

MERCER BOROUGH REGULAR MEETING

March 13, 2018

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

Beth led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Jac Carter moved to approve the February 13th and March 6th minutes with Aaron Sines seconding. Vote carried unanimously. 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 Flemming, reviewed the Sewer Treatment Plant progress report and announced that the pre-loan closing was set for March 22nd to sign the closing documents and that the official closing would be March 26th. Beth Hillmar asked that it be held early on Thursday morning. Jac Carter moved to approve Payment Requisition # 16 in the amount of \$ 178,620.13 with Cliff Hughes seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

Gary Godfrey and Richard Wilds stated that they were not in favor of Mercer Borough's decision to enter into an agreement with the MASD to provide them with full time officers. They stated that they did not know of the agreement and would of liked to discuss safety alternatives with the board. Cedric Butchy and Dr. William Gathers asked the visitors to come to the school and they would discuss the school's safety initiatives.

Bonnie Kramer 220 W. North Street asked council if they would approve the installation of a hidden driveway sign on her property which is on a state route. Beth Hillmar replied that she would need to contact PaDot to have the sign installed. She added that council was advised that the Borough would not want to take on any liability for the sign.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jerry Johnson moved to approve Ordinance # 3 2018 that enters into a reimbursement agreement with Mercer Area School District for full time police coverage. Cliff Hughes seconded the motion and after a roll call vote the motion carried with Aaron Sines opposing. Bill Finley recommended that all officers should also participate in the Active Shooter Training being offered locally.

Jac Carter moved to advertise for part-time summer help with Aaron Sines seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

Jac Carter moved to hire 2 full time police officers Devon Siegfried and Tony Masoto for the school with Cliff Hughes seconding. Vote carried with Aaron Sines opposing.

Joe Kurtanich reviewed information on the property owner agreements for the S. Diamond Street Sidewalk Project. He stated that Dr. Richard Davis wanted assurances that PADot would not require a wall next to his sidewalk that would prevent easy access to the sidewalk area for his patients. He added that the Republican Headquarters want the Borough's assurance that a Handicap Assessable ramp will be installed on the front door but there is not enough room for the installation. The Administrator reported that Chuck Bartholomew signed the agreement using the drawing that was supplied to him and was not told that his driveway entrance was taken away. Attorney Bogaty and Joe Kurtanich agreed to talk to John Logan from the Republican Headquarters but stated that council did not need anyone's approval to go ahead with the sidewalk project. The street committee agreed to talk to Dr. Davis.

NEW BUSINESS

Jac Carter moved to lease the Konaca Minolta copier at \$ 82.00 per month for the police department with Cliff Hughes seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

Jac Carter moved to advertise the proposed Ordinance for the Fire Department to seek Reimbursement for certain accidents with Aaron Sines seconding. Vote carried with Bill Finley abstaining.

REPORTS

Council reviewed the Police Report and Chief Shrawder announced that he received another application for a part-time police officer.

Joe Kurtanich reviewed his Engineers Report including the Sludge Report, the Wasteload Management Report, the CDBG projects and the Low Volume Road project.

Jac Carter stated that the roads will be patched as soon as weather permits

For Parks and Recreation, the Administrator advised council that she had been attending the Brandy Springs Park Board meetings. She recommended that a few council members and board members meet either at the park or the Borough building so that a schedule can be set for the Spray Park completion.

Cliff Hughes stated that someone asked him if there is any place to dispose of hazardous household equipment. The Administrator reported that she had handouts from the Mercer and Lawrence County recycling/ disposal waste department and would make sure he had them.

The meeting was properly adjourned.

Submitted by,

Debbie Sarvis
Administrator

