

MERCER BOROUGH REGULAR MEETING

March 10, 2015

Attendance: John Zohoranacky, Jerry Johnson, Curtis Townsend, Frank Curl, Mayor Vernon, Beth Hillmar, Gary Hancock, Jac Carter, Attorney Bogaty, Debbie Scruci, Chief Fockler

John Zohoranacky called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Gary Hancock moved to approve the February 10th minutes with Curtis Townsend seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Jac Carter moved to approve the Treasurers report with Gary Hancock seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Jerry Johnson moved to approve the Payment of Bills with Gary Hancock seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

VISITORS

Bob Giebner asked council why the Borough was not enforcing snow removal this winter in particular the 5 point intersection in front of the Subway plaza. John Zohoranacky stated that there were some enforcement issues with the current ordinance and advised rewriting. He added that this was an exceptional year for snow fall.

Chief Fockler asked council what they were planning to do about the police vehicles stating that the Crown Victoria was costing a lot it repairs. Gary Hancock moved to authorize the Chief to purchase a new Chevy Caprice police vehicle. Beth seconded the motion. The Administrator advised council that the purchase would have to go through the competitive bid process if Ben Bissitt Chevrolet was not under contract with Costars. Chief Fockler stated that the quote was state pricing and did not need to be advertised for bid. Beth Hillmar seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously. Chief Fockler stated that the front door to the police station needed replaced. John Zohoranacky asked that he obtain a price from Warner's Home Improvements along with a push button entry system.

Jac Carter moved to approve the street closing for the Summer Friday Night Community Band Concerts with Gary Hancock seconding. Gary Hancock seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

Jerry Johnson moved to approve the Parking Ordinance for advertising with Gary Hancock seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

John Zohoranacky informed council that the Junior Council Person applicants contacted the Borough's Association regarding the Boroughs application policies and asked if they would like to change any of the criteria discussed at the previous meeting. Council decided to leave the policies in place.

Jac Carter moved to approve the National Fuel Right of Way agreement with the Solicitors revisions. Beth Hillmar seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Joe Kurtanich reviewed the items on the Engineers Report with council. He agreed to meet with Aqua representatives concerning their upcoming projects and the frozen water line issues the Borough Building had experienced the last several weeks.

John Zohoranacky reported to the Street Committee that there was a large crater at the catch basin on Current Street.

Council discussed fines due to increased flows during the rain events in the Spring. Beth Hillmar moved to send the State Representatives a letter pertaining to the increased flows after the end of April. Gary Hancock seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

The Administrator informed council that she would be gathering information to submit to the DCED for reimbursement of costs of the Act 537's through the Sewage Facilities Program.

Beth Hillmar moved to approve Penndots' all red emergency flash at the 5-way. Gary Hancock seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned to an executive session to discuss personnel issues. The meeting was called back to order.

Council agreed that the Property & Maintenance Code Officer Larry Rodgers should start enforcement procedures at the Richard Kress property on E. Market Street.

The meeting was properly adjourned.

Submitted by,



Debbie Scruci
Administrator