

## MERCER BOROUGH REGULAR MEETING

June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Attendance: Beth Hillmar, Jerry Johnson, Frank Curl, Cliff Hughes, Mayor Vernon, Aaron Sines, Jac Carter, Joe Kurtanich, Debbie Sarvis, Brad Shrawder, Linda Harton

Beth Hillmar led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### VISITORS

Dan Goncz presented his Engineers Report and reviewed progress on the Sewer Plant Improvement Project. Jac Carter moved to award Contract # 1 in the amount of \$ 7,936.00 to G.M. McCrossin, Inc. Aaron Sines seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously. Jerry Johnson moved to award Contract # 2 in the amount of \$ 896,000.00 to Penn-Ohio Electrical Contractors. Jac Carter seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously. Aaron Sines moved to award Contract # 3 in the amount of \$379,000.00 to D&G Mechanical. Jac Carter seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously. Jac Carter moved to issue the Notice-to-Proceed for June 12<sup>th</sup> with Jerry Johnson seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Aaron Sines moved to approve Resolution # 3 2017 revising the Project Implementation Schedule with Cliff Hughes seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Jerry Johnson moved to approve Payment Requisition # 10 in the amount of \$ 53,016.00 for the Sewer Plant Expansion Project with Caroline DaCosta seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

Harlowe Mattocks and Walter Mays addressed council with storm water runoff issues that were damaging their properties and Strawberry Street. They indicated that the water was coming from the Bethany Church. Harlowe Mattocks also advised council that Strawberry Street was narrow and speeding traffic and oversized trucks were causing problems. Beth Hillmar stated that there would be a meeting set up with the Borough Officials, Bethany Church and the residents to discuss solutions.

Dee Dee Zickar asked council to consider closing N. Diamond Street for the Bikes, Bands and Brews Event and asked questions concerning the Insurance Certificate.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jac Carter moved to approve closing N. Diamond Street from Midnight on August 5<sup>th</sup> (raindate August 12<sup>th</sup>) to 9:00 P.M. Cliff Hughes seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously. Jac Carter moved to approve Jim Hick's Terrace Permit Application with Cliff Hughes seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

Joe Kurtanich stated that the storm water existing 560 E. Butler Street onto Lary Street was not a major issue but could freeze up in the winter time. Joe Kurtanich asked that the Solicitor give his legal opinion on the situation starts at the neighboring property.

The Administrator informed council that she was contacted by the State Borough's Association who indicated that they could find nothing in the Borough code that allows municipalities to regulate spay and neutering of cats and dogs.

Jac Carter stated that he attended a meeting with a volunteer group that would help with the E. Market Street Playground. Jac Carter moved to order mulch and materials for the park not to exceed \$2,200.00 with Cliff Hughes seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

Jac Carter stated that there should be video cameras in the police station and Chief Shrawder agreed to research the costs.

Beth Hillmar informed council that she viewed several properties in the Borough with high grass and the Administrator agreed to contact National Fuel about their property on 19/62. Mayor Vernon reported that there were 3 properties that had been in violation for quite some time that should be cited. Also Frank Curl indicated that his neighbor had a junk vehicle in his yard and asked the police chief to look for other unregistered vehicles to cite.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Joe Kurtanich opened bids for the 2017 Paving Project. Bids were received from J&T Paving Inc. for \$55,330.00 and Rudzik Excavating for \$ 73,675.00. Cliff Hughes moved to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder after the Engineering review and approval. Jac Carter seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

The Administrator opened bids for the In-Car Police Video System. Bids were received from Pro-Vision for \$ 11,409.00 and Safety Vision for \$ 11,395.00. The decision was tabled for the next meeting for the Administrator to review the bid documents.

Jac Carter moved to approve the N. Diamond Street road closure permit for the National MS Escape to the lake for June 10<sup>th</sup>. Aaron Sines seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

The Administrator agreed to set up a meeting with Kirby Gregory and the Mercer Methodist Church to discuss his storm water complaints. The Engineer, council members and other interested parties would also be invited.

Aaron Sines informed council that he would be interviewing applicants for the part time summer positions.

## **REPORTS**

Joe Kurtanich reported on items to be reviewed on his Engineers Report. Cliff Hughes informed council that the traffic signal and wire system was hanging low on W. Market St and N. Erie St. Since it would take time to seek grant funding council discussed installing a guy wire.

Linda Harton advised council that she would like to resign and Zoning and Code Officer but agreed to stay on until council could find a replacement. Jac Carter moved to advertise for a new Officer with Aaron Sines seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

Jerry Johnson informed council that he received the information that he required from the East End Fire Department and called Chief Bill Finley to thank him.

The meeting was properly adjourned.

Submitted by,

Debbie Sarvis

