

MERCER BOROUGH REGULAR MEETING

December 11th 2018

Attendance: Beth Hillmar, Jerry Johnson, Mayor Vernon, Caroline DaCosta, Aaron Sines, Jac Carter, Attorney Bogaty, Joe Kurtanich, Debbie Sarvis, Chief Shrawder

Beth Hillmar led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Aaron Sines moved to approve the November 13th and December 4th minutes with Jac Carter seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Aaron Sines moved to approve the Treasurers Report with Jerry Johnson seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Aaron Sines moved to approve the Payment of Bills with Jac Carter seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

VISITORS

Dan Goncz reviewed the December's Sewer Treatment Plant Expansion Report and announced that he was planning on an April 2019 start-up date. Jac Carter moved to approve Requisition # 11 in the amount of \$ 371,336.19. Caroline DaCosta seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously. Dan Goncz informed council that NCWJMA could take on Brandy Springs' spray park on their sewer system. He added that since the park would be using less than 1 E.D.U. for this attraction the Authority may request less than the standard tap on fee.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Beth Hillmar asked if council had any changes or recommendations for the 2019 Budget approval. The Administrator asked for the Auditors information that the 2019 Budget includes pay increases as specified in the Union Contract and 2% increases for the office non- union employees, Debbie Sarvis, Denise Young and David Montenegro. Jac Carter moved to approve the 2019 proposed Budget with Jerry Johnson seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

Aaron Sines move to approve Ordinance-6 2018 allowing PMRS In-Service Distribution. Jac Carter seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Jac Carter moved to set the 2019 Council Meetings for 6:30 P.M. the first and second Tuesday of the Month. Jerry Johnson seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

Jac Carter moved to hire Kyle Mariacher and Anthony Rubin for part-time police officers starting at \$13.48 an hour and Brent Davensizer at \$ 15.00 per hour. Aaron Sines seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

REPORTS

Joe Kurtanich reviewed the Engineers Report. Jac Carter moved to approve Payment Request No. 1 in the amount of \$ 109,910.90 to Northrock Construction for the CDBG ADA Improvement Project. Aaron Sines seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously. Jerry Johnson added that the Borough should never accept a schedule from the contractor that allows them to start work and leave it not done until the Spring. Council agreed that Mr. Kurtanich should submit a USDA application for grant funding for main sewer line replacement but stated that until they received the amount of grand funding compared to a loan amount they would not be able to accept. Caroline DaCosta submitted grant funding information to the Administrator and Engineer that she received from Mercer County Regional Planning that included projects in low income areas. Joe Kurtanich stated that the funding would not be appropriate for this project but would read further to see where it could apply.

The Administrator reported that McGill Power and Bell's auditors completed some early work on the 2018 Audit today. Jerry Johnson informed council that the Management Audit was becoming very expensive.

Aaron Sines moved to pay Brandy Springs Park \$ 6,000.00 contribution subtracting the payments to G. Marks for Spray Park equipment fuel, \$ 1,034.34. Jerry Johnson seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

Beth Hillmar stated under Personnel that she and Jac Carter discussed a job description for a Supervisor position for Streets and Sewers with advice for Dan Goncz.

Mayor Ross Vernon informed council that he and volunteers worked on the Christmas Decoration Lights but there were still a few that needed electrical work.

Jerry Johnson asked Mr. Kurtanich to submit a report of Mercer Borough's current available EDU's. after the DEP Waste Load Management report is completed.

Attorney Ray Bogaty advised council the Richard Kress was fined \$ 1,000.00 for being in violation of the Property Maintenance Ordinance. He stated that if Mr. Kress does not clean up his property the Borough should have it cleaned up.

The meeting was properly adjourned.

Submitted by,

Debbie Sarvis
Administrator