

BOROUGH OF MORTON

Agenda meeting

JUNE 6, 2018

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The Borough agenda meeting for the month of June was called to order at 7:00 by council president 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, Bernice Dickerson-present, John Miller-present, Mayor Blunt-present. Also present, Solicitor Ewald, Fire Chief Reiff.

Present after roll call: Robert McGrath, and Chief LaSpina. – Natalie Young entered the meeting at 8:15, right before adjournment.

Public Comment on Agenda Items: none

AGENDA TOPICS

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Surveillance system

Ms. Miller gave a brief review of the surveillance system. This will be discussed further next week. As there are some discrepancies between the two quotes.

Approval of 2017 Road Program – Payment#3 and final request

Mr. Poole gave an overview the final payment, due AF Damon, Inc. after the completion of Yale Avenue at Morton Avenue intersection which had failed. The amount due to be paid is \$1800.00. This will be voted on next week. Mr. Poole did confirm that the job was complete and recommends payment.

Resolution -Supplemental County Aid for Pothole Assistance for Taxpayers Program-Leamy Avenue

Mr. Poole explained that the county is approving extra relief in the amount of \$1268. We will apply this to work that needs to be done on Leamy avenue.

Exterior building painting / power washing

Ms. Miller explained that she and Mr. McGrath talked and have decided to paint the metal part of the borough building -black, to match the white and black Victorian house across the street. They do have a painter who will do this on his own time by September. Mr. McGrath came in to the meeting at this time and said he decided on his own to change the color to green. They then were not sure what color green it would be. For now, the painter will be power washing the building first before painting. He will be here this Friday (June 8th) to do so. The secretary mentioned that she spoke with the maintenance supervisor today and he explained that when they tried power washing before, the stucco crumbles. When Ms. Miller and Mr. McGrath were asked by Ms. Dickerson if they spoke with the maintenance department about this first, they indicated that they had.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Handbook and job descriptions

Page | 2 Ms. Dickerson stated that council was just provided, this evening, a revised version of the employee handbook and job descriptions. She stated that council would have to review these revisions and urged all to read and reply with questions or revisions to herself and Mr. Poole. They will decide next week when a final draft would be produced.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Miller began by thanking all of council for the condolences he received following his recent loss. Mr. Miller briefly discussed the handicapped parking space which was requested by Mr. Kane at 105 Harding Avenue. Chief Laspina explained he feels that this is not doable; he went to the site and this is a twin dwelling. The portion of the road between the two driveways of the homes is not large enough to accommodate a handicapped space, and the property owner has a driveway. Chief will decide and also speak to the resident.

New Police officers

Chief reported that six candidates were interviewed for part time position. 4 will be hired, they will begin approximately July or August.

Mr. Cimino asked the Fire Chief to begin to check their budget for the coming year.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mr. McGrath reported we had a successful 5k run, and thanked Mr. App for all his hard volunteer work. There were 59 people in the run. Mr. Cimino agreed that it was a job well done. The organization was excellent.

Mr. McGrath stated he would be upgrading our TV station and we will be able to live stream the meetings and go on Facebook to make comments during the meetings.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SANITATION

Ms. Roberts had no report at this time, as we have had no bills yet.

LAW AND ORDINANCE

Mr. Ewald reported that Ms. Young is working with her committee on 4 ordinances, among them is the Block Party ordinance. He did mention to Chief Laspina that they are requesting if he feels certain streets should be prohibited.

PARK AND RECREATION

Ms. Miller stated that she has tried many times to reach Costars regarding the backboards for the park; however, has had no luck, so she and Mr. McGrath have gone to another company on the internet and found S&S company that will install them. She is waiting to see if they belong to Co-Stars. Ms. Miller was proud to proclaim that the mayor installed adult horseshoe pits. He will also be installing small

ones for children. Ms. Miller stated that there is a grant application being introduced for swings at the tot lot.

July 4th Parade

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Mr. Cimino questioned the update on the parade, and stated that it was very important that

Ms. Dyitt attend next week's meeting to bring council up to date with what is going on with the parade.

Mr. McGrath did state that the route is the same as last year.

ZONING

A hearing is scheduled for tomorrow evening, June 7th at 7:00 p.m. for applicant of Nassif Samarani (Alfredo's restaurant) for the building of a restaurant, parking lot area and apartments. Mr. Cimino was concerned that relief granted should meet stormwater requirements.

NEW BUSINESS

Council approved the July agenda meeting be held Monday, July 2, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Leroy Gates -116 School Street – wanted answers on when the backboards would be in place?

Ms. Miller responded that she cannot give a date, because she is having trouble with the ordering, but

Mr. McGrath interjected that hopefully within a month.

*it is noted that Natalie Young entered the meeting – 8:15 p.m.

Michael Lee -123 W Sylvan – 50 years ago, Robert F. Kennedy was assassinated; and asked for a moment of silence which Mario approved.

Walter Stubbs-19 Harding Avenue – presented council with an idea to have a Horseshoe Tournament competition after the 4th of July Parade. Council suggested this was a good idea and asked him to come to the next meeting.

Heile Hodnut – 231 Walnut Street – Complained about the amount of traffic, and speeding on Walnut Street and stated she felt that traffic has increased on this street. Chief Laspina did say that this subject had come up prior year, and traffic studies were previously done. He stated he would check the records and let her know the results; as he did not have the information with him at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Miller made a Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Preston, Secretary