

BOROUGH OF MORTON
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING

July 8, 2020

Via Zoom

The regular public meeting of July 8, 2020 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 answered roll call: Michelle Miller-present, Michele Roberts-present, Robert McGrath-present, Joseph Boylan-present, Douglass Eagar-present, and Thomas App-Mayor-Present. Also Present-Solicitor Ewald, Sgt Rodstein.

Present after roll was called: John Miller and Hiele Hodnett

There were no Council comments, no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Miller made a Motion to approve the minutes of June 2020. Ms. Roberts seconded the Motion. All voiced approval. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS

Ms. Miller made a Motion to approve the payment of bills from June. Mr. Boylan seconded the Motion. Roll call: Michelle Miller-yes, Michele Roberts-yes, Robert McGrath-yes, Joseph Boylan -yes, Douglass Eagar-yes. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLIC FACILITIES & INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr. McGrath reported there were 21 building permits, 2 Use and Occupancy certificates issued, and 7 Contractor Licenses.

Engineer Update

Mr. Catania gave an update on the gym work. He stated that there is a punch list of things that need to be completed on the AC work in the gym.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Tax Collector Report – this report is on file. Mr. Boylan mentioned that this is tax season because of the Covid19 pandemic, so she is extremely busy at this time.

Sewer and Rubbish reports are on file in the office as well.

Resolution 2020-08 -Records Disposition

Mr. Boylan made a motion to approve of destroying specific public records. Ms. Miller seconded the Motion. All voiced approval. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Report

Mr. Miller gave the police report. There were a total of 184 calls to the police department in the month of June.

He did report that they are in the process of hiring police officer and we have two candidates. Civil Service will meet July 15, and then Council needs to interview the officers.

Fire Report

Mr. Miller read the Fire Department report. The Company responded to 19 incidents, Total response personnel – 100, The company was in service for 13 hours and 17 minutes.

Cool it with Cops

Officer Ian Kelly will be spearheading an ice cream social at the borough building, with masks and social distancing, handing out free ice cream for the kids and residents, on July 16, 2020

PUBLIC HEALTH, SANITATION, RECYCLING

Ms. Roberts reported that she will be having a committee meeting on July 13 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the bid process for the sanitation and recycling contract for 2021

LAW AND ORDINANCE

Upcoming Ordinance-767 – Swimming pool issues. Solicitor Ewald explained the new ordinance which will update the regulations of private swimming pools, consistent with UCC , and clarify what projections are permitted to intrude into side yards and clarifying the standards for when a Use and Occupancy permit is required.

This ordinance will first be reviewed by the Planning commission.

Mr. Miller made a Motion to approve sending this ordinance -767- to Planning. Ms. Hodnett seconded the Motion. All council voiced approval. Motion carried.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Hodnett reported that they would be holding a committee meeting on 7-21-20, via zoom.

PARK AND RECREATION

Mayor App reported that the tot-lot work should begin on week of July 20th. The County will be reimbursing us for mulch. We requested Community Service but they are not in action at this time. He did reach out to Mr. Blunt for a proposal. He is requesting some more bids from local Morton companies. The next Park and Recreation committee meeting will be held July 30th at 7:00 p.m. at the Borough hall.

Eagle Scout project

Josh Fiorentino has an animal waste bin project that he plans to put in the Sycamore Woods trail. We will receive notice as it moves along.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Roberts reminded all that the face amount for the sewer bills is due by July 10th, Friday.

NEW BUSINESS

Solicitor Ewald announced a 3-minute Executive Session would be held on a personnel issue after the conclusion of the meeting.

Manager Bob Poole reported that the Safe Routes-DVRPC grant, next meeting will have two recommendations with Penndot – the intersection at Morton and Mitchell and the Crosswalk on Yale.

Mayor App reported that he was invited to a ‘round table’ discussion with other mayors regarding the Hero Act and a 5th pkg pandemic PPE extension and new stimulus checks.

Ms. Miller thanked Charles Catania, of Catania Engineering for the extra funding offer regarding the Tot-lot grant.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Teadra – (no last name given) of School and Broad Street – concerned about traffic and people running the stop sign at Broad and School. She stated that there are many children playing in that area and want them to be safe. Sergeant Rodstein stated he will have the police department address this situation.

Mario Cimino -46 S. Morton Avenue – was concerned about the businesses, masks are not consistent, and stated he felt that it would be a good idea for our health officers to visit and make sure that people are wearing masks.

He also reported that the bridge on Morton Avenue has been named after Michael Malinowski. He also mentioned that Swarthmore EMT William Blackman passed away from Covid19.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Miller made a Motion to adjourn, Ms. Roberts seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Preston, Secretary