

BOROUGH OF MORTON
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
APRIL 10, 2019

The regular council meeting for April was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by council president Mario Cimino. The pledge of allegiance was recited and roll was called. The following was the response: Mario Cimino-present, Michelle Miller-present, Michele Roberts-present, Natalie Young-present, Bernice Dickerson-present, Robert McGrath-present, John Miller-present, Mayor App-present. Also present: Solicitor Ewald, Chief LaSpina, Engineer Catania, and Fire Chief Reiff.

COUNCIL COMMENTS

Mr. Cimino announced he would be leaving the meeting at approximately 7:40, and then Ms. Miller would be in charge.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Dickerson made a Motion to approve the minutes for the month of March. Ms. Miller seconded the Motion. All council voiced approval. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS

Ms. Roberts made a Motion to approve payment of the bills for March. 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Ms. Miller had a question on the code enforcement report. She questioned the curbing on 4-6-8 N Morton Avenue. She was told that the curbing that the report refers to is on Oak Avenue.

Providence Road

Ms. Miller stated that she spoke with Gina Sage of the Springfield commissioners. Ms. Sage will be taking the Providence road issue to Springfield then she will come back to us with their report.

Ms. Miller reported that there were 22 building permits, 3 Use and Occupancies, and 16 Contractor's licenses.

HVAC bids

Mr. Catania stated that the bids came in too high for the work in the gym. He took them back to the drawing board to economize.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATON

Tax Collection report-March 2019

Mr. Poole read the tax collector's report for March. The beginning balance was \$1,229,439.49. The face amount collected was \$334,165.81, less discounts of \$6,683.44, total cash collected \$327,482.37. Balance collectible at the end of the month was \$895,272.68.

Tax collector reported that all is working well with Republic Bank.

Sewer and Rubbish

Mr. Poole read the March Sewer and Trash collection reports. These reports are on file in the borough office.

Meet N Greet

Ms. Dickerson asked council to consider holding a council meet & greet, possibly the 4th or 11th of May. Council was to discuss which day and get back to everyone.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Report

Mr. Miller read the police report for March. There were 363 citations and warning issues.

Police Car

Mr. Miller reported to council that every two years police cars are changed out. Chief gave two options, get rid of the 2008 at Auction and the 2013 unmarked car, and replace with new 2019 Dodge Durango. Mr. Miller made a Motion to authorize the purchase of the 2019 Dodge Durango through Co-Stars. No bid is required. Ms. Young seconded the Motion. Roll call: Mr. Cimino-yes, Ms. Miller-yes, Ms. Roberts-yes, Ms. Young-yes, Ms. Dickerson-yes, Mr. McGrath-No, Mr. Miller-yes. Motion carried.

Easter Baskets

Chief LaSpina reminded everyone that this weekend through the Lyons Club, he, along wit the Mayor and Mrs. Miller would be handing out Easter baskets.

Fire Department

Mr. Miller reported that there were 17 incidents, 7 assists to Swarthmore and Springfield for a total of 82 members and 17 hours and 45 minutes.

PUBLIC HEALTH, SANITATION & RECYCLING

Ms. Roberts gave the March recycle report, there were 3 pickups 1 is owed to us, tonnage was 11.61. The trash report was 71.34 tons. She then again reported the invoices, which were previously voted and approved to pay.

Yard Waste Collection

Ms. Roberts discussed the possible date of May 29th for Yard Waste Collections. Council agreed. Borough Manager stated he would reach out to Republic to validate this date.

Grant

The grant for the containers should be received within a week. We will then produce a flyer and then the containers – 30 gal.

LAW AND ORDINANCE

Ord. 758

Ms. Young made a Motion to approve Ordinance 758, an ordinance regarding stop signs for Church Road and Yale Avenue. Ms. Dickerson 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

Ord. 759

Ms. Young made a Motion to authorize advertisement of Park and Recreation Ordinance 759, which will Amend Chapter 1 part 3 of the code of the Borough, dissolving the Morton Recreation Board. Solicitor Ewald explained that this would dissolve the 3-member board and allows committee. Ms. Miller seconded the Motion. All voiced approval. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

No report

PARK & RECREATION

Mayor App reported that he met with Sunday regarding the July 4th parade. He gave a recommendation on what they discussed and wanted to see happen with the parade, such as antique cars, drill teams, Springfield High School band, floats, cougar, fire department involvement, police department involvement, Kazoo band.

Mayor reminded all the 5k run is on June 1st. He also stated that the basketball backboards would be put up soon, he would also like to see a Morton Night at the Phillies, he plans to prep the ballfield.

He has 5 people interested in being on the committee, one being Donna Claiborne, who was present, Cheryl Mackey, Kristen Aquirola, and Bruce Blunt. His next meeting for Park and Recreation is June 17th.

Mayor also stated he may be helping cross the children at Morton and Mitchell Avenues as a fill-in crossing guard.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Michael Lee – 123 W Sylvan – wished everyone a happy holiday season

Michael Fiorentino-32 Providence – asked about discussion at meeting; we have nothing from the meeting. Ms. Miller responded that we are still waiting to hear from Springfield.

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Robert Sals – 40 Providence – gave a summary and closing arguments for the proposed requests from the residents for what they want to see happen on Providence Road.

Mr. Miller then addressed those present from Morton and Springfield to go to Springfield and present to their commissioners with the same 'vim and vigor' that they have approached Morton borough council.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Young reported she is trying to work on a Facebook page for Morton Borough

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Roberts made a Motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m.