

**BOROUGH OF MORTON**  
**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING**  
**APRIL 18, 2018**

The regular council meeting of April 18<sup>th</sup> was called to order by council president Mario Cimino. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll was called. The following was the response: Mario Cimino-present, Michelle Miller-present, Michele Roberts-present, Natalie Young-present, Bernice Dickerson-present, Robert McGrath-present, John Miller-present, Mayor Blunt-present. Also, present: Solicitor Ewald, Engineer Catania, Fire Chief Reiff, and Sgt. Rodstein.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS.**

Mr. Cimino made the announcement that Mrs. Dickerson would be the chair of Finance and Administration. She will also be on Law and Ordinance. Mr. McGrath will chair Community Development and he will also remain on Finance. Mrs. Miller will come off of Finance.

Mr. Cimino announced that our reporter, Barbara Ormsby recently won an award for her services from the Press Club. All council applauded with appreciation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA -none.**

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. McGrath made a Motion to approve the minutes of March. Ms. Dickerson seconded the Motion. All voiced approval. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS**

Ms. Roberts made a Motion to approve the payment of the bills for the previous month. Ms. Miller seconded the Motion. Roll call: Mr. Cimino-yes, Ms. Miller-yes, Ms. Roberts-yes, Ms. Young-yes, Ms. Dickerson-yes, Mr. McGrath-yes, Mr. Miller-yes. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PUBLIC FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE**

Ms. Miller gave the building inspector report for March. There were 10 building permits, 1 use and occupancy, and 5 contractors licenses issued.

Ms. Miller reported that we are still waiting for the owner of the tree near the stop sign at Providence and Highland to cut back his tree. We have been waiting 2 weeks. We need to take action. Solicitor Ewald suggested we notify owner in writing and give 48 hours.

**Crosswalks**

Ms. Miller briefly discussed layout at Yale Avenue by the train station. Mr. Catania will be meeting with he highway and police. They also wanted something painted at 420 at the Check Cashing area.

**Signage-Taylor**

Ms. Miller reported that we will need signs – no parking here to corner or something similar on Taylor avenue as a lot of cars are parking on the street in that area.

### Painting

Ms. Miller reported that more painting is needed on the building and ceilings.

## **FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

The tax collector was not present at the meeting but the tax report was delivered. The report is on file.

Mr. Poole read the March sewer and trash fee collection report.

457 Plan – this is a voluntary plan that will be set up with our payroll company. This plan is a government savings plan as a 401B. This is for non-uniform and police officers who work here at the borough. This will be discussed further next month.

### Employee Manual & Job Descriptions

Solicitor Ewald reported that he had given the Labor counsel the final draft for their review a few weeks ago. He would follow up to see where they are at with their comments.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Miller read the police report for the month of March, this report is on file in the police department.

### Fire dept.

Fire Chief Reiff read the fire department report for March, there were a total of 27 incidents this month, including house fire at 105 Baker Street. He reported \$260,000 in loss. Fire Company also participated in a parade and a make a wish event. Chief Reiff also announced that Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> would be Public Safety Day. He would be handing out fliers.

Mr. Miller reported that we will be scheduling the painting of crosswalks at Yale Avenue in the future.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH, SANITATION & RECYCLING**

Ms. Roberts reported the total amount of tonnage from Republic and B&L. She also reported that We would be doing a Yard Waste pick up on May 2<sup>nd</sup> and November 19<sup>th</sup> this year.

## **LAW AND ORDINANCE**

### **Resolution 2018-02**

Ms. Young briefly discussed Resolution 2018-02; to dispose of police records. Solicitor Ewald asked if this resolution could be clarified as to what exactly they are trying to dispose of. This item will be place on the agenda again next month.

### General Codes update

Ms. Young announced that general codes will need to do an update on the codes book as an update was sent to them by the secretary. The proposal is between \$2135 and \$2455 depending on the changes they will have to incorporate. This includes shopp9ing and handling. Ms. Young made a Motion to accept the proposal. Mr. McGrath seconded the Motion. Council voted approval. Motion carried.

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. McGrath reported that the newsletters are mailed. He reported that Wayne Brown would not longer be providing the video taping any longer.

Mario reported that our CDBG application is in the running, as he has recently spoken with the newly elected councilman in the county.

**PARK AND RECREATION**

Jacob's park equipment update

Mr. Poole reported that the grant has been submitted in the amount of 51,025.

The swings have been ordered and should be in as soon as possible. The backboards for the basketball court should be obtained through Costars. Ms. Miller will take the information and check into some vendors.

5K UPDATE- Mr. App reported that Wawa would be providing water and juice and Kohls will also be supporting the run.

ZONING – A hearing is scheduled for Thursday April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 for 32 S Morton, who want signage.

**OLD BUSINESS** – New proposal for security system, with a vendor from Costars.

**OPEN DISCUSSION** – Michael Lee – 123 W Sylvan – went to the 4-12-18 school board meeting, they announced that they will have a new “Director of School safety” – a Michael Vaughn who will be allowed to carry a weapon.

Mr. Cimino announced that he attended the recent school board meeting. Morton council was well represented. He sated that he made some comments and asked some questions about State funding. They stated that they would not increase mileage.

Mr. Cimino questioned council on their NIMS Training. Ms. Roberts feels councils should do as a group, and Mr. Miller was in agreement. They suggested the scheduling be worked out with the Fire marshal for a possible Saturday.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Dickerson made a Motion to adjourn, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Martha Preston, Secretary