

**BOROUGH OF MORTON
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2018**

The Borough of Morton regular public meeting for October was called to order at 7:04 p.m. by Vice President of council, Michelle Miller. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll was called. The following was roll call response: Michelle Miller, Michele Roberts, Bernice Dickerson, Robert McGrath, John Miller, Mayor Blunt. Also present: Solicitor Ewald, Police Chief Laspina, and Engineer Catania.

Absent: Natalie Young, Fire Marshal Kemp, Tax Collector Ronnette Neal. Present after roll was called: Mario Cimino, Fire Chief Reiff.

COUNCIL COMMENTS – No comments

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA – None

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Roberts made a Motion to approve the meeting minutes from September. Mr. Miller seconded the Motion. All voiced approval. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS

Ms. Dickerson made a Motion to approve the payment of bills for the previous month. Ms. Roberts seconded the Motion. Roll call: Mario Cimino-yes, Michelle Miller-yes, Michele Roberts-yes, Bernice Dickerson-yes, Robert McGrath-yes, John Miller-yes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE

Ms. Miller reported that there were 7 building permits, 3 Use and Occupancies, and 1 Contractor's license issued.

Ms. Miller reported that the Road program would be beginning in November. The contractor will be notifying residents to get their cars off of the streets.

FINANCE & ADMINSTRATON

Tax Collector Report

Mr. Poole read the September tax collector report. Beginning balance was \$110, 118.84 with face collections of \$801.54 plus penalties of \$80.15. Total cash collected of \$881.69. The ending balance was \$109,916.90.

Sewer and Trash Collection

Ms. Dickerson read the reports for Sewer and Trash collections for the month of September. These reports are on file.

RFP Banking Services.

Mr. Poole reported that he is putting together the information for the RFP for banking services. This will be authorized for advertisement for the December meeting. Ms. Miller made a Motion to allow Mr. Poole to put together the RFP for Banking services. Ms., Roberts seconded the Motion. All voiced approval. Motion carried.

Budget

Ms. Dickerson announced that the next meeting for budget would be Tuesday October 16th for Public Safety and Wednesday October 24th for Public Facilities and Infrastructure), both will be held at 7:00 p.m.

Job Descriptions

This approval was tabled until December as Ms. Miller and Mr. McGrath stated there were concerns by Ms. Young who was not present. Mr. Cimino stated he wanted all to write concerns to Ms. Dickerson no later than October 12th and we would vote to approve in December meeting.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Miller read the police department report. There were 256 incidents, 12 Motor vehicle incidents, 12 disturbances, medical assists 13, and 19 citations issued. Chief Laspina reported that the Passport program is doing well. He did explain to council how the program works.

Chief Laspina was asked if there were anymore complaints regarding 6 Amosland. He stated there were no further complaints but the police are following up on the situation.

Fire Dept.

Mr. Cimino announced that NIMS training was completed by the Dean Kemp, the Fire Marshal. Mr. Miller, Mr. Cimino, Ms. Roberts, and Ms. Young attended. Mr. Cimino added that the training was enlightening.

Chief Reiff gave the chief's report for the fire company. He also stated that he is working with Step By Step on Fire Prevention week and will attend Springfield's open house 10-12-18.

LAW & ORDINANCE

No report

PUBLIC HEALTH, SANITATION, AND RECYCLING

Ms. Roberts read the invoice from B& L and Delco Solid Waste. These invoices were already approved and on the bill list. She also read the invoice from Catania for the sewer inspections - \$255 and the Video inspection that was done by General Sewer at \$810. These were also on the bill list and already approved.

Ms. Miller reported that she attended the ESWC meeting and gave her report.

COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Motion to approve the Comcast Franchise Agreement, however, this motion was tabled as the Solicitor mentioned that we may need an ordinance to do so. Mr. McGrath was to put together a budget for the upcoming year.

PARKS AND RECREATION

PECO Growing Greener Grant. Mr. McGrath made a Motion to approve the application for this Grant. The Resolution was 2018-05. Ms. Dickerson seconded the Motion. All voiced approval. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Miller questioned about funding for street signs for Yale Avenue. He asked if the funds were budgeted. Mr. Poole answered that those signs may be free from the State.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Cimino spoke about the recent House Bill 2564 regarding the townships having authority over cell towers. He wanted the borough manger to write a letter to Representative Charleton, Senator McGarrigle, Governor Wolfe and the PSAB to oppose the bill. Mr. McGrath made a Motion to this effect. All council voted in favor of having this letter written. Motion carried.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Lee – 123 W Sylvan Avenue- reported that he attended the school board meeting on 9-27-18. Construction on the new school will begin this year but not sure of exact date. He did urge all people to vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Cimino made a Motion to adjourn at 8:02 p.m.