

MERCER BOROUGH REGULAR MEETING

September 4th 2018

Attendance: Beth Hillmar, Jerry Johnson, Bill Finley, Aaron Sines, Jac Carter, Joe Kurtanich, Debbie Sarvis, Chief Brad Shrawder

Beth Hillmar led the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

VISITORS

Jay and Cherri Thompson E. Venango Street addressed council with their land restoration issue occurring from excavation to replace a sewer line through their property. They stated that there are stumps, brush and rocks left in and out of the right a way area. Jac Carter replied that he understood that there was an agreement between Steve Thompson, the contractor and the Borough crew that the trees and brush would remain there for rabbit habitat. The Thompsons stated that Steve Thompson was not a legal owner at the time. Council asked that the issue be tabled until the next meeting to research the facts.

Mr. Sykes stated that his daughter received a \$ 25.00 fine for parking in a space that has been parked in for many years. The Parking Officer reported that he had ticketed the vehicle but was told by the Chief later not to ticket that spot. Council agreed to refund the fine and discussed reviewing the parking spaces and lines to prevent future problems.

BID OPENING

Bids were received for the LVR W. Beaver St. Storm Sewer Project from Donald Lark & Sons, Inc. and McCrossin, Inc. Jac Carter moved to award the bid for the LVR project to Donald Lark & Sons Inc. for the hourly rate of \$ 126.00 for excavating and \$ 30.00 for tamping. Bill Finley seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously. Jerry Johnson requested that Jim McGhee make out a work schedule for his crew to be able to complete the labor part of this project. Jerry Johnson moved to purchase the materials for this project with Aaron Sines seconding. Vote carried unanimously.

Beth Hillmar stated that she, Jac Carter and Cliff Hughes met with PADot officials and the contractors from the S. Diamond Streetscape project. PADot indicated that they do not have the authority to close Chuck Bartholomew's driveway entrance. Aaron Sines moved to go along with PADots regulations and would not accept any liability for drives backing out onto the road. Jac Carter seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

Jac Carter moved to approve the agreement between Mercer Borough and the Mercer Rotary Club to take over maintenance and rename the Playground on E. Market Street. Bill Finley seconded the motion and vote carried with Aaron Sines abstaining.

NEW BUSINESS

Beth Hillmar reminded council to let the Administrator know if they would like to attend the Mercer County Borough's Association dinner on September 27th at Granthams Landing in Sandy Lake.

Council agreed that Tomeo Farms should be issued a citation for accumulating weeds on his property obstructing the view of motorists.

Beth Hillmar stated that there have been quite a few parking fine complaints received by the Borough Officials. She added that David Monetegro who was in attendance was doing a great job but clarification of the parking spaces was needed and asked the Chief Police to review.

REPORTS

Joe Kurtanich informed council that the 2018 CDBG grant is due at the end of the month and the Borough could continue on with the ADA replacements. The Administrator asked if funds would be available for residential sewer laterals and they agreed to discuss further. Joe Kurtanich advised council that sewer rods were lodged in the line on N. Shenango Street and it would take a contractor to dig up the line to remove. Council agreed that this is an emergency and he should find someone to complete the job.

Jac Carter asked that the Borough send a thank you letter to the girl scout troop for cleanup and weeding around the library building.

Beth Hillmar stated that the contractor for the S. Diamond Streetscape project asked where the borough would like to store the trees removed from the sidewalk area. She stated that Frank Curl agreed to store the trees while talking to the Administrator adding that he would water them until replanted in the park. The Administrator asked who would be replanting the trees and they asked her to call Josh Heckman and Cottage Gardens for pricing.

The meeting was adjourned to an executive session to discuss personnel issues. The meeting was called back to order. Jac Carter moved to hire John Malinik for full time civil service police officer to replace Devon Siegfried. Jerry Johnson seconded the motion. The motion passed with Beth Hillmar voting yes and Bill Finley and Aaron Sines not voting.

Jac Carter moved to approve the Teamsters Union Bargaining Unit 5 year contract that includes a 2% raise yearly. Arron Sines seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously.

The meeting was properly adjourned.

Submitted by,

Debbie Sarvis
Administrator

