

**MORTON BOROUGH**  
**REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING**  
**MARCH 13, 2019**

The regular public meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. 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, Robert McGrath-present, John Miller-present, and Mayor App-present.

Also present; Police Chief Laspina, Engineer Catania, and Fire Chief, Reiff. Late -after roll call: Solicitor Ewald and Bernice Dickerson.

Council Comments – none

Public Comments – Mr. Lee – 123 W Sylvan – congratulated the new police officers.

SWEAR -IN OFFICERS -Three new police officers were sworn in by Mayor App. They were introduced by Chief Laspina and their names are: Ian Kelly, Thomas Geromichalos, and Brandon Zamonski.

**APPROVAL OF MEETING MIINUTES**

Ms. Miller made a Motion to approve the minutes that were presented for the month of February. Ms. Dickerson seconded the Motion. All voiced approval. Motion carried.

**APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS**

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

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**PUBLIC FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

Mrs. Miller reported that there were 11 building permits, 1 Use and Occupancy certificate, and 1 contractor's license issued for the month of February.

**Providence road**

Ms. Miller reported that there will be a Committee meeting held to discuss Providence Road, on Monday March 18 at 7:00 p.m.

**Bids-Gym Work and HVAC**

Mr. Catania reported that the bids we received were unsatisfactory. We will have to re-advertise, as no bids were received from the contractors for the general construction. Ms. Miller made a Motion to reject the bids and re-advertise. Mr. McGrath seconded the Motion. All voiced approval. Motion carried.

**FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Ms. Dickerson did not have the Tax Collector's report for the month of February, as the tax collector had some minor issues with the new bank, Republic Bank. She did read a letter in that regard from the Tax Collector, Ms. Neal.

**Sewer and Trash report**

Ms. Dickerson did read the sewer and trash collection report for the month of February, 2019. This report is kept on file.

**RFP -UTILITY Billing**

We will be attempting to contact a new utility billing company, and we will advise council, as this will need approval. The reason being we have had numerous errors on bills almost every quarter, and the company has become very large, customer service has become difficult. Ms. Miller then made a Motion to approve the advertisement of RFP for utility billing. Ms. Roberts seconded the Motion. All voiced approval. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**Police**

Mr. Miller read the police department report. We now have 13 police officers. The police report is on file in the department and the borough office.

**Fire dept.**

Chief Reiff gave the fire department report. There were 22 incidents, and 85 response personnel. The entire report is also on file.

**Yale Ave. stop sign**

Mr. Miller reported the need for a stop sign at Church Road and Yale Avenue. He requested a study be done. Solicitor Ewald stated that he would advertise and ordinance. Mr. Miller made a motion to draft and advertise and Ordinance, addendum to add a stop sign to Yale Avenue and Church Road. Ms. Miller seconded the Motion. All voiced approval. Motion carried.

Chief LaSpina reported that he met Senator Tim Kearney at the DCICU at a recent breakfast

**PUBLIC HEALTH, SANITATION, AND RECCYCLING**

Ms. Roberts gave the trash and recycling report for February there were 57.78 tons collected in trash and there were 11.87 tons of recycling picked up. Ms. Roberts continued and stated that a meeting would be held March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. She also reported that the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter sewer bills are due 3-15-19.

Mayor App reported that he was almost hit by the express train the other day, he did not realize that trains do not all stop in Morton, some are express and go right through town to their destination.

**LAW & ORDINANCE**

Ms. Young had no report but said she would be holding a committee meeting on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. McGrath asked if anyone had presented plans for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July, as next month (April) is deadline.

He also reported that the 5k run will be held on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Next month we will have an outline also for Morton Day7 which will be on October 12<sup>th</sup>.

**PARK AND RECREATION**

Mayor App reported that the 5k Run would be held June 1<sup>st</sup> and he has delivered letters to the businesses for donations, 25 letters. You can register for the run online. He is working on new backboard for basketball nets at Jacob's park. 4 people have expressed interested in working with Park and Recreation. The next meeting would be held June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**ZONING**

Hearing is scheduled for Thursday, March 21 at 7:00 for owner of 216 School Street who is interested in having a 2<sup>nd</sup> floor rear deck.

**OLD BUSINESS-NONE**

**NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution 2019-05 – Designating Thomas App as voting delegate for PSAB conference. Ms. Miller made Motion. Mr. McGrath seconded. All voted in favor, Motion carried.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

Michael Lee -123 W Sylvan Ave. – attended SHS board meeting on 2/28/19. He gave a quote that he heard “morality is moral only when it is voluntary”.

Jason Ungst – 21 Providence Road – complained about the PECO poles, stated that Ms. Miller said the poles were fixed. Ms. Miller stated that is not what she said. Mr. Poole did reach out to PECO and he will again for an update.

Mike Fiorentino – 32 Providence – he had follow up comments to Mr. Ungst's comments on PECO. He stated that maybe we could ask PECO to do more than right the poles. He requested council authorize the engineer's report and draft and comments at the meeting.

Robert Salls – 40 Providence – he stated he did call PECO in regard to the recent gas smell.

Jackie Guy – 635 Country Lane – She stated that some people in her neighborhood are putting out trash for recycle day. She feels people need to be more informed. Ms. Roberts did report that before we began our recycling efforts, she and others on council did go door to door to explain and dropped off flyers. Also notices went to each property owner.

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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

Mr. Poole gave the announcement that Charles Catania was recently names Sportsperson of the Year through Ridley United Soccer. All council did congratulate Mr. Catania.

**ADJOURMENT**

Ms. Dickerson made a Motion to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Preston, Secretary