

Mercer Borough Regular Meeting

June 11th 2019

Attendance: Beth Hillmar, Jerry Johnson, Bill Finley, Cliff Hughes, Mayor Vernon, Caroline DaCosta, Aaron Sines, Jac Carter, Attorney Bogaty, Joe Kurtanich, Harlowe Mattocks, Debbie Sarvis

Beth Hillmar led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Jac Carter moved to approve the May 14th and June 4th minutes with Aaron Sines seconding. Aaron Sines moved to approve the Treasurers Report with Bill Finley seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Bill Finley moved to approve the Payment of Bills with Jac Carter seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

VISITORS

Dan Goncz, Gannett Fleming reviewed his Sewer Plant Improvement Report with council. Jac Carter moved to approve Pay Requisition # 17 in the amount of \$ 100,636.46 with Cliff Hughes seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

Richard Kress asked council for an extension of his deadline to remove junk and vehicles from his property on E. Market Street. Harlowe Mattocks, Code Officer reported that he had made some progress however there was still a lot that needed completed like all of the debris in front of his garage and 2 cars. Jac Carter moved to extend his deadline to July 2nd with Bill Finley seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

Walter Mays thanked council for the paving work done on Strawberry Street to help storm water run off. He also mentioned that Bethany Church had done nothing to correct their parking lot drainage.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Joe Kurtanich stated that agreements were being prepared for restoration of the Thompson property off of E. Venango Street.

Beth Hillmar stated that they interviewed an applicant for the Street and Sewer Supervisor position and that there would be an executive session to discuss the details.

The Administrator reported that the estimate for the 2019 Paving Project came in at approximately \$ 97,000.00 Jac Carter moved to approve the 2019 Paving Project with Bill Finley seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Joe Kurtanich agreed to re- write the Catch Basin project to exclude paving so that it could be paid out of the liquid fuel funds.

NEW BUSINESS

Jac Carter moved to approve the Special Event Permit road closing for the Bikes, Brews and Bands event for Saturday August 3rd (rain date August 10). Aaron Sines discussed last years problem with overflowing garbage that sat from Saturday to Monday. Council agreed that it was the event sponsor's

responsibility to dispose properly of their own garbage and suggested they rent a dumpster. Michael Craig agreed to relay the message to the Boomtown committee.

REPORTS

Joe Kurtanich reviewed his Engineers Report with council including the LVR, ADA and USDA projects. Jac Carter moved to approve J&T Paving's Pay Request # 3 in the amount of \$ 66,403.25. Cliff Hughes seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously. Joe Kurtanich informed council that the used milling from the paving project would be used at the Police Station.

Bill Finley asked the Administrator to contact the State Representatives Office to find out the progress on the proposed bill that would charge townships a fee for State Police Coverage.

Beth Hillmar adjourned the meeting to an Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. The meeting was called back to order. Aaron Sines move to hire William R.J. Angott as Street and Sewer Supervisor at a salary of \$ 52,000.00 a year with full benefits and no comp time. Cliff Hughes seconded the motion and vote carried with Jac Carter opposing. Council added that he would need to pass his Physical and Drug Test. The meeting was properly adjourned.

Submitted by,

Debbie Sarvis
Administrator