

MERCER BOROUGH REGULAR MEETING

August 6th 2019

Attendance: Beth Hillmar, Jerry Johnson, Bill Finley, Cliff Hughes, Mayor Vernon, Aaron Sines, Jac Carter, Joe Kurtanich, Debbie Sarvis, Harlowe Mattocks, R J Angott

Beth Hillmar opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS

Beth Hillmar informed Richard Kress that the final decision to remove trash or junk items from his property due to his violation would be considered at next weeks' meeting when Attorney Bogaty was in attendance. Mr. Kress informed council that he would like to build a garage and fence to eliminate his problem there. Council agreed that Mr. Kress would be permitted to build a garage or fence as long as it meets the zoning requirements. They added that it was 2 separate issues and it would not eliminate the property clean- up process.

Frank Lord asked the council to considered re-instating the parking lot fee behind the Borough Building. He stated that since the fee was removed his cliental and customers do not have a place to park. Bill Finley, Jac Carter and Aaron Sines recommended raising the fee from \$ 2.00 to \$ 4.00 to eliminate County and other employees Council also considered removing at least 1 parking space from the corner of N. Pitt Street and Gooseberry due to a potential vehicle sight obstruction.

2019 PAVING PROJECT

Joe Kurtanich opened the Bids for the Paving Project. The results were: Glen Hawbaker at \$ 163,733.00, J&T Paving at \$ 124,186.00, Shields Paving at \$ 117,224.40 and Sharon paving at \$ 148,045.80. Jac Carter moved to award the contract to Shields Paving pending the Engineers review. Bill Finley seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Joe Kurtanich stated that he would get contractors lined up for the Thompson Field restoration project so that when the legal documents are completed the job could be completed in a timely manner.

The Administrator asked when E. Beaver Street in front of 615 E. Beaver Street would be paved where the sewer line was dug up. Joe Kurtanich stated that he would ask Shields Paving to do that while they were in town. R J Angott stated that the drain pipe underneath Lary Street was collapsed and needed to be replaced. The Administrator added that the deep ditch flooded covering the road making in dangerous for the children and vehicles using the roadway.

REPORTS

Joe Kurtanich reported that there was \$ 24,900 left over in MCRPC's CDBG funding that they have agreed to allow Mercer Borough to use on additional ADA ramps. Mr. Kurtanich reviewed the S. Diamond Street Sidewalk project punch list and informed council that when the project would begin again the last couple weeks of August when the hand rails arrive. This included Debi's Deli and beauty shop where the brick flower boxes and scrubs were removed.

R.J. Angott asked council if they would approve "School Zone" being burned in to the road in front of the schools. He added that it was expensive but would last longer. Council agreed. He informed council of storm water complaints on Spruce and Pine Line.

Beth Hillmar stated that the Police Committee would need to review Police Applications to hire a new part-time employee.

Council discussed the E. Butler Street storm sewer project stating that more funding was needed to go further up the Street and it would take time to do it properly.

Cliff Hughes moved to increase the Lot # 1 daily parking fee to \$ 4.00 with Bill Finley seconding. The Administrator reminded council that an amendment to the Ordinance was necessary. Council discussed and agreed to set the date for October 1st to give time for the advertising and communication with the County and businesses. The vote carried unanimously.

Cliff Hughes stated that there was a piece of metal protruding from the ground at the corner of S. Diamond and N. Erie Street from a PADot sign that had broken off. R. J. stated that he would contact PADot to repair.

Beth Hillmar informed council that she was in touch with someone that would be willing to donate materials for the Brandy Springs Park Community Building adding that she would need the dimensions. The Administrator informed council that Frank Curl had been getting information about the materials needed for the piping and cement for the Spray Park.

The meeting was properly adjourned.

Submitted by,

Debbie Sarvis
Administrator

