

MERCER BOROUGH REGULAR MEETING

September 5, 2017

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

Beth Hillmar called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chief Brad Shrawder reviewed the Police Report with council and explained issues he was having with reception on his vehicle radios.

VISITORS

Walter Mays asked council what actions were being taken to correct the storm water drainage problems that are flooding his driveway. Beth Hillmar stated that Bethany Church was a large contributor to his storm water problems and asked if he contacted the Church to discuss further remedies. She agreed to attend a meeting with the interested parties to review the issues.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bid Opening – 2018-2022 Garbage and Refuse Contract. Mercer Borough received 1 bid from Tri-county Industries for \$ 16.50 monthly for unlimited curb side pickup and \$ 5.00 monthly for hardship accounts as specified in the bid documents. Council agreed to table the decision to the next meeting.

The PMRS retirement contract change decision was tabled to the next meeting.

The decision to approve the completed 2017 Paving Project was tabled to the next meeting for further consideration of the parking space markings.

Joe Kurtanich reported to council that he and Dan Goncz would schedule a site meeting at Mercer Forge to review their request for a reduction in their sewer billings.

Beth Hillmar announced that Aaron Sines requested to serve on the Finance Committee and Cliff Hughes will take his place on the Police Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Jonathan Garczewski, P.E. representing Sheetz corporation gave information concerning Sheetz/PennDOT request to eliminate parking spaces on N. Erie for driver safety purposes. Jac Carter moved to grant the request to remove all parking spaces on N. Erie Street from Current Street to W. Market Street. Cliff Hughes seconded the motion and vote carried unanimously. Jonathan Garczewski reviewed a proposed change to the Storm Water Management Plan and agreed to submit a draft proposal for the Engineers approval.

Jerry Johnson informed council that the Finance Committee and Administrator were working on a 5 year plan and were seeking information from Gannet Fleming on proposed expenses for the new sewer

plant. The Administrator reported that although Rural Development did accept the Borough's application for funding of a new dump truck, they were not chosen for the grant. Council agreed to seek quotes for a pickup truck that could be used for plowing since the old equipment had deteriorated. Jerry Johnson asked the committees to submit information to he and the administrator so that any proposed items that needed purchased could be included in the 5 year plan.

The meeting was adjourned to an Executive session to discuss personnel issues. The meeting was called back to order and properly adjourned.

Submitted by,

Debbie Sarvis
Administrator