

BOROUGH OF MORTON

AGENDA MEETING

JANUARY 2, 2019

The agenda meeting for the month was called to order at 7:00 p.m. 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, Natalie Young-present, Bernice Dickerson-present, Robert McGrath-present, John Miller-present. Also present. Solicitor Ewald, Chief Laspina, Fire Chief Reiff.

Present after roll call: Michele Roberts

**Public Comment on Agenda Items – none**

\*Council adjourned for an Executive session on a litigation matter – 7:01 pm. At 7:12 council reconvened.

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS & INFRASTRUCTURE**

No Report – Ms. Miller stated she will take down decorations. She is waiting on the information regarding the renovations of the gym.

**FINANCE**

No report. The budget passed on 12/27/18. Mr. McGrath did comment that he noticed “something on the budget” that he stated he would need to find out about at a later time.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Ratification of cyber attack engagement of counsel letter. On 12-14-18, police had a cyber ransom-ware attack -one unit, one user. Two of our police officers handled and then our insurance was contacted. An expert was brought in. Ransom was on the system but did not lock us out. This was all taken care of with the insurance company and the expert. Mr. Miller made a Motion to ratify the decision to appoint Kroll and engage in Baker and Hostetler Lawyer firm. Ms. Young seconded the Motion. All voiced approval. Motion carried.

**COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Mr. McGrath brought up 3 items for discussion, 1) Business association, 2) clear out funds for Morton Mailers and 3) Plans for Morton Day.

**PUBLIC HEALTH & SANITATION**

Ms. Roberts reported that we are still waiting for information on the containers for recycling. We should have an update next week.

Ms. Roberts reported that a meeting would be held soon with the Recycling Committee.

**LAW AND ORDINANCE**

Ms. Young had no report. However, a meeting will be scheduled soon. We will be working on some ordinances.

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Snow Emergency signs have been ordered. The police and highway department will determine where to place.

### **PARK AND RECREATION**

Ms. Miller reported that the CBDG grant will be submitted next week.

### **PLANNING**

61 s Morton Avenue – Mr. Lillicrapp reported that the property is for sale and the owner requested a reverse subdivision. No change in usage.

### **ZONING**

An application for a hearing was received for 44 Providence Road for a concrete pad and garage. The hearing date is 1-3-19. Variance for setbacks and impervious surface.

**OLD BUSINESS** – Sewer stipend increase – Ms. Dickerson will speak with Mr. Poole about this issue.

### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Dottie Jordan – 613 Country Lane –(Inspector of Elections) had questions about the former Mayor Blunt; why he was not removed if he was a felon and why wasn't this stopped? She was answered by Solicitor Ewald, that a petition to remove should have been filed, and council had no jurisdiction. Council was not advised until today. Council also has 30 days to appoint a member of the community and that person will sit until next election 11/2019. There will be a special election this year. A petition w/signatures must be filed.

Michael Lee – 123 W Sylvan – questioned the cyber hacking is this being investigated? Yes. Tutoring system – first time to benefit children of Morton? Yes. Mr. Lee stated that if the opposition had a question regarding the Mayor they should've investigated as well.

Jayla Terry - 232 Harding – Questioned when the Community Development meetings would be held. Mr. McGrath stated he will have a meeting soon.

Charles Lillicrapp- As a Republican worker, we look into our candidates, but not online.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Roberts made a Motion to adjourn at 8:11 p.m.