

**BOROUGH OF MORTON**

**AGENDA MEETING**

**DECEMBER 23, 2020**

**VIA ZOOM**

The agenda meeting for the month of December was called to order at 7:00 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, Joseph Boylan-present, Douglas Eagar-present, and Mayor App-present. Also present: Kristin Acquarola-Tax Collector, Solicitor Ewald, Chief Holstein of the Fire Department. Present after roll call: Hiele Hodnett.

**PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA – None**

**AGENDA TOPICS**

Public Buildings and Infrastructure

No report

**FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION**

Adopt 2021 Budget

Mr. Boylan made a Motion to adopt the 2021 Final Budget. Ms. Roberts seconded the Motion . Roll call: Ms. Miller-yes, Mr. Miller-yes, Ms. Roberts-yes, Mr. McGrath-yes, Ms. Hodnett-yes, Joseph Boylan-yes, Douglas Eagar-yes. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2020-768 – an ordinance of the Borough of Morton fixing the tax rate, sewer rent fees and refuse fees for the fiscal year of 2021. The total millage will be 6.823, an increase from the preliminary rate of 6.479 of 5.31%. Mr. Boylan explained that Mercantile taxes have not been received at this time, we normally get fees in November, but due to the pandemic we have not received. Sewer rate for 2021 will be \$13.72 per 1000 gallons of usage, which is a 12.55% increase from previous year, Refuse will be a 7.42% decrease, and fees will now be \$237.00 annually. Mr. Boylan made a Motion to approve the ordinance. Ms. Hodnett 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 2020-10 – Tax and Revenue Anticipation Note

Mr. Boylan made a Motion to approve Resolution 2020-10, a resolution authorizing issuance of a tax and revenue anticipation note in the principal amount of \$175,000. This note will be with Uninvest Bank at 2.4% interest rate. 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.

FOP Negotiations

Mr. Boylan began to explain that they were finalizing – agree on some items. However, this discussion was tabled as this should be done in an Executive meeting, and not for public discussion.

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## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Mr. Miller thanked everyone for their work and was glad everyone was well. He congratulated the Chief on his budget.

### Fire Dept

Mr. Miller asked the Fire Chief about the equipment for the fire Marshal

Chief Holstein stated that the does have a helmet and they are looking into assisting with other needs. Mr. Stokes will need ID items and other minimal things. He will give the information to the manager for next month's approval.

No report from the Fire Department – they will be doing a mailing soon for donations.

## **COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Ms. Hodnett deferred her report to Mr. McGrath.

## **PUBLIC HEALTH AND SANITATION**

Ms. Roberts wished everyone a Merry Christmas and thanked Mr. McGrath for the Morton Mailer, discussed the stopping of curbside recycling.

## **LAW AND ORDINANCE**

Mr. Eagar made a Motion to approve the proposed estimate of between \$345 and \$415 from General Codes to codify only the 2019 legislation. John Miller seconded the Motion. Roll Call: Ms. Miller-yes, Mr. Miller-yes, Ms. Roberts-yes, R. McGrath-yes, H. Hodnett-yes, J. Boylan-yes, D. Eagar – yes. Motion carried.

## **PARK AND RECREATION**

Mr. McGrath reported that the signage for the Sycamore Woods is being worked on, the benches are in, and the doggy stations are in place.

Mayor App – gave out 3 \$25 gift certificates for Best Decorated for Christmas. He had his wife make up certificates for those homeowners.

## **OPEN DISCUSSION**

Ms. Roberts thanked everyone for the COVID support, reminded all to be prayerful and concerned for others and pray for each other and hopefully 2021 will be better for all.

Ms. Miller thanked the police department and the fire department, the Mayor, the tax collector, and Nancy app.

Mr. Miller also wished everyone a safe holiday.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:12 p.m.