

MORTON BOROUGH
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
MARCH 14, 2018

The regular public meeting of March was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Council President Cimino. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll was called. The following was the response: Mario Cimino-present, Michele Miller-present, Michelle Roberts-present, Natalie Young-present, Robert McGrath-present, Mayor Blunt-present. Also present: Solicitor Ewald, Police Chief Laspina, Engineer Catania, and Fire Assistant Chief – Glenn Pitner, Tax Collector-Ronnette Neal. Absent: John Miller.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Miller reported the fire at UTC; and was thankful to all the first responders for all their work, and that everyone is safe. Mr. McGrath wished everyone a “happy pie day”.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – No public comments

SWEAR-IN NEW COUNCIL

Ms. Dickerson was administered the oath of office by Mayor Blunt.

HEARING- PRP ORDINANCE 753

Began at 7:15. Comments were heard from **Mr. Jack Pisani-636 Cedar Lane** -- stated that he read the ordinance and it was extremely vague. He announced that Morton is not in the Ridley Creek Watershed. He said a letter of intent was to be signed by 9-16-17, and all ordinances are going to be revoked. He feels the costs are not equal. Carl answered that it is divided prorated and based on size and aggregate load of municipalities. It eliminates easements and grants permission.

Mr. Charles Lillicrapp -114 Locust Rd. -gave comments on the PRP Agreement. He stated that it will be expensive, he did ask who will oversee this entity; as the agreement reports that One entity will be the design, construction, maintenance and coordinator. He was concerned with the section 2.3 that stated the at the collaborative has requested that PADEP allow two watersheds to be combined into one watershed, but Morton does not drain into these. We drain into the Darby Creek before it flows into the Delaware River. All of the other members of the EDCSC except for Morton have stormwater that flows into and through each other, a concern was raised that Morton has stormwater flowing into it from Springfield township and through Rutledge Borough, Ridley township.

Solicitor Ewald did attempt to answer his questions, as did Mr. Cimino, in response.

There were no other comments raised during this time.

The hearing was then adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

MORTON CONNECTS -UPDATE

Charnelle Hicks, of CH Planning gave council a quick update on the meetings and progress of the Morton Connects program. There will be another public meeting held on March 29th.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Miller made a Motion to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of February. Mr. McGrath seconded the Motion. All voiced approval. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS

Ms. Roberts made a Motion to approve the paying of the bills for the month of February. Ms. Miller seconded the Motion. Roll Call: Mario Cimino-yes, Michelle Miller-yes, Michele Roberts-yes, Bernice Dickerson-yes, Natalie Young-yes, and Robert McGrath-yes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Ms. Miller reported that there were 13 building permits, -0 use and Occupancy certificates, and 9 Contractors licenses issued.

Ms. Miller made a Motion to approve the 2018 County Aid Application in the amount of \$3375 for liquid fuels funds. Mr. McGrath seconded the Motion. Roll call: Mr. Cimino-yes, Ms. Miller-yes, Ms. Roberts-yes, Ms. Clark-Dickerson-yes, Ms. Young-yes, Mr. McGrath-yes. Motion carried.

Painting

Ms. Miller briefly discussed the painting of the interior of the building. She did request an additional funds be allotted for the painter. The Motion was for covering the cost of painting in the gym at an additional \$750.00 and then an additional \$650.00 when the job is completed and approved this amount is a reduction in the original scope. Mr. McGrath seconded the Motion. All council voiced approval. Motion carried.

Sanitary Sewer Inspection Services

Ms. Roberts made a Motion to approve \$5447.82 to General Sewer services for video inspection. Ms. Miller seconded the Motion. All council voiced approval. Motion carried.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

The tax collector, Ms. Neal gave her tax collection report for February. Beginning balance was \$1,371,026.51. Ending balance -\$272,836.01.

Sewer and Trash Collection - Mr. Poole read the February sewer and trash collection report. This report is on file.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Blunt read the police report for February. There were 268 calls this month. The remainder of the police report is on file.

Chief Laspina reported that on March 16th a CPR class would be held in the meeting room. Chief Laspina reported that they now have body cameras in use for a one-year trial.

PASSPORT PARKING METER

Chief Laspina reported on a new program for parking meters called Passport, where they are paid for via apps. Council can approve this passport contract parking app. At no cost to the borough, the user pays. Chief did explain the procedure to council. Mr. McGrath made a Motion to approve this passport program. Ms. Miller seconded the Motion. All voiced approval. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPT

Assistant Glen Pitner gave the fire department report. There were 16 incidents this month and he gave detail. This report is also on file.

PUBLIC HEALTH, SANITATION & RECYCLING

Ms. Roberts reported that she would be holding a committee meeting in the near future. She also gave the recycling report from B&L and the trash report from Republic. These reports are on file.

Ms. Roberts reported that we would soon be scheduling a yard waste pick up.

LAW AND ORDINANCE

Ms. Young made a Motion to approve Ordinance 753, the pollution reduction plan. Ms. Miller seconded the Motion. Roll call: Mr. Cimino-yes, Ms. Miller-yes, Ms. Roberts-No, Ms. Dickerson-yes, Ms. Young-yes, Mr. McGrath-yes. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. McGrath reported that the Morton Connects next public meeting would be March 28th at 7:00 p.m. here at the borough, and he encouraged all to attend. Mr. Cimino added that the council assignments will be given out next week.

PARKS & RECREATION

Mr. McGrath had a prepared list of events to present to council, for the year.

Council discussed the date of the Morton Monster 5k Run to be June 2nd. Mr. App gave a presentation to council and mentioned that all the funding will come from the registrations. Ms. Miller made a Motion to approve a budget for the race not to exceed \$1800, and contingent on insurance information. Ms. Miller seconded the Motion. All council voiced approval. Motion carried.

Mr. McGrath stated that the next Park and Recreation meeting would be March 19th at 1:00 p.m.

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ZONING

Mr. Cimino reported that people are still needed for the Zoning Board.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Michael Lee -123 W Sylvan asked question how much will our increases be with this PRP? Council stated that \$6500 was approved in the budget. Mr. Lee then stated he did not attend the recent school board meeting, but school safety was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Roberts made a Motion to adjourn at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Martha Preston, Secretary