

**BOROUGH OF MORTON**

**AGENDA MEETING**

**ZOOM**

6-10-20

The Agenda meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by council president Michelle Miller. The pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll was called. The following was roll call response: Michelle Miller-present, John Miller-present, Michele Roberts-present, Robert McGrath-present, Hiele Hodnett-present, Joseph Boylan-present, Douglass Eagar-present, and Mayor App-present. Also Present – Solicitor Ewald.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS – no comments

Agenda Topics

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

Update on HVAC grant work in gym

Work is continuing, Mr. Catania will have an official update on the June 24<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Bid Opening for 2020 Road Program – The bid opening will be held virtually with PennBid, and online program. The information on this opening will be on our website. Mr. Boylan questioned if 2020 could be combined with 2019. Mr. Poole explained that this would not be possible as there are two separate state approvals required for the separate years.

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

Mr Boylan reported that according to the tax report for May, we have 82% of the revenue in, which is very good. The Sewer and Trash reports are in the office on file. Mr. Boylan also stated he would be holding a meeting with the administrative staff next week.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Miller spoke briefly about the recent march that was held in the park. He was surprised at the turnout. Ms. Miller did say that no one was told about the ‘march’. Police did an outstanding job, and the borough is proud.

Ms. Hodnett –stated she appreciated the transparency of the police department; she is glad our officers wear body cameras. She suggested that when we look at new hires, we should check diversity, and be reflective of the community we serve. The Chief stated that the police department instituted body cameras with council’s support and we will continue to recruit for diversity.

New Hire

The recommendation from Civil Service for the new hire will come to council, this will be a certified list. The oral exam was complete, council will be notified when this list is available.

**COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Ms. Hodnett stated her desire to hold a Red Cross Blood drive in the gym at some point.

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She also had an idea to host an informal meet and greet event in the Fall with a possible “meet your council person”, and perhaps set up tables. Ms. Miller stated that this is possible, and suggested she take it to her committee for details before bringing it to council.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH & SANITATION**

Ms. Roberts had no report, except to prepare for a committee meeting in July regarding the trash and recycling contract.

### **LAW & ORDINANCE**

Mr. Eagar reported that we will have two ordinances up for approval next meeting. They are: Ordinance 765 regarding Towing; and Ordinance 766, regarding Zoning. They have both been advertised. He did thank the Chief for all his work on the ordinance.

### **PARK AND RECREATION**

Mayor app reported that we will be receiving Mulch reimbursement from the County, however the pandemic has slowed this. We have sent a second letter of request June 9<sup>th</sup>, and hope to hear from the County. We will then present the funding and get mulch for the parks.

#### Boy Scout project

There has been a boy scout that would like to build a Leave One -Take home library to set in cement, and he has sent in a request to build this for his project. Mr. Poole will send out to council for them to look over.

#### Committee Meeting

Mayor App reported that June 25<sup>th</sup> meeting was canceled, and we will be changing that to July, but this will be discussed an announced later.

**PLANNING** – No applicants

**ZONING** – No applicants, but Ms. Hodnett had some questions regarding the zoning – 2 lots, an the non-conforming issue. Solicitor Ewald did answer and explain.

**OLD BUSINESS** -None

**NEW BUSINESS**-none

**OPEN DISCUSSION** – Ms. Miller stated that CDBG will begin on 6-15 -20 with a pre-construction meeting.

Ms. Miller reported that the High school personnel drove around with the police officers from Morton and handed out diplomas. She did thank the Chief for providing the escorts.

John Miller reported that there is a dog problem on Walnut Street, certain people do not clean up after their dogs. He was told that the police do have to be notified about these incidents when they occur.

ADJOURN – Ms. Roberts made a Motion to adjourn at 7:39 p.m. Mr. Boylan seconded the Motion.

Respectfully submitted, Martha Preston, Secretary

