

BOROUGH OF MORTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 13, 2019

The regular meeting of the borough was called to order by Council president Cimino at 7:02 p.m. The pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll was called. The following was roll call response: Mario Cimino-present, Michelle Miller-present, Michelle Roberts-present, Natalie Young-present, Bernice Dickerson-present, Robert McGrath-present, John Miller-present, Mayor App-present. Also present: Solicitor Ewald, Tax Collector Neal, Chief Laspina, Fire Chief-Reiff.

COUNCIL COMMENTS.

Mr. Cimino announced a change to the Agenda and added "Providence Road -Traffic under Public Facilities and Infrastructure

Ms. Miller wished everyone a Happy Valentine's day. Mr. McGrath reported that SEPTA is building a Train station at Wawa corporate.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

Jason Ungst – 20 Providence Road – traffic concerns on Providence. Ms. Miller respectfully asked if this could be brought up and discussed at Open Discussion, however, Mr. Cimino did allow discussion at this time. Mr. Ungst wanted to discuss safety concerns for children on Providence Road.

More comments will continue at Open Discussion

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS

Ms. Dickerson made a Motion to approve payment of the monthly bills. 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.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mr. McGrath made a Motion to approve the minutes for month of January. Ms. Miller seconded the Motion. All voiced approval. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Mrs. Miller announced that we had 13 building permits, 2 Use and Occupancy certificates, and 1 Contractors license issued for the month of January. She reported that all rental properties inspected this month have passed.

Snow Removal Supplemental

Mrs. Miller reported that 2 contractors replied to our proposal for services. A to U and Ernel. She read both proposals and stated that we should choose one or the other. Both gave the same proposal. The engineer suggested then that perhaps council approve both with A to U as the first call, and Ernel to be 'on call'. Ms. Dickerson made a Motion that we approve both companies. MR. McGrath seconded the Motion. All but Ms. Miller voiced approval. 6 yes, 1 no. Motion carried.

County Aid-\$3375.

Ms. Miller made a Motion to approve the 2019 liquid fuels allocation. Mr. McGrath seconded the Motion. There were 6 yes, and 1 Abstain (Ms. Dickerson). Motion carried.

Providence Road Traffic

Ms. Miller did state the things that were being done for this issue; Springfield will be reaching out to Chief daily and the commissioners to assist Morton in this matter, PECO is responsible for the bollards near the pole that someone complained about, a yellow line needs to be painted down the middle of the road (our maintenance crew may be able to do so, weather permitting). Chief Laspina needs to do a traffic study. One was done 3 or 4 years ago; however, he will be doing another one which will tell how many vehicles, speed, etc. She did report that as soon as all the info is gathered, a committee meeting would be called for the March agenda meeting, as well as a meeting with Springfield on this matter. We want to do what we can to rectify this situation. We are listening. Ms. Miller encouraged email, communication and encouraged those that are concerned to reach out to Penndot as well. She reported that a meeting date will be announced.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Tax Collector Ronnette Neal read the January tax collection report. The beginning balance was \$69,901.42. The bills were not released in January so there were no collections. Total collectable at the end of the month was \$69,901.42.

Sewer and Trash

Ms. Dickerson read the Sewer and trash collection reports for January. This report is kept on file.

Spirit vs Daily times

Ms. Dickerson reported that she spoke with Mr. Poole regarding his findings on the Spirit newspaper vs the Daily Times, and considered councils' comments. She suggested that we stay with the Daily times. Council did agree on this matter, as the Times is a daily paper and reaches more people.

Republic Bank

Mr. Poole explained that almost all the account transfers are complete with the new bank. However, we are still waiting on the first quarter sewer to be complete before transferring Fulton lockbox to Republic. He explained that Republic Bank needs signature cards on file and we need approval with their bank Resolution. Ms. Miller made a Motion to approve the signature cards. Mr. McGrath seconded. All voiced approval. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Dept

Mr. Miller read the January police report. He also reported that there is “active shooter” training in progress for our officers.

Fire Dept.

Chief Reiff submitted the fire department report. There were 23 incidents reported. This report is on file in the borough office.

Resolution 2019-04- Record Disposal

Mr. Miller made a Motion to approve 2019-04 record disposal of 1) disorderly conduct summary cases 1996-2013 and summary liquor law violation cases from 1996 to 2013. Ms. Roberts seconded the Motion. All council voiced approval. Motion carried.

Stop sign-Yale & Church

Chief Laspina announced that he and the Chief are working on this issue, and they will have an update at the next public meeting.

PUBLIC HEALTH, SANITATION, RECYCLING

Ms. Roberts reported there were 4 recycling pickups and 15.21 tons. Trash pick ups were 8 and 72.56 tons. Trash bills have been sent. She reported there would be a recycling meeting on February 20th at 7:00 p.m.

238 Pennington-demolition

Ms. Roberts reported that 238 Pennington Avenue has been demolished. She stated it was personally very hard to see it go, but glad it is finally down and not an eyesore any longer.

LAW AND ORDINANCE

Ms. Young had no report

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Mr. McGrath decided that Morton Day would be the same day as the Fire Safety day, October 12th – Saturday.

PARK AND RECREATION

Ms. Miller reported that she recently attended a Stormwater Collaborative meeting and took the Mayor App. They will be getting plants for the borough property.

Ms. Miller reported that the 2nd annual 5k run is scheduled for Saturday, June 1st.

PLANNING

Mr. Miller made a Motion to approve the subdivision plan at 61 S Morton Avenue, after hearing Solicitor Ewald’s explanation. Mr. McGrath seconded the Motion. All voiced approval. Motion carried.

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ZONING

A hearing is scheduled for 2-21-19 for 200 Church Road – applicant is seeking a special exception. No one wanted to send solicitor to oppose.

OLD BUSINESS – Snow emergency route is marked out

NEW BUSINESS – Ms. Young reported that the tax bills are out.

Executive Session – 9:05 adjourn for Personnel reason.

9:10 -reconvene

Mr. Poole announced that the reason was that council needs to approve an RFP for Labor Counsel. Natalie Young made the Motion to approve. Ms. Dickerson seconded. Voice Vote- all voiced approval.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Dickerson made a Motion at 9:07 p.m. to adjourn

Respectfully submitted

Martha Preston, Secretary