

## MERCER BOROUGH REGULAR MEETING

**JANUARY 10, 2017**

Attendance: Jac Carter, Jerry Johnson, Frank Curl, Cliff Hughes, Caroline DaCosta, Aaron Sines, Ray Bogaty, Joe Kurtanich , Debbie Sarvis, Dan Goncz, Linda Harton

Jac Carter led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Cliff Hughes moved to approve the December 21<sup>st</sup> and January 3<sup>rd</sup> minutes with Frank Curl seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Jerry Johnson moved to approve the December Treasurer's report with Caroline DaCosta seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Caroline DaCosta moved to approve the Payment of Bills with Aaron Sines seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

### VISITORS

Sheetz representatives answered questions from council concerning the proposed Sheetz rebuild. Aaron Sines moved to approve the Sheetz plan as submitted conditionally on the approval of the Developers Agreement, Planning Commission, sewage EDU, and road bond permits. Cliff Hughes seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously with Jerry Johnson, Frank Curl, Cliff Hughes, Caroline DaCosta, Aaron Sines and Caroline DaCosta approving.

Dan Goncz reviewed information on the WWTP improvements. Aaron Sines moved to approve a motion to bid the project at the February meeting with Frank Curl seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Cliff Hughes moved to approve Res. # 1 – 2017 Migating Measures with Jerry Johnson seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

Jac Carter left the meeting and Frank Curl took the Presidents seat.

Allen Martin representing Martin Rentals, asked council for forgiveness on the past due interest amount of his rental properties. He reported that he has been paying all of his new bills in full but the interest rate of 1 ½ percent is excessive. Council agreed to consider his request and contact him.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Aaron Sines moved to approve Ordinance 1-2017 amending NCWJMA. Caroline DaCosta seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

Jerry Johnson moved to approve to advertise a Tax Ordinance for additional Tax Collector fees with Cliff Hughes seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

The Borough Administrator asked if council reviewed the information she submitted concerning the Borough's regulations on outside Wood Burners in the Borough in response to a unit installed recently on E. Butler Street . Jac Carter reported that the resident ordered a new wood burning unit and he recommended waiting until it was installed to see if it conformed.

### NEW BUSINESS

Jerry Johnson moved to approve to advertise Ordinance # 2 2017 – setting the tax mills at 24.25 for 2017. Aaron Sines seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

Jerry Johnson moved to approve signing McGill, Power and Bell and Associates' letter of understanding with Aaron Sines seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

Council reviewed the Mercer County Commissioners' letter requesting additional Handicap spaces. Aaron Sines agreed to take a walk with the Commissioners and view S. Diamond. Cliff Hughes left the meeting.

## REPORTS

Chief Fockler reviewed the Police Report with council. Aaron Sines moved to set the part-time police wages at \$ 14.00 after 1 year and \$ 15:00 after 2 years. Jerry Johnson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously with Jerry Johnson, Aaron Sines, Frank Curl and Caroline DaCosta approving.

Jerry Johnson moved to approve advertising a bid for 1 2017 Chevrolet Caprice Police Vehicle with Aaron Sines seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

## Engineers Report

Joe Kurtanich reviewed the Engineers Report with Council. He reported that he and Jim McGhee are working on submitting a grant to fund some drainage issue problems on W. Beaver Street, Collier Road and East Street. Caroline DaCosta stated that she will not assume any more costs for drainage problems at her resident occurring from W. Beaver Street.

Frank Curl stated that he wanted to put together a grant committee to research funding opportunities. He added that this would be beneficial for the Administrator who submits the grants. Aaron Sines, Caroline DaCosta and Jerry Johnson volunteered to serve on the committee.

Caroline DaCosta encouraged Borough Officials to attend the Borough's Association Dinner on January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2017

The meeting was properly adjourned.

Submitted by,

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Administrator