

BOROUGH OF MORTON

AGENDA MEETING

JULY 22, 2020

VIA ZOOM

The agenda meeting for the month of July 2020, was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Council president Michelle Miller. The Pledge was recited and roll was called. The following was roll call response: Michelle Miller-present, John Miller-present, Robert McGrath-present, Joseph Boylan-present. Also present – Solicitor Ewald, Chief LaSpina, Tax Collector Acquarola.

Absent: Mayor App, Douglass Eager

Present late: Hiele Hodnett, Michele Roberts.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – None

COUNCL COMMENTS – Ms. Miller commented on the loss of Senator John Lewis, and extraordinary man who affected all of our lives.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND INFRASTRUCTURE

No comments.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Boylan had no report. He did state that there have been additional errors regarding due taxes from 2018 tax year. He stated that no homes will be sold, the tax collector is working on correcting this.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Disposition of Records – Police department records – July 2000 to present. Solicitor Ewald suggested that a Resolution be approved for next meeting.

Mr. Miller gave congratulations to Chief Laspina and Officer Ian Kelly and the Fire Department on the recent Ice Cream Social with the police department.

Interviews

Public Safety committee decided that they will be interviewing the applicants for the police department at 6:00 p.m. and 6:30- p.m. Tuesday night 7-28-20. Ms. Miller invited the rest of council, if they were interested.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Hodnett commented that she would like to see the parks open. Ms. Miller told her she must discuss this with the Mayor as he gave the order to close the parks.

Ms. Hodnett stated that her committee did meet in July. They did discuss an event in the fall with the police and possibly fire department representation – possibly the month of October.

Ms. Miller stated that she has spoken already to Officer Ian Kelly with some ideas.

Ms. Hodnett stated there is grass roots effort to have the name Morton be added to the School district name.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION

Ms. Roberts reported that the committee met and decided to go ahead with the authorization to bid for the new rubbish and recycling contract. The Motion will be made to move forward on August 12, 2020.

Ms. Roberts also spoke about John Lewis and CT Vivian, grateful for them and the movement.

Ms. Roberts reported that the Rubbish contractor reported 11 pick ups at 99.88 tons. B& L disposal reported 4 pickups at 19.58 tons.

LAW AND ORDINANCE

Solicitor Ewald stated that the new zoning ordinance was sent to the Planning commission for their review.

PARK AND RECREATION

In the Mayor's absence, Ms. Miller reported that the equipment which was supposed to come for the tot lot was delivered to the contractor's property. They will begin working on this tot-lot next week.

Mayor App is to return on Sunday, and the next Park and Recreation meeting would be held July 30th, and they could discuss opening the parks at that time.

ZONING –

An Application has been received for the property at 238 Pennington Avenue. A hearing date is tentatively set for August 20, 2020.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Ellen Dearborn – 224 W Sylvan – questioned what the council is thinking, about Black Lives Matter.

Ms. Miller answered that the State Representative, Jennifer O'Mara is holding a Townhall meeting outdoors on July 29th to address some of the recent issues.

Ms. Miller reported that we recently had a peaceful march at Jacob's Park and advised her to check Nextdoor Morton.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McGrath made a Motion to adjourn, Mr. Boylan seconded. The meeting adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Preston

Secretary

