

BOROUGH OF MORTON

AGENDA MEETING

SEPTEMBER 22, 2021

The agenda meeting for September was called to order at 7:02 by council 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, Robert McGrath-present, Hiele Hodnett-present, Joseph Boylan-present, Douglass Eagar-present, and Mayor App-present. Also present – Solicitor Ewald.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS.

Charlie Lillicrapp-114 Locust Road- questioned the off cycle bills. Mr. Boylan answered.

Mario Cimino-46 S Morton Avenue, -stated people are gas lighting, he stated everyone knows the reason for the off-cycle bills. Mr. Cimino questioned the property at 132 Yale – and suggested that council does not give the approvals or permits as this was an illegal demolition. He questioned the RACP grant, and asked if there was a specific project.

AGENDA TOPICS

PUBLIC BULDINGS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Asbestos –Ms. Miller explained that there were issues at the police station and the borough office, and 1 bid was received for remuneration. Construction will disrupt floor tiles, but asbestos is not in ceilings or walls, just the floor tiles.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Off Cycle Emergency list

Mr. Boylan made a motion to approve the off cycle bill list presented. Ms. Miller seconded the Motion. All council voiced approval. Motion carried.

Minutes-August

Mr. Boylan made a Motion to approve the minutes for August. Ms. Hodnett seconded the Motion. All voiced approval. Motion carried.

Tax Collector Report-August

Mr. Boylan confirmed with all council that they received the Tax Collector's report for the month of August.

Borough Manager Position.

Mr. Boylan announced that the ad for the borough manager's position was placed and will be in the paper for 5 days. We would like to interview as soon as possible. Ms. Miller added that a couple of other people were interviewed. Some were not as qualified so a temp agency was also contacted.

PUBLIC SAFETY

RACP Grant

Mayor App spoke briefly about the RACP grant. We do not have a specific project that would be able to be submitted. He stated it is the Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program. This was from Senator Kearney's office, has to be submitted before 9-30-21, and is a statewide program. Mayor App stated we need to fill out a request form from a project –a minimum of \$ 1,000,000. Mr. Boylan stated he reached out to the Senator's office to follow up. This grant was last offered in 2019, if we apply it is good for 10 years, but we have to match \$500,000.

Ms. Languth- 142 Althea – questioned if we should submit anyway.

Ms. Todd – 110 Althea – asked if we applied in 2019 – and we did not.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Hodnett explained that on September 14, 2021 there was a Red Cross blood drive. There was a good turnout, 40 donors, donated 37 pints of blood. Thanks to all who donated.

Trunk or Treat Event

On Saturday October 23, from 1:00-5:00 p.m. will be a Trunk or treat and fall festival. Lisa Lockley will be heading this up, along with the Teens for Positive Empowerment. Decorating vehicles, and to donate a table will be \$10.00.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION

Ms. Roberts reported that September 30th would be the last day for 2 x a week pick up. One day pick up will resume October-May 2022.

LAW AND ORDINANCE

Ordinance 771 – 5G Act 50 Small Cell Wireless Facilities

Mr. Eagar made a Motion to advertise ordinance 771, which is for 5g small wireless facilities. Solicitor Ewald explained that the state has this and we can now benefit from our own. Ordinance provides liability – cell provider automatically allowed to apply.

PARK AND RECREATION

Ms. Miller reported that bushes were recently cut down at the park, and removed.

OLD BUSINESS

114 Althea Lane – grass – Code officer did speak to property owner and a citation should be sent.

Fairhill –problem with the high grasses was taken care of at the corner of N. Morton and Fairhill.

Newell Street- new home –the foundation was poured, however too much mud was in the area, and Catania's office halted the project.

Catania Engineering reported on sinkhole at 126 Providence, the new home project at 238 Pennington, and the project at 24-1011 Kedron Avenue.

Greenways grant – this grant has been prepared and we are working on a cost estimate and site development.

Temp Help – we have hired a new temp agency recently to help with the office, at a cheaper hourly rate.

Paper Street Vacated –belongs to abutting property owner- a bio swale needs cleaned.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Michael Lee – 123 W Sylvan Avenue – gave his opinion on children being safe and stated he feels they should have reflective clothing on. He also stated young children have no supervision and gave a quote from the old Have Gun will Travel show.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Hodnett made a Motion to adjourn at 7:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Preston, Secretary