

BOROUGH OF MORTON
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
JUNE 13, 2018

The regular public meeting of June 2018 was called to order by Council president Mario Cimino. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll was called. The following was roll call response: Mario Cimino-present, Michelle Miller-present, Michele Roberts-present, Natalie Young-present, Bernice Dickerson-present, Robert McGrath-present, and Mayor Blunt-present. Also present: Ronnette Neal-Tax Collector, Solicitor Ewald, Engineer Catania, Fire Chief Reiff.

COUNCIL COMMENTS – there were no comments

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA – No comments

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mrs. Roberts made a Motion to approve the minutes for the month of May. Ms. Miller seconded the Motion. All council voiced approval; and the motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC BUILDINGS & INFRASTRUCTURE

Ms. Miller reported that 15 building permits, 1 Use and Occupancy, and 2 Contractor's licenses were issued this month.

2017 Road Program-final

Ms. Miller made a Motion to approve the 2017 Road Program No.3 and final payment request to A.F. Damon, Inc. in the amount of \$1800. Ms. Clark-Dickerson seconded the Motion. Roll call: Mr. Cimino-yes, Ms. Miller-yes, Ms. Roberts-yes, Ms. Young-yes, Ms. Clark-Dickerson-yes, Mr. McGrath-yes. Motion carried.

Surveillance System

Ms. Miller discussed the surveillance system quotations. The committee would need to meet to discuss ways to figure out the best way to approach this cost, as currently this budget has \$7000. The entire amount of the system is \$18,500. The idea was given to possibly split the cost between the administration side, and the police side. The police side will cost \$10,000. Mr. Cimino suggested the committee meet and possibly find the additional \$3000 somewhere in the budget, with the understanding that we replace next year. This will be discussed within the committee and reviewed next month.

Tree Removal

Three prices were obtained to remove the tree in front of the borough building . The three were \$950 for Mark's Tree Service; \$1250 from Skyline Tree Service, and A&G Tree service at \$1500. Ms. Miller made a Motion to approve Mark's Tree Service for \$950, which included removing and stump removal. Ms. Roberts seconded the Motion. All voiced approval. Motion carried.

Resolution-Pothole Assistance

Ms. Miller made a Motion to approve Resolution for request of supplemental County Aid from Pothole Assistance for Taxpayers program – Leamy Avenue, Baltimore Pike to Providence Road. Mr. McGrath seconded the Motion. All voiced approval, Motion carried.

Ms. Miller reported that the new rain garden would be installed on June 25th.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Ms. Neal gave the tax collector report for the month of May, 2018. The beginning balance was, \$189,242.39, with a face amount of \$32,525.65; and an ending balance of \$156,716.74. There was an overage of \$518.79, for a total cash collected of \$34,044.44.

Employee Handbook

Ms. Clark-Dickerson stated that no one has met too make any decisions, she suggested we hold off to obtain comments, as some items need to be added or clarified. She suggested that the Finance Committee meet the first Tuesday of each month, before the Agenda meetings. The first one would begin in July, actually the 2nd month this week in order to allow for the July 4th festivities.

SEWER AND RUBBISH

Mr. Poole read the sewer and trash collection report for the month of May. This report is on file in the borough office.

PUBLIC SAFETYPolice Dept.

Mayor Blunt read the police report for May, 2018; the report included 287 incidents.

Fingerprint machine

Chief Laspina stated that the police department was recently presented with a fingerprint machine, which also takes thumbprints and photographs.

Chief Laspina announced that we have recently lost 4 part-time officers to other departments. He would like to have council consider a 5th full time officer. The department is burdened, it seems as though we are a training ground for part time officers, as they move on quickly to full time work in other departments.

He is requesting a full-time officer be considered for the 2019 budget.

Fire Dept.

Chief Reiff reported that there were 32 incidents in the month of May, with 131 personnel involved. Chief Reiff reported that the department assisted Swarthmore college at their graduation, due to their having fireworks.

PUBLIC HEALTH, SANITATION, AND RECYCLING

Ms. Roberts read the reports from B & L Recycling- which included an invoice for \$3536. She also had a report from Delaware County Solid Waste – there were 9 pickups for the month- the fee being \$3125.30. Mr. Poole reported that there was an error made by Republic which adjusts the residential bill from \$5966 to \$6318.20.

LAW & ORDINANCE

MS. Young made a Motion to authorize advertisement of Ordinance 754; which is the Block Party Ordinance. Ms. Roberts seconded the Motion. Roll Call: Mr. Cimino-yes, Ms. Miller-yes, Ms. Roberts-yes, Ms. Young-yes, Ms. Dickerson-yes, Mr. McGrath-yes. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Sunday Dyitt -coordinator of the July 4th event reported to council that this year there would be no parade, however, they would be holding Family Fun Day, with games, prizes, moon bounce. Etc. The festivities would begin at 11:00 and end at 2:00 p.m. They will also be selling T-shirts for \$5. Shirts will be a map of Morton with the saying of “the Year of the Underdog”. Mr. McGrath then expounded on some ideas for “Morton Day, to be held in September for the 120th Anniversary. He will be holding a meeting shortly.

PARKS & RECREATION

Ms. Miller gave an update on the park. The swings are now up and complete. We have ordered backboards for replacement into the existing poles. They should be in and in place by July 4th.

ZONING

There was a zoning meeting held on Thursday June 7th regarding 24 Kedron Avenue. This application and change was approved. The administration office is working with the solicitors on a new zoning application.

ANNOUNCEMENT – Council approved the July agenda meeting be changed to Monday, July 2nd, due to the 4th of July holiday. It will still be held at 7:00 p.m.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Michael Lee – 123 W Sylvan – reported on the school district meetings in June. Then asked if the parade would begin on Yale Avenue.

Charles Lillcrapp-114 Locust Road- asked about Swarthmore college, if they pay the firefighters a fee for their assistance. Chief Reiff answered, no, this is something we always have done for them, we do not charge.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Roberts made a Motion to adjourn at 8:22 p.m.

