

MERCER BOROUGH REGULAR MEETING

April 9th, 2019

Attendance: Beth Hillmar, Cliff Hughes, Mayor Vernon, Caroline DaCosta, Aaron Snyder, Jac Carter, Attorney Bogaty, Debbie Sarvis, Joe Kurtanich, Chief Shrawder, Harlowe Mattocks

Beth Hillmar led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Aaron Sines moved to approve the March 12th and April 2nd minutes with Jac Carter seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Aaron Sines moved to approve the Treasurers Report with Jac Carter seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Cliff Hughes moved to approve the Payment of Bills with Caroline DaCosta seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

VISITORS

Dan Goncz reviewed his Sewer Improvement Engineers Report with council. He stated that arrangements would be made for training for the sewer plant employees and manual sheets for operations from the Vendors would also be provided. Jac Carter moved to approve Requisition # 15 dated April 9th 2019 in the amount of \$ 445,077.25. Caroline DaCosta seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

Richard Kress and Jim Miller were not in attendance as council discussed with the Zoning Officer the Property Maintenance Ordinance violations occurring at their property. Beth Hillmar stated that there will be no time extensions for the properties and the officer should proceed as directed. Council agreed that Mr. Kress should have his property cleaned up by May 1st or face the Borough hiring someone to clean up the property at his expense. Attorney Bogaty informed council that since there are tax liens on the property he would research the issue for Mr. Millers' burn out property for advice. Harlowe Mattocks was instructed to have a list of items/vehicles to be removed ready. Aaron Sines moved to authorize Attorney Bogaty to proceed to Common Pleas Court if necessary to file against Kress. Cliff Hughes seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously. Council directed Harlowe Mattocks to file on both the property owner and tenant at 422 E. Market Street for the illegal structure housing chickens.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Joe Kurtanich agreed to prepare a drawing and specifications for the Thompson Property on E. Venango Street that was excavated last year for sewer replacement.

Beth Hillmar stated that if anyone is interested in serving on the Library Board that they should contact the Director Mathew Goldwin. Aaron Sines stated that the meetings are on Thursday nights.

NEW BUSINESS

The Administrator informed council that the 2018 Annual Financial Report was filed with the State and each of the council had a copy. She explained that the report states the balances of the General and Sewer Funds at the end of the year and encouraged council to review the report. She also suggested that the Finance committee meet to discuss last years and this year's budget.

Cliff Hughes moved to hire Ashley VanSickle for the part-time police officer position at \$ 13.75 an hour with Aaron Sines seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Chief Brad Shrawder reported that the plans for the student mural for the outside of the police station had changed . Council asked that the design is run past them first before approved. The Chief announced that there was damage done to the 2012 Chevy police vehicle when an officer swerved and hit a pole. The Administrator asked for the details to submit to the insurance company.

Aaron Sines moved to approve Ordinance # 2 2019 formally establishing Fish For Fun Street as a public street. Jac Carter seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

Joe Kurtanich reviewed items on his Engineers Report. He informed council that he and Cliff Hughes attended the semi-final meeting of for the S. Diamond Streetscape project. Jac Carter moved to pay Totin Contracting \$ 31,185.00 for the first payment request of the S. Shenango Street Sewer Repair. Aaron Sines seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously. Jac Carter moved to have the sewer fund pay for the paving on the North Shenango Street sewer repair project based on the Engineers and Solicitors advise. Aaron Sines seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

Aaron Sines reported that the Rotary Club was working on the trash cans and benches for the uptown area.

Aaron Sines asked council to consider conducting exit interviews with employees when resigning as many companies feel that it is productive.

Caroline DaCosta told council that there was run off water from Sheetz Parking lot interfering with the road and her fence wall. She also reported an excessive amount of traffic including trucks making deliveries to Sheets. Jac Carter and Joe Kurtanich agreed to look at the areas.

Cliff Hughes commented that when the street sweeper is run on his alley, small rocks are being chipped and thrown into his yard from the street crowns.

There was a motion to adjourn to the Brandy Springs Park meeting.

The Administrator informed council and the park board that she received update quotes for the Spray Park features and further explained the DCNR bid requirements. The Administrator reiterated that nothing could be paid out the grant or matching funds without her approval which would be either 3 quotes or Costars/Joint Municipal Bid. The low quote was Vortex and council and the Park Board agreed to order the features that would take approximately 8 weeks to get there. Beth Hillmar recommended that a meeting be held to discuss the contractors schedule any other purchasing before the next meeting. The meeting was properly adjourned

Submitted by,

Debbie Sarvis
Administrator