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Council Meeting Minutes
13 Jun 2017

President Joseph Sain called the June regular meeting of the Matamoras Borough Council to order at 1930 hrs. on Tuesday, 13 Jun 17 in the Borough Hall, 10 Avenue I, Matamoras, PA.

Present were Councilman Rose, Greiner, Madsen, Sigreto, Clark, Losee and Mayor Clark. Also present were Secretary Fitch, Treasurer Myer, Tax Collector Drake, Assistant Chief E. Stewart, Recreation Board Vice President Lynn Homer, and Solicitor Hamill. EM Coordinator Olver, Jr. Councilwomen Strenk and Waszcyszak, were absent. There were approximately 8 residents in attendance.

Prior to Public Comment, President Sain went around the table and asked if any council members had items to add to the agenda. The following items were added to the agenda; hiring Ashley Lawler in the park and hiring a substitute for the Borough Secretary.

1. Public Comment: (When recognized by the President, please state your name and address for the minutes.)

- 1) **Helen Gassmann**, 904 Avenue L – Was unhappy with the new sign at the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Ninth Street that uses the word “poop”.
- 2) **Robert Roby**, 105 Pennsylvania Avenue, spoke about his concerns about On the Road Convenience” getting a beer distributors license. He cited his concerns about hours, debris, public urination and increased foot traffic. He asked if the council would take a position against the license. Mr. Sain told Mr. Roby that he would refer the matter to General Government and instruct them to consult with the solicitor and PLCB.

2. Consent Agenda - Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Rose/Sigreto passed with unanimous consent

- 1) **Approval of minutes:** Council Meeting of 9 May and public hearing minutes of 9 May
- 2) **Approval of Treasurer’s report:** May 17
- 3) **Approval of bills.**

3. Reports:

- a) **Mayor** –Reported on the promotion of Chelsea Abadessa to corporal. She scored highest of six vying for the position.
- b) **Jr. Councilwomen** – No Report.
- c) **General Government** – No Report
- d) **Fire** – No report.
- e) **Public Works and Facilities** – Mr. Greiner reviewed the activities for the month. Mr. Greiner that he is working with an engineer on the design of a new septic for the firehouse and test holes will be done next week. He has contacted a contractor to replace the A/C in the police department and it should be in place within the next two weeks. Report on File
- f) **Finance** – No Report.
- g) **EPRPD** – Assistant Chief Stewart reviewed the monthly statistics, full report on file.

- h) **Recreation** – Lynn Homer reported on upcoming activities including the ribbon cutting at the new concession stand on Friday 23 Jun at 5:30 pm featuring a free concert at 6:30 pm at the Vocci Pavilion by Junk Rock Band. The concession stand will be open Tuesday through Saturday for lunch beginning on Tuesday, 20 Jun. Lunch hours are 11 am to 2 pm. Tuesday Tunes will start on Tuesday, 8 Jul with a chamber card exchange on Tuesday, 18 Jun.
- i) **Fire Chief** – Reviewed calls for the month. Reported the QRS vehicle being down due to damage to engine. He also reported that the unit has not missed any calls when it was in service. He invited all the members of Council to join the fire fighters on 7 Jul at 7:30 pm for the Annual Inspection and then to participate in the Port Jervis Fireman’s Parade on Saturday, 8 Jul 17. Line up for the parade is 1 p.m.
- j) **EMA** – Mr. Sigreto reported the work on repairing the emergency sirens is ongoing. The repairs have been scheduled by the contractor. Tom Olver asked the Council to send a letter the organization managing Ryo Dam concerning the rejection of their Emergency Action Plan for the dam.

4. Correspondence – On File

5. Unfinished Business:

- 1. Mark Madsen requested a motion to hire Jeff Lawler to fill in for the Borough Secretary when they are out of the office. Motion by Rose/Madsen; passed without dissent.

6. New Business

- 1. **Motion** by Sigreto/Greiner to hire Quinn Burger and Ashley Lawler for summer employment in the park; passed without dissent.
- 2. **Motion** by Rose/Greiner to amend Ordinance #329, to institute no parking the north side on Avenue S from 7th Street to the new school entrance and Seventh Street on the west side from 7:00 to 9:00 am and 2:00 to 4:00 pm 15 Aug to 15 Jun; passed without dissent.
- 3. Proclamation honoring Mario D’Ambrosio tabled until next meeting.
- 4. **Motion** by Rose/Sigreto to authorize the secretary to advertise for bids for the Pennsylvania Avenue Sidewalk Project from 2nd to 5th Street and 5th Street to 7th Street; passed without dissent.
- 5. **Motion** by Sigreto/Rose to send a letter to the organization managing the Ryo Dam informing them that Council is rejecting their Emergency Action Plan; passed without dissent.
- 6. Discussion concerning the draft of the new property maintenance ordinance. The ordinance was forwarded to General Government for review and recommendations.

There being no further business to discuss, President Sain adjourned the meeting at 2018 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert J. Fitch
Borough Secretary