

MERCER BOROUGH REGULAR MEETING

July 10, 2018

Attendance: Beth Hillmar, Cliff Hughes, Mayor Vernon, Caroline DaCosta, Aaron Sines, Jac Carter, Attorney Bogaty, Joe Kurtanich, Debbie Sarvis

Beth Hillmar led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Aaron Sines moved to approve the June 12th minutes with Jac Carter seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Aaron Sines moved to approve the Treasurers Report with Cliff Hughes seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Jac Carter moved to approve the Payment of Bills with Aaron Sines seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

VISITORS- Dylan Bertin representing Gannet Fleming reviewed the Sewage Treatment Plant Expansion Project report with council. Jac Carter moved to approve Requisition # RUS-6 in the amount of \$ 428,791.58. Caroline DaCosta seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

BID OPENING

Joe Kurtanich opened bids for the CDBG ADA Sidewalk project. Bids were received from Northrock for \$ 178,624.00 and H.D.C.S. for \$ 212,900.00. Aaron Sines moved to accept the low bidder, Northrock Construction contingent on MCRP and engineering review. Cliff Hughes seconded the motion and vote carried with Jac Carter opposing.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The Administrator and the Code Enforcement Officer reviewed complaints received concerning illegal burning, scrapping businesses in residential areas and the keeping of backyard chickens. The burning complaints were from residents whose neighbors were burning items other than leaves, sticks, brush and other dead yard waste occurring on their property causing nauseous odors. After consideration council agreed to stand behind the ordinance and agreed that it should be enforced by the police department. Council also agreed that storing scrap material on your property and conducting a business is against the Zoning Ordinance and the Property Maintenance Ordinance. They agreed that letters should be sent to these people. After discussion, council asked the Solicitor to review ordinances that ban and allow farm type animals to see what other municipalities are doing.

Joe Kurtanich reported that a storm water project from E. Market Street to the creek to alleviate property flooding and sewer infiltration would cost just under \$ 2,000,000.00 Joe Kurtanich along with the Administrator agreed to pursue grant funding for the project. Jac Carter moved to go forward with the engineering and grant writing process with Aaron Sines seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

Jac Carter approved contracting Insight Pipe to reline the sewer main on Sanbern Drive approximately 563 feet for a cost of \$ 31,000.00. Cliff Hughes seconded the vote and the motion carried unanimously.

Caroline DaCosta inquired about her storm water issue at the apartment building on S. Maple Street. Joe Kurtanich informed her that he was working on the Low Volume Road project that would include her property.

NEW BUSINESS

Aaron Sines moved to accept Inger Oakes's resignation with Jac Carter seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

Jac Carter moved to approve appointing Beth Hillmar to the NCWJMA if Jerry Johnson would choose to resign his position. Aaron Sines seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

Attorney Bogaty advised council that the 2 Tax Claim sales were okay to get the properties back on the tax rolls.

REPORTS

Joe Kurtanich reviewed the remaining items not covered on the Engineer Report.

Jac Carter moved to purchase a new sewer camera from A & H Equipment for \$ 22,400.00 with Cliff Hughes seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

Jac Carter commented that there was quite a bit of excavation done at Brandy Springs Park for the new Spray Pad.

Beth Hillmar announced that there is a personnel meeting set up for August 7th at 6:30 P.M. to review a proposal received from the Teamsters Union.

The meeting was adjourned to an executive session to discuss personnel issues. The meeting was called back to order. Aaron Sines moved to authorize the Personnel Committee to hire a new Parking Enforcement Officer with Cliff Hughes seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Cliff Hughes moved to direct the Chief of Police not to ticket any emergency vehicles. Aaron Sines seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

Aaron Sines suggested revising the current parking ordinance to reduce the Parking Fines from 2:00 A.M. to 6:00 A.M from \$ 50.00. He stated that he thought the fine was harsh for someone who had to or forgot to move their cars.

The meeting was properly adjourned.

Submitted by, Debbie Sarvis - Administrator

