

Mercer Borough Regular Meeting

December 8th 2015

Attendance : Beth Hillmar, Jerry Johnson, Frank Curl, Ross Vernon, Jac Carter, Joe Kurtanich, Debbie Sarvis

Beth Hillmar called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance. Jac Carter moved to approve the November 10th and December 1st minutes with Jerry Johnson seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Jerry Johnson moved to approve the Treasurer's Report with Frank Curl seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Jac Carter moved to approve the Payment of Bills adding Watson's bill for \$ 1,170.00 and Doors –N- More for \$ 2,860.00. Jerry Johnson seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Joe Kurtanich stated that he had a call in to the DEP to see what permits are needed for Tomeo's land development at the former Interstate Chemical Property.

The Rental Property Inspections/Sign Ordinance Committee announced that the issue would be tabled to the next meeting for further review.

NEW BUSINESS

The Administrator reviewed an issue with the Mercer Beverage Signs explaining that they exceeded the total allowable areas. The committee agreed to review the sign ordinance for further recommendations.

Jerry Johnson agreed to contact the Mercer Area High School to discuss taking applications for the Junior Councilman Program.

Attorney Bogaty recommended tabling the Mercer County Housing PILOT Agreement until they answer questions concerning the municipality's ability to challenge the tax exempt status.

REPORTS

Chief Fockler reviewed the police report with council. Jac Carter moved to rescind the motion to hire Bret Davensizer as a part-time officer with Frank Curl seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

Jerry Johnson moved to approve Gannet Fleming's Sewer Plant Report and authorize Payment Request # 7 in the amount of \$ 10,211.50. Gary Hancock seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

Joe Kurtanich reviewed the Engineers Report with council. Frank moved to authorize Joe Kurtanich to start preliminary plans for a Sidewalk/Street Light Pole improvement project on S. Diamond Street to submit for STU funding. Jac Carter seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

Council reviewed the Zoning/Code report submitted by the Administrator. Gary Hancock moved to direct Attorney Bogaty to send a letter to Luke and Dana Erdos and the new owners of 122 S. Pitt St

reiterating Mercer Borough's position to enforce their Sewer Inspection Ordinance. Frank Curl seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

Council members agreed to set a Special Meeting for December 22nd 2015 to approve the 2016 Budget.

Frank Curl reviewed Brandy Springs Park's efforts in securing information from the DEP concerning the pond and thanked volunteers including Jennifer Bungar for raising money for improvements.

The meeting was adjourned to an Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. The meeting was called back to order.

Ross Vernon informed council that he had been talking to Reznor to see if the Borough could use Reznor's electric service to run heat tape on the sewer line underneath the creek area. Jac Carter moved to authorize a new Borough owned electric service box to supply heat to the sewer line with Gary Hancock seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

The meeting was properly adjourned.

Submitted by,

Debbie Sarvis
Administrator