

MERCER BOROUGH REGULAR MEETING

April 10, 2018

Attendance: Beth Hillmar, Jerry Johnson, Bill Finley, Cliff Hughes, Mayor Vernon, Caroline DaCosta, Aaron Sines, Jac Carter, Joe Kurtanich, Debbie Sarvis, Attorney Bogaty

Beth Hillmar led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Aaron Sines moved to approve the March 3rd and April 3rd minutes with Jac Carter seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Jerry Johnson moved to approve the Treasurer's Report Cliff Hughes seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Bill Finley moved to approve the Payment of Bills with Jac Carter seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

VISITORS

Robert Beatty, Fredonia Borough Council introduced himself and stated that he would like to talk to officials concerning Mercer's grant writing initiatives. Council referred Mr. Beatty to the Administrator who writes the grants for Mercer Borough.

Dan Goncz reviewed his Engineers' Report with council. Jac Carter moved to approve Requisition # 3 in the amount of \$ 246,843.66 with Bill Finley seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

Beth Hillmar introduces Officer Justin Daubenspeck, Tony Mossato and Devon Siegfried to council.

Ryan Hoffman announced that he and a group of concerned citizens were planning on marching to support the 2nd Amendment. He added that they were encouraging everyone not to load their chambers with ambulation and not to use profanity on their signs.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jac Carter moved to approve the East End Fire Department Hazzard Incident Ordinance with Caroline DaCosta seconding. Vote carried with Bill Finley abstaining.

Jerry Johnson moved to approve a state Resolution making it mandatory that Elected Officials attend training. Aaron Sines seconded the motion. After a roll call vote, the motion failed with Jerry Johnson and Caroline DaCosta approving the motion and Jac Carter, Aaron Sines, Cliff Hughes, Bill Finley and Beth Hillmar disapproving the motion.

Mayor Vernon announced that the Borough Keep America Beautiful Day is scheduled for April 14th, weather permitting.

Jac Carter recommended amending the Borough's Solicitation Ordinance to provide for increased fines for unauthorized soliciting. Attorney Bogaty agreed to work on the ordinance for the next meeting.

Beth Hillmar asked council to see the Administrator if they would like to attend the PSAB Ethics and Open Records training May 17th in Cranberry.

REPORTS

Joe Kurtanich reviewed his Engineers Report with council. The projects included, the S. Diamond Streetscape project, the South Shenango St. Sewer project, the DCED Sewer Grant submittal and the ADA Improvement Project. Jac Carter asked what was happening with the uncovered sewer line in between the Reznor/White Lane area. Mr. Kurtanich reported that Jim McGhee said it was an abandoned line but Jac Carter asked if the problem could be further investigated.

Jac Carter reported that the Street Crew would be filling the pot holes soon weather permitting and that he was looking at streets for the Paving Project.

Under Finance, Jerry Johnson reported that the Finance Committee would meet with the Auditors before their visit with the entire council.

Jac Carter reported under Parks and Recreation, that he and the Administrator met with Brandy Spring Park Officials to gather information to move forward on the Spray Park project. Jerry Johnson commented that the Park Board should be making more reports to the public for fund raising.

Council recommended making a list of items that need to be completed for the part-time summer help. The Administrator agreed to run a new advertisement for part-time help with the applications due by May 1st. Council asked her to run and advertise for part-time police also.

Cliff Hughes advised Mayor Vernon and council that the poles on the siren are shaking with tested. Mayor Vernon agreed to inspect them the next time he tests.

Bill Finley advised council that there was a CPR class scheduled for May 7th. Beth Hillmar stated that she could not go on that day due to her work schedule and Bill Findley agreed to look for other days.

The Administrator reported that the front of the building landscaping was pulled out last year and not replaced. She asked council if she or someone could order shrubs for the area. Beth Hillmar agreed to take care of it.

The meeting was properly adjourned.

Submitted by,

Debbie Sarvis
Administrator

