

MERCER BOROUGH REGULAR MEETING

April 7th 2015

Attendance: Beth Hillmar, Jerry Johnson, Frank Curl, Curtis Townsend, Mayor Ross Vernon, Gary Hancock, Jac Carter, Joe Kurtanich, Chief Fockler, Debbie Scruci

Beth Hillmar led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Jerry Johnson led council with a prayer for Gail Habbyshaw, Borough resident and staff writer for the Record Office who had recently been diagnosed with a serious medical condition.

VISITORS COMMENTS

Bob Giebner commented on the proposed Parking Ordinance stating that several of the Streets listed parking times for both sides of the Streets when parking is prohibited. The Administrator agreed to review the Ordinance with the Solicitor.

BID OPENING

Beth Hillmar announced that there was 1 bid for the 2015 Chevrolet Caprice Police Patrol Vehicle submitted by Ben Bissett Chevrolet for a price of \$ 28,185.36. Jac Carter questioned why the Police Department needed a third car and why a Caprice was bid and not the lower priced Impala. Chief Fockler responded that council chose not to sell the third vehicle when the last vehicle was purchased in 2012. He added that the Impala was a smaller unit and there were problems with the back seat room area with larger arrestees. Gary Hancock moved to purchase the 2015 Chevrolet Caprice with Jerry Johnson seconding. Gary Hancock and Jerry Johnson approved the motion. Beth Hillmar, Jac Carter, Curtis Townsend and Frank Curl opposed the motion.

The Borough Administrator announced that a Borough Resolution was necessary for her to submit a Brandy Springs Park grant application to the DCNR. She further explained that she had not received a project description from the Park Board yet. Frank Curl informed council that the Park Board wanted to proceed with the Spray Park plans and they were working to come up with matching funds. Gary Hancock moved to approve the resolution with Jack Carter seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

Jac Carter moved to approve the 2015 Memorial Day 500 Special Event Road Closing Application with Gary Hancock seconding.

Frank Curl informed council that the Mercer Borough Website is up and encouraged council to submit ideas for current news or information for the next meeting.

Council discussed the Ford Crown Victoria police unit and agreed that they should approve any vehicle repairs prior to the work being performed. They also suggested that council talks to the Mercer Area School District about sharing the expenses if it is used at the school.

REPORTS

Joe Kurtanich reviewed a sewer main replacement list with council and indicated that the sewer committee and finance should meet to propose future plans.

The Administrator informed council that Richardson Inspection services agreed to inspect the Schell property Garage addition located in Coolspring Township to assist in the storm water runoff issues that the Borough residents were experiencing. She added that Mercer County Regional Planning advised her that the Township Supervisors and Borough Council should meet and collaborate with the storm water management issues.

Beth Hillmar suggested coordinating meetings with the State Representatives to include all of council members for Borough issues.

Jerry Johnson informed council that the Finance Committee will meet to discuss upcoming sewer projects and rates.

Frank Curl stated that there were concerns about 3 light poles that are rusting around the Diamond.

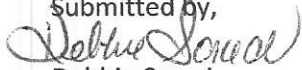
Jerry Johnson advised council that there were several properties in need of work and clean up in the Borough. Beth Hillmar asked that the Code Enforcement Officer be invited to the next meeting to ask the Solicitor questions he may have regarding enforcement.

The meeting was adjourned to an Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. The meeting was called back to order.

Mayor Vernon asked council members to volunteer Saturday April 11th for the Borough's Keep America Beautiful Day Clean Up Day.

The meeting was properly adjourned.

Submitted by,


Debbie Scruci
Administrator