

BOROUGH OF MORTON

AGENDA MEETING

AUGUST 26, 2020

The Borough of Morton agenda meeting for August 26, 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 responded to roll call: Michelle Miller-present, John Miller-present, Michele Roberts-present, Robert McGrath-present, Joseph Boylan-present, Douglass Eagar-present, and Mayor App-present. Also Present – Solicitor Ewald, Manager-Poole, Chief Laspina.

Late: Hiele Hodnett

AGENDA TOPICS

**Public Buildings and Infrastructure**

Dropboxes – Election

Ms. Miller reported that she received an email recently from Board of Elections regarding drop boxes for ballots. This will be paid for by a grant, and the box must be outdoors and a camera has to be positioned to see the box. This box should be installed by October 1. Ms. Miller made a Motion on the drop box. Ms. Roberts seconded the Motion. Voice vote – all voiced approval –with exception of Ms. Hodnett who was not online for the vote.

**DELCORA Asset Transfer Act 537 Plan update**

This was discussed by council and it was suggested that we send a right to know request to other municipalities regarding what they are doing about this act 537 plan update. Mr. Lillicrapp, the CDCA representative as well as our Solicitor explained in detail the issue is a sale and would be the dissolution of DELCORA explained Michelle Miller made the Motion, Mr. Boylan seconded the Motion. All voiced approval. Motion carried.

**Finance and Administration**

**Utc – security bond**

Mr. Boylan made a Motion to authorize release of security bond for the site improvements at 501 Highland Avenue. This is required as part of the 2017 land development. Mr. Boylan further explained that the work is complete. Ms. Miller seconded the Motion. All voiced approval. Motion carried.

**2019 Road -invoice #1**

Mr. Boylan made a Motion to approve the release of funds to Joseph E. Sucher and Sons in the amount of \$34,150 for payment of invoice No. 1 and final for the work completed on the 2019 road program. Mr. McGrath seconded the Motion. Roll call: Michelle Miller-yes, John Miller-yes, Robert McGrath-yes, Hiele Hodnett-yes, Joseph Boylan-yes, Douglass Eagar-yes. Motion carried.

Budget 2021

Mr. Boylan gave a proposed 2021 schedule for budget sessions. Mr. Boylan would like to hold the meetings in person, possibly in the gym, social distancing and masks. The schedule would be a kick-off meeting on September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 and then the other evenings would be October 7, 21, November 4, and 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Miller congratulated Ian Kelly on his new position of full-time police officer. Mr. Kelly was sworn in on Monday, August 24<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Miller thanked the Civil Service commission as well as the Chief for all their assistance in getting this done.

Mr. Miller mentioned the property at 116 School Street – it is vacant and an eyesore and asked what could be done about it. Solicitor Ewald stated he would assist the office in looking into this matter.

**COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

No report

Ms. Hodnett reminded all to get their census data in.

**PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION**

Ms. Roberts had no report. Ms. Roberts questioned the status of the rat problem at Popeye's.

It was handled by the health officer, who spoke with the property owner.

**LAW AND ORDINANCE**

No report

**PARK AND RECREATION**

Mayor App reported that Mr. Blunt would be working on the mulch at Jacob's park on Friday, he would be putting in 100 yards of mulch. The tot lot phase I was finished today. The sycamore woods project would be starting soon.

Mayor App reported that the Speavy family would be doing the take-one -leave one library on Friday at the tot lot, and the work should be done by Monday.

Mayor App reported that the committee met and recommended that the iron fence be replaced and also update the flagpole. Ms. Miller responded that now is not the time to address the fence.

Mr. McGrath stated that he and Ms. Miller and Ms. Roberts spoke about a signage concern, and recommended some memorial stones be put on the path at sycamore woods, and possibly instead of signs, that a mural with children on it be painted on the side of the building facing the tot lot, with some reference to Mr. Rice who was a Tuskegee Airman, and the fire house field be named after Mike Scioscia who used to live in Morton.

**PLANNING**

Meeting will be held September 16 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss 27 Sycamore land acquisition.

**ZONING**

There was a county meeting on zoom regarding the Zoning/Planning 65k grant from county. consultant waiting on paperwork.

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

Amanda Hammock – 36 Providence Road questioned when will in-person meetings be held. Ms. Miller answered that perhaps the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September, but this was not confirmed.

Ms. Miller announced that a rain barrel work shop would be held virtually on October 5<sup>th</sup>, and then rain barrels for those in attendance would be given out for pick up on October 6<sup>th</sup>.

Jackie Guy -recent school board meeting regarding sports and volunteer practices was held.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. McGrath made a Motion to adjourn at 8:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Martha Preston, Secretary