

## **MERCER BOROUGH REGULAR MEETING**

**February 4<sup>th</sup> 2025**

Attendance, Aaron Sines, Nick Sicilian, Cliff Hughes, Harlowe Mattocks, Bob Perrine, Chief Bob Davis, Ed Bungar, Attorney Ted Isoldi, Debbie Sarvis

Aaron Sines led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Nick Sicilian moved to approve the January 14<sup>th</sup> minutes with Cliff Hughes seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Harlowe Mattocks moved to approve the Payment of Bills with Cliff Hughes seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

### **VISITORS**

Doyle Whenry, Tom Henlen, Brent Thompson, Steve Dingley, Lori Amon, Gary Rhoades and Brian Nosker. The visitors were in attendance to discuss the Amusement and Gaming Device Ordinance fee and disputing the fees the Borough is charging for their use. Council and the Administrator informed the visitors that it was enacted to raise funds to operate Borough services and meant for the device owners and not the clubs or businesses to pay. The Administrator informed them that the Marathon Station Device owner readily pays the fees stating he was still earning good money from the devices.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Council agreed to review the 2002 Zoning Ordinance for amendments to the sign and fence regulations.

The motion to advertise for bid the repair of the sewer main behind the N. Pitt Street businesses was tabled to the next meeting.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Cliff Hughes moved to Approve the 2025 Joint Municipal Seal Coat Project and Resolution with Nick Sicilian seconding. Vote carried with Bob Perrine opposing.

Nick Sicilian moved to participate in the 2025-2026 Salt COSTARS program with Cliff seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

### **REPORTS**

Chief Bob Davis reviewed the Police Report with council.

Aaron Sines reviewed the Engineers Report with Council.

Ed Bungar reviewed his Street and Sewer Report with Council. He stated that during the last snow emergency, there was not an officer on duty and asked council to come up with a plan for the call outs. Aaron Sines stated that he did not have a problem with him coming out on his own. Council discussed councilman or the Mayor calling them out to which Mr. Bungar asked if they could call the 911 dispatch center.

The meeting was adjourned to an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. The meeting was called back to order. Bob Perrine moved to relieve Joe Kurtanich from all Borough engineering work

except for the USDA Main Line Replacement Project and to return all maps, blueprints and related project materials to the Borough. Bob Perrine moved to hire Gannett Fleming with the submitted contract to file the 2024 Chapter 94 Report and to take over all Borough Engineering services immediately except for the USDA project until Mr. Kurtanich gets the project to the bid process. Nick Sicilian seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

The meeting was properly adjourned.

Submitted by,

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Administrator