

MERCER BOROUGH REGULAR MEETING

April 11, 2017

Attendance: Jac Carter, Beth Hillmar, Jerry Johnson, Frank Curl, Cliff Hughes, Mayor Vernon, Caroline DaCosta, Aaron Sines, Joe Kurtanich, Attorney Bogaty, Debbie Sarvis, Dan Goncz

Jac Carter led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Beth Hillmar moved to approve the March 21, and April 4th minutes. Aaron Sines seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously. Jerry Johnson moved to approve the Treasurers Report with Beth Hillmar seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Aaron Sines moved to approve the Payment of Bills with Caroline DaCosta seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

VISITORS

Dan Goncz, Gannett Flemming reviewed the Sewer Treatment Improvement's bid project with council. Mr. Goncz advised council that they would need to adopt a new time schedule after the construction contracts are awarded.

Denise Orr representing COPE, United Methodist Church reviewed her Special Event Permit with council.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Beth Hillmar moved to approve closing N. and S. Diamond Street from 5:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. on May 6th. Aaron Sines seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

Beth Hillmar moved to revise the E. Beaver Street storm water project moving the excavation area to the north side of East side of 464 E. Beaver Street. Aaron Sines seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

Council discussed the information provided by the Administrator in regards to temporary signs placed in the street right of ways. The Administrator advised that although the Zoning Ordinance does not provide for temporary signs in the right a ways, the council in the past agreed that short term Mercer Borough or Mercer School community non-profit event signs and directional signs were permissible.

Cliff Hughes moved to contact McCandless Ford to submit a quote for a new police vehicle. Frank Curl seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

Aaron Sines moved to authorize bidding of the paving of Turkey Street and N. Pitt Street from N. Diamond to E. Venango after repairing the sewer line. Caroline DaCosta seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

Frank Curl moved to bid 200 feet of sewer main on N. Pitt Street to be replaced before the paving project. Beth Hillmar seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

Mayor Vernon announced that he had 20-25 students scheduled to participate on April 22nd for the Great American Clean up Day. He asked council for volunteers to chaperone the students for safety purposes.

Council agreed that Tomeo Farms can burn his trees and brush on commercial property if he follows the burning ordinance and checks with soil conservation and the fire department.

Beth Hillmar moved to advertise for the Public Works summer help Cliff Hughes seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

Frank Curl moved to hire J & T Paving \$ 13,800.00 to replace the E. Venango sewer line at \$ 13,800.00. He added that the Borough would supply the pipe and bedding and also asked for clarification on landscaping. Caroline DaCosta seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Aaron Sines reviewed the Police Report with council.

Joe Kurtanich reviewed the Engineers Report including the Sheetz project, WWTP and issues with sewer lines and the sanitary sewer line behind Nelsons.

Council discussed the N. Diamond Street Streetscape projects and Caroline DaCosta asked what stage the Engineer was in for the property owner reimbursement agreements.

Mayor Vernon stated that there were some trees that were overgrown into the sign areas of the intersections and the Administrator commented that notices were issued last fall and if a list could be provided to the Code officer she would notify the property owners.

Under finance Caroline DaCosta noted that the "checks and balances" were being performed by the Finance Committee.

Frank Curl moved to approve Attorney Bogaty to prepare lien information for the required DCNR Brandy Springs Park grant. Beth Hillmar seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously. The meeting was properly adjourned.

Submitted by,

Debbie Sarvis
Administrator