

MERCER BOROUGH REGULAR MEETING

September 12, 2017

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

Beth Hillmar led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Aaron Sines moved to approve the August 15th and September 6th minutes with Jac Carter seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Aaron Sines moved to approve the Treasurers Report with Jerry Johnson seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Jac Carter moved to approve the payment of bills including J.T. Sauer from the Brandy Springs Park Funds. Caroline DaCosta seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

VISITORS

Mathew Goldwin representing the Mercer Area Library asked council to approve accepting Delaware Township as a new Library member. Jac Carter moved to approve the addition with Aaron Sines seconding. Vote carried unanimously. Mr. Goldwin asked council to consider increasing their Library Contribution and reviewed budget information.

Walter Mays asked council if any progress had been made to correct the storm water runoff problem on Strawberry Street. Beth Hillmar stated that he should be talking to Trinity Church since that is where most of the water is coming from. She added that the Church Officials had been unable to meet in the last week but were going to discuss the issue at their next board meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Jac Carter moved to approve Tri-County's 2018-2022 Garbage and Refuse collection bid that would increase the monthly charge from \$ 13.50 a month to \$ 16.50 a month. There were no other changes from the prior year's contract. Jerry Johnson seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

Council tabled the decision to make changes to the retirement system that would allow employees that are of retirement age to receive distributions while they are still working.

Aaron Sines moved to approve Wilson Excavating's completed paving project for payment with Jac Carter seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

Aaron Sines moved to approve the Sheetz revised Stormwater Plan with Jac Carter seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

Jac Carter moved to accept Ziccardi Contracting's bid of \$ 3,500.00 to replace 6 windows at the Borough Building. Aaron Sines seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Jac Carter moved to approve the Street Closing request for the Homecoming Walking parade to be held on Oct 18th at 6:30 P.M. Aaron sines seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

REPORTS

The Administrator updated council on the Richard Kress code violation with the District Justice. She reported that the Judge gave Mr. Kress 30 days to clean up the property or face fines and jail time.

Joe Kurtanich reviewed the Engineers Report with council. Items included were work completed on the Low Volume Roads grant application, the North Diamond Street Streetscape and a meeting with the Mercer Forge that was scheduled to review their sewage use.

Aaron Sines moved to purchase a Ford F250 pick-up truck from McCandless Ford and the plow/spreader equipment package from Walsh Equipment totaling approximately \$ 34,000.00 with financing. Jac Carter seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

Jerry Johnson reported that the Finance Committee was working on a 5 year budget that would include Sewer Expenses for the new plant. He added that information had been received from Dan Goncz but a meeting would be planned in the future for further budget review. Council discussed 2017 budget items that may be able to be used for an additional contribution to the Library.

Jac Carter moved to paint/decal all of the Police Department vehicles with the same lettering and logo's as Aaron Sines suggested. It was agreed to have Godfrey Pontiac do the work. Aaron Sines seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Submitted by

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Administrator
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