

BOROUGH OF MORTON
REGULAR PUBLIC MEETING
DECEMBER 9, 2020
VIA ZOOM

The regular public meeting of December was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Vice President of Council John Miller. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll was called. The following was roll call response: John Miller-present, Michele Roberts-present, Robert McGrath-present, Hiele Hodnett-present, Joseph Boylan-present, Douglass Eagar-present, Mayor App-present. Also present; Solicitor Ewald, Chief Laspina, Engineer Catania, Morton-Rutledge Representatives Don Holstein, and Jack Breslin, and Kristin Acquarola-Tax Collector. Present after roll call: Michelle Miller-(due to technical problems).

COUNCIL COMMENTS – NONE

Public comment on agenda – none

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

Mr. Boylan made a Motion to approve the meeting minutes for November. Ms. Roberts seconded the Motion. All council voiced approval. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MONTHLY BILLS

Ms. Roberts made a Motion to approve the bills to be paid for the previous month. Mr. Boylan seconded the Motion. Roll call: Mr. Miller-yes, Ms. Roberts-yes, Mr. McGrath-yes, Ms. Hodnett-yes, Mr. Boylan-yes, Mr. Eagar-yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC FACILITIES AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Inspector report-November

The borough secretary read the building inspector's report for November. There were 11 building permits, 4 Use and Occupancy certificates, and 1 Contractor license issued.

Final Payment-CDBG

Mr. Boylan made a Motion to approve final payment to Joseph J. Danielle, LLC for \$7341.00 - representing funding committed by the borough to complete the CDBG HVAC improvements project. Ms. Roberts seconded the Motion. All council voiced approval. Motion carried.

Snow Supplemental

Mr. McGrath made a Motion to award the 2021 and 2022 Supplemental snow removal service contract to A to U Services of Glenolden PA. Mr. Miller seconded the Motion. Roll call Mr. Miller-yes, Ms. Roberts-yes, Mr. McGrath-yes, Ms. Hodnett-yes, Mr. Boylan-yes, Mr. Eagar-yes. Motion carried.

CDBG Hearing Closed

Engineer Update – There was no update to report

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Boylan noted that he did not receive the Tax Collector's November report, so next meeting council would vote to approve her report for that month, along with December.

Sewer and Trash Collection

Council acknowledged receiving the Sewer and Trash Collection reports. These reports are kept on file in the borough offices.

Preliminary Budget

Mr. Miller made a Motion to approve the preliminary budget for 2021. Ms. Roberts seconded the Motion. Roll call – Ms. Miller-yes, Mr. Miller-yes, Ms. Roberts-yes, Mr. McGrath-yes, Ms. Hodnett-yes, Mr. Boylan-yes, Mr. Eagar-yes. Motion carried.

Resolution 2020-09-2021 Millage rate

Mr. Boylan explained that the new millage rate for 2021 would be 6.479. Ms. Miller made the Motion to approve this Resolution. Ms. Roberts seconded the Motion. Roll call: Ms. Miller-yes, Mr. Miller-yes, Ms. Roberts-yes, Mr. McGrath-yes, Ms. Hodnett-yes, Mr. Boylan-yes, Mr. Eagar -yes. Motion carried.

Mr. Boylan announced that the final budget adoption would be Wednesday, December 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Report

Mr. Miller read the November police report. There were 259 this is on file in the borough office.

Fire Dept.

Mr. Miller had the Fire Department report for November- there were 22 incidents. This report is also on file at the borough office.

The fire department reported that December 19 at 5:00 p.m. Santa would be coming around, however due to COVID19, no candy will be handed out.

Fire Marshal

Mr. Miller reported that the committee met on Monday evening to interview Rufus Stokes. Mr Miller made a Motion to approve Rufus Stokes as Fire Marshal for the Borough of Morton. M.s Hodnett seconded the Motion. All council voiced approval. Motion carried.

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PUBLIC HEALTH, SANITATION AND RECYCLING

2021-2023 Rubbish Contract

Ms. Roberts reported that the recommendation from the Sanitation Committee was to approve the 1 day per week trash through the months of October-May, then 2 times per week from May-October. There will be no more recycling pick up. She did recommend Creative Waste Services in the amount of \$299,817.30. Ms. Roberts made a Motion to approve this contract. She reported that the igloos at the borough would be available for recycling as well as other areas in the borough. Ms. Roberts reported the trash pick up for November was 11 pick ups at 103.2 tonnage, and Recycling was 4 pickups at 17.68 tonnage.

LAW AND ORDINANCE

Mr. Eagar had no report

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ms. Hodnett discussed a possible Red Cross donation in the coming year, and a donation to the Senior center in Folsom. Ms. Miller requested Ms. Hodnett bring some information back to council on this center so that a decision could be made.

Morton Mailer

Mr. McGrath reported that the Morton Mailer would be going out the end of the month, and requested help with council committees on their review of borough things that have been accomplished. He hopes to have this published by 12-14-20.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Ms. Miller reported that she met with a tree guy on Friday to meet at the park and also Jacobs to discuss several trees that need maintenance.

PLANNING

The meeting scheduled for December 15th has been canceled.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Roberts reminded everyone that the 4th quarter sewer bills were out and due by December 18th.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Glenda Mitchell -220 Walnut Street-complained to council about the hall not being available for rentals She was concerned about the decreasing recreational activities for youth. She requested to have a "movie night" with no more than 20 children and was turned down. Lengthy discussion ensued, with the Solicitor finally ending the discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Miller made a Motion to adjourn, Ms. Roberts seconded the Motion and the meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted – Martha Preston, Secretary