

## **MERCER BOROUGH REGULAR MEETING**

**June 13, 2017**

Attendance: Jac Carter, Jerry Johnson, Frank Curl, Caroline DaCosta, Aaron Sines, Ray Bogaty, Joe Kurtanich, Debbie Sarvis

Jac Carter led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Aaron Sines moved to approve the May 9<sup>th</sup> and June 6<sup>th</sup> minutes with Jerry Johnson seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Jerry Johnson moved to approve the Treasurer's Report with Aaron Sines seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Jerry Johnson moved to approve the Payment of Bills including Greg Marks Excavating for \$ 13,625.00. Vote carried unanimously.

Debbie Shaulis representing Pet Solutions asked council if they intended to pass an ordinance to mandate Spay and Neutering of Cats and regulate other cat and dog conditions. Jac Carter stated that the Borough's Association found nothing in the Borough Code to authorize municipalities to implement these regulations. Council asked Ms. Shaulis to research other Boroughs for more legal advice and sample ordinances before they would consider.

Joe Kurtanich opened bids for the 2017 Paving Project using Liquid Fuel Funding. Frank Curl moved to approve awarding the contract to Wilson Excavating pending Engineering review at a cost of \$ 30,650.75. Aaron Sines seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

In regards to the 560 E. Butler Street storm water complaint, Attorney Bogaty advised council that this would be a civil complaint between neighbors. He added that the Borough would be responsible for installing culverts/ditches in the right of way area to protect the streets only and the culverts should be kept clean of weeds and debris. Jac Carter stated that the committee met with Mr. Mattocks and Mr. Mays concerning their storm water and the problem seemed to be resolved amongst them.

Aaron Sines moved to award the contract for 3 Police vehicle dash cams funded through the PA Commission of Crime and Delinquency to Provision at a cost of \$ 11, 409.00. Frank Curl seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Attorney Bogaty reviewed a request from the law firm of Flaherty & O'Hara for approval of an inter-municipal transfer of a restaurant liquor license into Mercer Borough. He also explained the hearing process required to consider the request. Aaron Sines moved to authorize Attorney Bogaty to advertise the Liquor License hearing for the August meeting. Caroline DaCosta seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

Jerry Johnson moved to cancel the regularly scheduled July 4<sup>th</sup> council meeting due to the holiday with Aaron Sines seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

## **REPORTS**

Aaron Sines moved to hire Austin Lee Pagley for the part-time police position. Frank Curl seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

Joe Kurtanich reviewed the Engineers Report with council. He reported that the cost estimate to correct the accessibility issues at the Borough Building would be approximately \$ 165,000.00 Council discussed other options. He also discussed the Sheetz, Paving, Sewer, projects.

Jac Carter asked if council was able to add other streets for the 2017 Paving Project. Joe Kurtanich recommended contacting PA Dot municipal manager to see if it is possible to add a street to the current project.

Frank Curl asked about the quote from Greg Marks to repair an emergency sewer leak. Jac Carter advised council that he approved the quote.

Linda Harton reviewed Code Enforcement issues with council and reiterated that she would stay on until someone else takes over the position.

The meeting was adjourned to an Executive Session to discuss Personnel Issues. The meeting was called back to order. Jerry Johnson moved to allow the Personnel Committee to hire a part-time summer help employee before the next meeting. Caroline DaCosta seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

The meeting was properly adjourned.

Submitted by,

Debbie Sarvis  
Administrator

