

BOROUGH OF MORTON

AGENDA MEETING

SEPTEMBER 23, 2020

The September 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- Heile Hodnett-present, Joseph Boylan-present, Douglass Eagar-present and Mayor App-present.

Also present: Solicitor Ewald and Chief Laspina.

PUBLIC BUILDINGS & INFRASTRUCTURE

1) Supplemental plowing contract.

Mr. Poole explained that two years ago we did this, and we are coming upon winter, so it would be good to have to have back up just in case we need. This is just supplemental help. Ms. Miller made a Motion to approve receiving proposals. Mr. Boylan seconded the Motion. All voiced approval. Motion carried.

2) Installation of Ballot Box

Ms. Miller explained where the box would go; and that the County is putting their own pole and box and camera up. The originally agreement was different then this. The county is supplying a pole with a mounted camera.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

2021 -MMO

Mr. Boylan discussed the financial requirement for 2021 MMO for the pension plans. The amount for the police plan is \$114,360, and the amount for the non-uniform plan will be \$7360.00. He explained the financial obligation of the borough for this plan. Ms. Miller then made a motion to approve this requirement, Mr. Boylan seconded this Motion. All council voiced approval. Motion carried.

Budget Meetings

Mr. Boylan announced the next two budget meetings. They are Public safety – Wednesday October 7, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. and Facilities - Wednesday October 21, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

The Preliminary budget meeting may be by November 18, then a re-calculation may be necessary due to the millage rate.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mr. Miller reported the he had a committee meeting and things went very well, as there was a lot on the table. The Fire Department lost money because they cannot have fundraisers due to covid-19 at this

time.

Take a Book Library

Mr. Miller thanked borough engineer Charles Catania, Jr for the donation of the library. Ms. Miller stated the Mr. Bruce Blunt would install this weekend at Jacob's Park.

Chief Laspina reported that they were currently accepting applications for part time police officers, and interviews would be held next week.

PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION

Ms. Roberts stated that in August, bids were sent for trash and recycling contract and next month we will be opening the bids.

LAW & ORDINANCE

Mr. Eagar announced that the Solicitor had some information regarding the zoning ordinance amendment. Solicitor Ewald explained that the County's comments have been received and they recommend approval. This is out for advertisement and by October 14 meeting we should vote for approval of this ordinance 767.

27 Sycamore

Solicitor Ewald also mentioned that on 10/14, 27 Sycamore would be up for a hearing and then a vote from council for approval. The recommendation from the County should be received at this time.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Hodnett stated that she intended to have a meeting via zoom on September 29 at 7:00 p.m.

PARK AND RECREATION

Ms. Miller reported that the Mayor has stepped down from chairing Park and Recreation. She did thank the mayor for all of his hard work and all of the things that he did accomplish with this committee. Ms. Miller stated she has reached out to a resident regarding CDBG, and Bruce Blunt is going to chair the Park and Recreation committee. He is very happy that Bruce agreed to do so, this should work out quite well.

Mr. McGrath discussed a project in regard to signage, and stated he got input from Kristin, going forward he had a plan to get rid of the poison ivy-goats. The baseball field – all the work is going to be done by the end of October.

PLANNING

We have received new plans for 24 Kedron from their engineer. This has been placed in the hands of the alternate engineer, as well as Solicitor Ewald.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Miller reported that now everyone has new business cards.

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OPEN DISCUSSION

Hall use request

Sunday Dyitt questioned if the prayer group that meets in the park would be able to meet in the gymnasium going forward. This was not agreed upon as the borough building is not yet opened to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. McGrath made a motion to adjourn at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully,

Martha Preston, Secretary