

MERCER BOROUGH REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 6TH, 2018

Attendance: Beth Hillmar, Jerry Johnson, Bill Findley, Cliff Hughes, Mayor Vernon, Aaron Sines, Jac Carter, Joe Kurtanich, Debbie Sarvis

Beth Hillmar called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS

Debbie Shalus, Pet Solutions asked council if they had time to review the information she had dropped off at council's request to enact an ordinance regulating cats in Mercer Borough. Beth Hillmar advised Ms. Shalus that they would need the solicitor's opinion.

Walter Mays reported on his storm water problem from water crossing over the road from the Bethany Church parking lot. He informed council that the church had not done anything to help his problem and his driveway culvert had now collapsed. He asked council if the borough crew could install his culvert if he bought the materials. Beth Hillmar asked to refer the matter to the solicitor because the action might set a precedent. Harlowe Mattocks added that he thought this had been done in the past.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Beth Hillmar reported that the Library Board contacted her and asked if she could appoint Aaron Sines to the Library Board since the current appointee only made 2 meeting last year. Mr. Sines said he would agree to the appointment that council believed was on Wednesday evening.

Joe Kurtanich reported that he and the Administrator were working on the PA Small Water and Sewer Program and decided that the N. Pitt Street sewer project would be the best project to write for since it connects to a multi-municipal interceptor.

Joe Kurtanich stated that the Streetscape Project was moving forward with much of his time spent supplying project information and revisions to PennDOT. He added that he and the Administrator went "door to door" as council requested. Although only 1 property owner was available she was able to connect with all but 1 property owner and their reactions seemed affirmative. Aaron Sines asked council if they would be in support of a Rotary project that would pay for nice trees for the sidewalk project. Council agreed that they would be in favor and suggested calling the conservation District and the Park to see if they would be interested in receiving the trees.

The Administrator informed council that USDA Facilities funding was proceeding nicely with her continuing to supply information. She added that she felt confident that the Borough had good chances of obtaining the funding.

Beth Hillmar stated that an issue came up as to who was responsible for enforcing the Sidewalk and Snow Ordinance and that she remembered it was the police. Harlowe Mattocks advised council that he has no authority to cite property owners. Mayor Vernon commented that anyone can advise people of

their responsibilities as a first attempt. Beth Hillmar stated that the police should be giving the warnings.

Jac Carter stated that a policy needed to be in place for work related injuries. Beth Hillmar stated that she asked an employee to transport another employee to the emergency room after he had injured his finger and had second thoughts on the procedure. Jac Carter moved to call 911 for an ambulance or the police to transport the injured employee with Cliff Hughes seconding. The Administrator commented that the Borough should offer to call 911 or to call a friend or relative for the employee adding that she didn't believe that the Borough should be responsible to choose the transport. Bill Finley asked if the issue could be further discussed and the Administrator agreed to research by calling the Workers Comp carrier and other sites.

Beth Hillmar stated that after several executive meetings and the Police Committees meeting, the Borough is ready now to make it public and move forward with advertising of a new Police/Inter-municipal contract. Jerry Johnson moved to approve the statement with Jac Carter seconding. Aaron Sines and Bill Finley asked if council was agreeing to the contract now and Beth Hillmar responded that the final contract approval will be on March 13th after a required 30 day period. Beth Hillmar indicated that council approved moving forward in December 2 advertise and test for 2 full time officers to work at the school. Jerry Johnson also responded that the advertising approval was not the final contract approval. The motion passed unanimously.

The Administrator reviewed the documents submitted to council by Chris Brewer, Bond Council for the USDA loan grant that would pay off the PNC intermittent loan. She announced that there would be a March 26th closing date on council would be receiving more information at the next meeting.

REPORTS

Joe Kurtanich reviewed items that would be included in his Engineers Report for the next week.

Aaron Sines reported that he had met with members of the Library Board and they were planning to replace some worn out carpeting.

Under Parks, the Administrator reported that she attended the Brandy Springs Park Board meeting in January in her capacity as the DCNR grant coordinator. She advised council that material costs estimates and volunteer contractor agreements needed to be submitted to her before the project can go forward. She also commented that she submitted a funding request to the United Way on behalf of the Park to help defer any additional costs that the grant would not pay for.

The meeting was properly adjourned.

Submitted by,

Debbie Sarvis, Administrator

