

BOROUGH OF MORTON

AGENDA MEETING

FEBRUARY 6, 2019

The agenda meeting for the month of February 2019 was called to order at 7:00 by council president Cimino. Roll was called; the following was response: Mario Cimino-present, Michelle Miller-present, Michele Roberts-yes, Natalie Young-present, Bernice Dickerson-yes, Robert McGrath-yes, John Miller-present, Thomas App-Mayor. Also present: Solicitor Ewald, Police Chief Laspina, Fire Chief Reiff.

Council Comment: Mr. Cimino welcomed Tom App, he was officially sworn in on January 29, 2019. Thom thanked Council for the opportunity and their confidence in him. He read a brief announcement referencing Thomas Paine.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Council adjourned briefly for ran executive session regarding a litigation matter. Council reconvened at 7:30 and was called back to order.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Mrs. Miller reported that next week she would be discussing the Supplemental snow removal responses There were 7 proposals requested and sent out, and 2 responses. A to U and Erel. Mr. Poole distributed these to council and we will discuss next week.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Mrs. Dickerson reported that we will have Resolution 2019-02 – the Tax Anticipation Note. Mr. Poole received and approved a rate from Republic Bank. We now have proper paperwork. The tax notice has to be submitted n proper format. The amount will be \$150,000 at a 3.75% interest rate. It is due in full on 6/30/19. Ms. Dickerson made a Motion to approve the Tax Anticipation note – Resolution 2019-02 Mr. McGrath 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.

Spirit vs. Daily Times

Ms. Dickerson stated that we have a concern that possibly going with the Spirit newspaper would be better than the Daily times. Mr. Poole had some information on the two and provided that to council. Council will decide next week. Mr. McGrath for the record, feels that the daily times is best, as well as Mr. Cimino.

Ms. Dickerson also stated her committee would be meeting quarterly beginning March

PUBLIC SAFETY

Record disposal

Chief Laspina would like to have approvals next week to do a records disposal resolution for 1) Disorderly conduct summary cases from 1996 to 2013 (the act requires we retain for 5 years after the close of investigation. 2) Summary Liquor Law violations from 1996-2013. These will be shredded.

Stop Sign-Yale and Church

Chief Laspina brought before council the need for a 3-way stop sign at Yale and Church Road. Council can look into the passing of and ordinance.

Animal Control-new contract

Chief Laspina had a information that Justice Rescue is no longer providing animal rescue. We have a proposal from D &D animal control who already provide for 7 municipalities. He requested council approve this contract. Mr. Miller made a Motion to approve this contract with D&D Animal control. Ms. Young seconded the Motion. All council voiced approval. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. McGrath gave a Morton Day plan update. He asked the fire chief and police chief if he should coordinate with them on Fire Prevention weekend. The fire chief stated he prefers 10:00-2:00 p.m. for that, and the date the fire department already has planned is October 12th. Bob stated he would figure some dates and get back to council.

July 4th Festivities

Mr. McGrath reported that no funds were allotted in the budget for July 4th celebration. He suggested a deadline for any submission for plans for this year. Council decided on April 10th, after that, no submission will be accepted.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SANITATION

Ms. Roberts read the reports from B& L disposal and Republic. We have a grant in for recycling container in. Now the representative has to give us some containers to choose from. Our committee will be meeting in March. We also have to set a date for Yard waste pick up.

LAW AND ORDINANCE

Ms. Young reported that she will be setting a committee meeting date in the near future

PARKS AND RECREATION

Ms. Miller had no report, we are still waiting for grant information and our committee will also get together soon.

Morton 5K run – the tentative date is June 1, 2019. More details will follow.

PLANNING

Next week, 2-13-19, council will vote to approve a subdivision at 61 S Morton Avenue.

ZONING

A zoning application was received for 200 Church Road, asking for an apartment to be approved above the commercial space. The date is February 21, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Michael Lee – 123 W Sylvan - attended the 1-17-19 school board meeting. Discussed was expenditures at Scenic Hill school and at the high school. He stated there was recent article in the paper regarding William Sproul.

August Fisher – 953 Providence Road (Springfield resident) – concerned about traffic issues on Providence road, looking for something to be done, as there are children in danger, and he has recently seen one car pass another.

Michael Fiorentino-32 Providence Road- concerned with the same issue, speeding and traffic issues on Providence Road. He presented pictures of speed humps that are located on Yale Avenue in Swarthmore and discussed pedestrian crossings as a possibility. He also asked about the possibility of a stop sign at Althea lane and Providence.

Bob Salls – 40 Providence Road – Agreed with above comments and commented on same issue. Penn Dot does issue exceptions, and asked if a blinking light coming up the hill toward Baltimore Pike was possible.

Council discussed Providence road at length, and Mr. Cimino stated that he would like Mr. Poole to set up a meeting with the Springfield commissioner and highway department of Springfield along with Mrs. Miller and John Miller to possibly address these issues. Council also urged these residents to visit Springfield commissioner's meeting.

Adjournment

Ms. Dickerson made a Motion to adjourn at 8:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Martha Preston, Secretary