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Council

Minutes

02 Jun 2015

Regular Meeting

Matamoras Borough Council Minutes
Meeting of 02 Jun 2015

The regular meeting of the Matamoras Borough Council was called to order at 1931 hrs., Tuesday, 02 Jun 2015 by President Sain followed by a salute to the flag.

Roll call was taken. Present were Joe Sain, Dee Losee, Pete Sigreto, Kevin Rose, Mark Madsen, Thomas Greiner and Mayor Janet Clark. David Clark was excused due to illness. Also present were, Solicitor Eric Hamill, EM Coordinator Gary Babb, Fire Chief Tom Long, Assistant Chief Eric Stewart, Recreation President Al Holtzer, Secretary/Zoning Officer Bob Fitch, Treasurer Greg Myer, Jane Drake Tax Collector and Jr. Councilwoman Marielle Cavallaro. There were approximately 25 members of the general public present.

Motion to approve the minutes as corrected by Greiner/Sigreto; carried without dissent

Motion was made by Clark/Rose to accept the Treasurer's report as presented; carried without dissent.

Motion was made by Clark/Greiner that the bills are accepted and, when approved by the Finance Committee, orders are drawn on the Borough Treasurer for the same; carried with Sigreto dissenting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The following citizens offered comments:

Linda O'Donnell – 400 Avenue K – Commented on how nice the new bridge lights looked and thanked Ralph Burger for doing a good job on the project.

Bruce Selneck – 229 Tenth Street – Requested additional copies of the Agenda be placed out for the public and that the police and fire department note how many calls occurred in the Borough.

Betty Reaggs – 700 Pennsylvania Avenue – Announced the Historical Society is holding an open house on Sunday 14 Jun 15 from 1-4 pm in the Driller Building and will be serving Ice Cream and invited all to attend, the event is free of charge.

Martina Rose – 408 Second Street – announced 4 Paws Cruise for a Cause in the Park on Sunday, 14 Jun 15 and submitted a special events application for council's approval for the same event.

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Robert Weintraub – PSU Master Gardeners – Presented their idea on doing a memorial garden at the PSP Barracks, in honor of fallen Trooper Bryan Dickson. They are soliciting donations of supplies, funds and equipment. Donations should be made out to PSC Program Account, and mailed to Penn State Extension, 514 Broad Street, Milford, PA 18337.

Following Public Comment, President Sain, revised the agenda to vote on a new business item.

Motion by Sigreto/Madsen to approve Ordinance #323 enabling and Earned Income Tax of 1% effective July 1, 2015.

Discussion – Mr. Losee noted that we are not depleting funds, he stated that the auditors report showed \$52,000 in capital reserve and the 2013 year end audit showed a surplus revenue of \$25,000. Additionally he commented that the 2014 Summa Audit report showed \$284,000 in revenue over expenses, we are not in as bad of shape as Westfall Township.

Mr. Rose commented that the Revenue Committee was not a Finance or Budget Committee, it's task to finds ways to generate additional income.

Mr. Losee went on to comment he does agree with taxing 4 to pay for 10 and questioned all the council members if they knew what anticipated revenue and expenses would be for the next year.

Following Mr. Losee's remarks a roll call vote was taken with the following results; Yes – Clark, Sigreto, Greiner, Madsen, Sain; No – Losee; Abstaining – Rose, no reason given. Carried 5-1.

REPORTS

Mayor – Reported on the National Day of Prayer held on 07 May, all four churches and pastors in town participated. Noted that Nat Yingling did a small Memorial Day Program at Veteran's Park by playing a cd of Taps. It stated a nice day of conversation and prayer on the service of our veterans to America. Commented on the wonderful tribute to Fr. Turi for 60 years of service to the church, a Flag Day Program in Port Jervis, the Matamoras High School Alumni Dinner and the Historical Society open house. The Mayor closed her remarks with telling of the need for 15 new flag poles at a cost of \$16 each and 8 new brackets at a cost of \$5 each.

General Government Chair - Nothing to report

Road Task Force – Route 84 bridge construction is in full swing. Watch for upcoming

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delays due to placing the new girders. Kevin also noted to watch the sign boards for update on delays and issues.

Fire Department Chair – Nothing to report

Streets Chair – Mr. Clark reported on trash collected and other tasks accomplished. Full report on file

Finance Committee Chair – nothing to report.

Borough Buildings Chair – Nothing to report all is well.

Jr. Council – Told of the activities going on at the school. Mr. Sain thanked Ms. Cavallaro for her service these last two years and presented her with a gift card from the Council members and wished she well in her upcoming college experience.

EPRPD - Assistant Chief Stewart reviewed crime statistics, full report on file.

Fire – Chief Tom Long reported on the May 2015 statistics, full report on file. Reported on participating in the School Shooter Active Class at DVHS. Thank Keith for spreading milling in the FD parking lot areas.

Emergency Management – Gary Babb reported that the bridge light project is complete.

Recreation Advisory Board – Al Holtzer thanked The Heart of Matamoras for a good job on the Vendor Fair; noted that the Rec. Board approved photo Id badges for all employees and volunteers; that the Rec. Board approved the 13 June Bike and Trike Parade in the park; that the snack bar will be opened and operated by the Borough; that he and Mr. Rose would be restarting Movies in The Park on Wednesday nights, that the Tuesday night concerts have started and that additional information can be found on the web site and Facebook. He noted that the Rec. Board is referring to Council and the Borough Solicitor the issue of alcohol in the park.

Revenue Committee: Kevin Rose reported the committee has several ideas to reduce costs in the borough. Kevin is working with his company's facilities manager on photosensitive LED lighting and switching for use in the Borough buildings. The committee also discussed installing solar carports in the park and possibly installing parking meters in the park.

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CORRESPONDENCE - on file

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Motion** by Sigreto/Rose to hire Matt Madsen, Lauren Madsen, Hannah Thompson, Peter Genovas, Thomas Lamb, Jr. and Doug Ellison to work in the concession stand at Airport Park, carried with Madsen abstaining due to financial conflict of hiring a relative.
2. **Motion** by Losee/Sigeto to approve Hope Church's request for a Bike a thon on 20 Jun 15. Carried without dissent.
3. **Motion** by Losee/Sigreto to approve 4 Paws request for a special event in the park on 14 Jun 15, Cruise for a Cause; they will be at the opposite end of the park from the VFW. Carried without dissent.
4. Mr. Rose brought up a planned 5K run by Lexi Fean to benefit Paws for a Cause, they help our local animal shelter; the request from the fire department for an AED for the Chief's Car, Chief Long talked about checking on getting a refurbished model for around \$600, more to follow; and reminded everyone of his 4th of July Truck Pull event. He will be starting to collect pledges soon.
5. Mr. Madsen requested the Council have supporting documents 48 hours prior to any meeting requiring a financial decision to be made.
6. Mr. Sigreto discussed the use of alcohol in the park. It was decide we cannot change this year, we need to develop a new form pavilion rentals. Mr. Sigreto suggested that he, Bob and Al work on the form for the next council meeting.
7. Mr. Clark reported the Borough received \$225,000 from the state to continue with sidewalks to Seventh Street. He also noted that he had started on the sidewalks to go Fifth Street. Dave also noted that he was successful in securing an agreement with Port Jervis to purchase their old street sweeper/storm basin cleaner for \$1.00. It does require some repairs, he estimated approximately \$5,000 worth.
8. **Motion** by Losee/Sigreto to purchase the street sweeper/storm basin cleaner fro Port Jervis for \$1.00. Carried without dissent.

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The Council went to Executive Session to discuss personnel matters at 2040 hrs. and returned at 2112 hrs.

9. **Motion** by Clark/Rose to withdraw the job offer to the prior candidate for DPW Supervisor. Carried without dissent

10. **Motion** by Clark/Losee to promote Keith Rodriguez to DPW supervisor with an hourly rate of \$18.00 with the provision a new updated job description be done. Carried without dissent.

There being no further business to conduct:

Motion was made by Losee/Rose to adjourn. There being no dissent, the meeting was adjourned at 2114 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert J. Fitch
Secretary



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Public Hearing Stop Signs

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Roll call was taken. Present were Joe Sain, Dee Losee, Pete Sigreto, Kevin Rose, Mark Madsen, Thomas Greiner and Mayor Janet Clark. David Clark was excused due to illness. Also present were, Solicitor Eric Hamill, EM Coordinator Gary Babb, Fire Chief Tom Long, Secretary/Zoning Officer Bob Fitch, Treasurer Greg Myer, Jane Drake Tax Collector. Jr. Councilwoman Marielle Cavallaro, Assistant Chief Eric Stewart, and Recreation President Al Holtzer, was absent. There were approximately 25 members of the general public present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The following citizens offered comments:

Bruce Selneck – 229 Tenth Street – He commented he supports stop signs at these intersections; the line of sight is very dangerous.

There being no further public comment, Mr. Sain adjourned the hearing at 1910 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,



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Public Hearing EIT

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The Public Hearing of the Matamoras Borough Council was called to order at 1845 hrs., Tuesday, 02 Jun 2015 by President Sain followed by a salute to the flag.

Roll call was taken. Present were Joe Sain, Dee Losee, Pete Sigreto, Kevin Rose, Mark Madsen, Thomas Greiner and Mayor Janet Clark. David Clark was excused due to illness. Also present were, Solicitor Eric Hamill, EM Coordinator Gary Babb, Fire Chief Tom Long, Assistant Chief Eric Stewart, Recreation President Al Holtzer, Secretary/Zoning Officer Bob Fitch, Treasurer Greg Myer, Jane Drake Tax Collector. Jr. Councilwoman Marielle Cavallaro was absent. There were approximately 25 members of the general public present.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The following citizens offered comments:

Bruce Selneck – 229 Tenth Street – He commented that he is still opposed to EIT, he believes it is morally wrong.

Rodger McCollum – 800 Avenue H - Stated he is against the EIT, feels we did not exhaust all other options, especially a garbage fee. He would rather see an across the board millage hike.

Laura McCollum – 800 Avenue H – Stated she is against an EIT, would favor a garbage fee it is not fair for the working people to float the rest of the residents.

Pamela Bird – 900 First Street – Stated she works out of town and is now paying the EIT to Throop Borough for the privilege of driving on pothole filled roads. Is very much in favor of the tax so her tax dollars stay in Matamoras so she can keep the garbage without a fee.

John Dalton – Westfall Twp – He is favor of the tax, it helps build the tax base, will give the Borough an opportunity to get on it's feet. Past spending habits have eaten up all reserves, he urged the public to give the council a chance to improve the tax situation by using this new tool.

Jack O'Leary – 400 Avenue M – He stated he is exempt from the tax and makes more money then anyone in Matamoras, he is going to put his house up for rent to only Section 8, because people like those at the

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meeting and others in town won't always pay their rent. He is tired of Matamoras going down, he said we should just call it Port Jervis west. He said Port Jervis is just a slum and that the residents of Port Jervis are trash. He claims he talked to all the people who make the kind of money he makes and they are leaving too.

Barbara Dorcas – 805 Avenue P – Stated it is chaos here, we leave every weekend, I am unemployed and when my husband can retire we are going to leave, it was never like this here. I support the garbage fee.

Following Public Comment Mr. Losee asked his fellow councilman if they could tell him what our expenses and income will be for next year. Mr. Sain commented that most likely expenses would remain the same.

There being no further public comment, Mr. Sain adjourned the hearing at 1910 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,



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