

MERCER BOROUGH REGULAR MEETING

January 8th 2019

Attendance: Beth Hillmar, Jerry Johnson, Cliff Hughes, Mayor Ross Vernon, Aaron Sines, Joe Kurtanich, Debbie Sarvis, Ray Bogaty, Chief Brad Shrawder, Harlowe Mattocks

Beth Hillmar led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Bill Finley moved to approve the December 11th Minutes with Aaron Sines seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Aaron Sines moved to approve the Treasurers Report with Jerry Johnson seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Jac Carter moved to approve the Payment of Bills including I.C. Electric for \$ 200.00. Aaron Sines seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

VISITORS

Dan Goncz presented the Sewage Treatment Plant Expansion Project report. He announced a tentative completion date in March 2019. Jac Carter moved to pursue plans to pave Fish for Fun Street with Aaron Sines seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Jac Carter moved to approve Payment Requisition No. Rus-12 in the amount of \$ 172,810.72. Bill Finley seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Administrator informed council that 2 bids were received for the selling of the 1995 Dump Truck but they were not received until after the deadline. Attorney Bogaty advised council that the bids could not be used. The Administrator asked if the truck could be auctioned and reported that the crew was still using it along with their new equipment. Council decided to wait until the summer so it could be auctioned at the Jefferson Township Fair.

Joe Kurtanich stated that Mercer Forge questioned the EDU charge for debt service associated with their bill. Dan Goncz responded that if the Forge is granted a reduction in their EDU monthly charge and at some point increase their usage, they will be required to pay the tap on connection fee.

Joe Kurtanich advised council that the Thompson storm drain repair will begin in March.

REPORTS

Joe Kurtanich reviewed his Engineers Report with council. Items included were, the Low Volume Road project on W. Beaver that the storm sewer was installed but miscellaneous items would be completed when the weather permitted. Jac Carter moved to approve the CDBG payment request No 2 in the amount of \$ 40,791.13 to be sent to MCRPC for payment. Aaron Sines seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

After council discussed the Dangerous Structure at 137 N. Otter Street, they agreed that the Code Enforcement Officer should send the owner a notice giving him 30 to remedy the situation.

Under Finance Jerry Johnson stated that he was reviewing and signing the bank statements and council agreed that the bank statements could be opened by the administrative office. Aaron Sines stated that he would be checking and signing the monthly bills to be paid.

The meeting was adjourned to an Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Issue. The meeting was called back to order. Jac Carter moved to excuse David Montenegro of his duties as Parking Enforcement Officer. Bill Finley seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

Bill Finley stated that he heard that the Borough crew could not remove a tree from N. Shenango Street because they did not have the proper equipment. Jac Carter stated that he would look into it because it is the Borough's procedure to remove tree and branches from the road.

The meeting was properly adjourned.

Submitted by,

Debbie Sarvis
Administrator