot. He had received review letters from the county and Engineer Catania.

Mario Cimino-46 S Morton – 220 Newell appears to be under construction, he did ask question on what if it is not allowed.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Asbestos removal

Ms. Miller explained that the file room was stored with files, loose floor tiles may contain asbestos. They need to be removed, also the closet has small amount of broken tiles. She has paperwork that states this is not dangerous as it was tested. The room is not to be used. Two bids were solicited. Mayor suggested perhaps the entire building be tested. The company was Vertex. Mr. Boylan added we should make sure ceiling above does not contain asbestos. He is concerned and an inspection needs to be done on the entire building. Any construction at the police station should be halted so asbestos can be looked at.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Off Cycle Invoices approval

Mr. Boylan made a Motion to approve paying past due invoices. Ms. Miller seconded the Motion. All council voiced approval. Motion carried

Mr. Boylan announced that at the public meeting on August 11, he misspoke, in regard to the bills that Springfield Township said we did not pay. We were actually in arears for fuel bills. He did reach out to Springfield Township. He did want to retract his comments.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Miller reported that places are marked where the watch children signs should be placed. He did tell the manager.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Hodnett reminded all of the blood drive coming up on September 14. She also mentioned that she would be holding a committee meeting on September 14th.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION

Ms. Roberts commented that 3rd quarter sewer bills were mailed with a due date of September 15th. She also mentioned that trash should be put out at dusk on Sunday evenings and Wednesday evenings, and to put your trash in containers.

LAW AND ORDINANCE

Street opening standards

Mr. Eagar explained that at the next meeting consideration of street opening standards would be discussed.

PARK AND RECREATION

Greenways Grant – last week a meeting was held regarding this grant. We would be discussing a community garden, a splash park, and possibly some new equipment at Jacob's Park. Ms. Miller stated that also a flagpole was another thing to possibly place and doesn't add cost. Mr. Miller spoke about having a bench placed there, to honor Kenny Lee. Ms. Roberts suggested we speak to Mrs. Lee, and had stated he did and she was honored. He suggested maybe this could be part of the grant.

Mr. Cimino -46 S Morton - was concerned that our meeting was going to be September 8th. Then he stated that he is on the Delaware County Greenspace task force, he inquired that there could be an issue with municipalities and their meeting dates. He confirmed with planning department that if there is a bonafide conflict; a place holder letter can be sent just verifying dates of the grant closing.

Mario Cimino-46 S Morton, stated there is no match to these grants.

The other grants they are offering to the smaller municipalities. Two separate applications. 1) park projects, other -2) planning grant.

State Representative O'Mara will be holding a Town hall meeting on Monday, August 30, 2021 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Joan Languth – 142 Althea - thanked council for taking care of the property at 129 Althea.

Ceil Todd – 110 Althea lane – questioned the borough's liability of a splash park, who would maintain, and pay for this? Solicitor Ewald stated that municipalities are generally exempt from liability – need to look at our liability insurance.

Mario Ciminio-46 S Morton – we have an opportunity, and asked that we not politicize, and so something for our kids.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Bruce Wagner – 124 W Sylvan – was happy to see that there would be stop signs at Mitchell and Morton. And asks when this would be. Chief explained it would be late summer or early fall.

Jackie Guy – 635 Country La– asked who removed the parking signs on Country Lane. Council did remove the signs. An ordinance was suggested.

Ms. Guy also stated that there was a mask mandate for k-6 for school. Masks are recommended for kids 7-12.

Mario Cimino-46 S Morton – announced that there was a Zoning hearing for the Wawa in Springfield, with further testimony. He was concerned about the egress on Providence Road. He suggested a call to the township to clarify .

Michael Lee – 123 W Sylvan –felt it would behoove everyone to wear bulletproof vests; as he is concerned for everyone's safety.

Lauren Devita – 138 Althea – asked what caused the QuickBooks problems?

Cecilia Todd -110 Althea – she did not want her comments about the park misconstrued. She was not attacking anyone, only asking questions.

Eleanor Walker – former resident – asked about our dog bite policies and explained a recent incident regarding a dog attack. Chief and health officer went over to the address. Citations should be issued to court.

Adjournment

Ms. Miller made a Motion to adjourn at 8:27 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Martha Preston, Secretary