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Council Meeting Minutes
12 Sep 2017

Vice President Peter Sigreto called the September regular meeting of the Matamoras Borough Council to order at 1930 hrs. on Tuesday, 12 Sep in the Borough Hall, 10 Avenue I, Matamoras, PA.

Attendance:

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Sigreto	P	Madsen	P	Myer	P	EPRPD	P
Clark	P	Rose	P	Drake	P	Recreation	P
Greiner	P	Clark, J	P	EMA	A	Fitch	P

Prior to Public Comment, Vice President Sigreto 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; a request from Safe Haven to tie purple ribbons on trees on PA Ave in the month of October and discussion on Act 172 to offer tax relief for volunteer firefighters and first responders.

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

- 1) **John Dalton** – Westfall Twp. noted the street lights were out on Pennsylvania Avenue from Tenth to Seventh St. This was caused by an accident and the Borough is waiting for PCLP to install a new meter. The Borough has completed its part of the needed repairs.

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

- 1) **Approval of minutes:** 08 Aug 17
- 2) **Approval of Treasurer's report:** Aug 17
- 3) **Approval of bills.**

3. Reports:

- a) **Mayor** – Reported on the wonderful 911 Memorial Service at Veterans Park and thanked Jane Drake and Nancy Vocci for all their hard work on the project.
- 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 reported on repairs to the firehouse, the septic design is complete and moving forward. Work on the CDBG Grant should be finalized within the next week. Report on File
- f) **Finance** – Pete Sigreto reported EIT funds at meeting expectations and the Borough's Liquid Fuels allocation for next year will be \$90,649.41 an increase of 5% or \$4524.91 from last year.
- g) **EPRPD** – Report on File. Assistant Chief Stewart gave an overview of activities for the month and told of the receipt of grant money for new vests and training for the in car computers.
- h) **Recreation** – Mrs. O'Donnell reported the Recreation Advisory Board accepted the resignation of Amanda Smith, Thanked Ami Greiner for a great season of Tuesday Tunes and hoped she would stay on for next year. Linda also announced that there will be a survey going out to residents in the water

bills to solicit input on park changes/improvements. She noted that there is also an electronic version of the survey available on a number of web sites.

- i) **Fire Chief** – Assistant Chief Alessandra reviewed the month’s calls and thanked Veterans Park for allowing them to take part in the 911 Memorial Service. He reported the ladder tower passed its annual certification and recently received PMS at the firehouse.
- j) **EMA** – Mr. Sigreto reported the work on repairing the emergency sirens is complete, four were repaired at a cost of approximately \$8,000. Two of the sirens went down within two weeks of repair and the Borough withheld full payment of the bill until the system is fully operational.

4. Correspondence – On File

5. Unfinished Business: Mr. Madsen reported that there is an ordinance on the books covering grass and debris being placed on the roadway in response to Mr. Rose’s request last week to formulate an ordinance to cover this subject.

6. New Business

- 1. Lucas Helms made a presentation requesting permission to place two Little Free Library structures in the Borough. He would like to locate the libraries at the Borough Hall and in front of Firefly Field. Recreation approved his request with the suggestion to move the one from Firefly Field to Seventh and Avenue Q. **Motion** to approve the Little Free Libraries at Borough Hall and Seventh & Avenue Q by Rose/Clark. Passed without dissent. Lucas will work with Keith Rodriguez to finalize the location of both libraries.
- 2. **Motion** by Rose/Madsen to set the date for a public hearing on Howard Vobis’ Conditional Use application and authorize the Secretary to publish the date and time as 10 Oct 17 at 1900 hrs. in Borough hall. Passed without dissent.
- 3. **Motion** by Clark/Losee to authorize the Secretary to advertise the dates and time for the 2018 Budget Workshops as Wednesday, October 10,18, 25 and if needed 1 Nov at 1900 hrs in the Borough Hall. Passed without dissent.
- 4. **Motion** Appointment of Linda O’Donnell, as Recreation Board President, passed without dissent.
- 5. **Motion** by Rose/Clark to allow Safe Haven to place purple ribbons on the trees on Pennsylvania Avenue from 1 Oct to 31 Oct 17. Passed without dissent.
- 6. Council was presented information on Act 172 by Councilman Rose, this allows the Borough offer tax relief to volunteer fire fighters and first responders. The issue was sent to General Government for review and drafting of legislation for presentation.

Council adjourned to Executive Session to discuss a real estate matter at 1957 hrs. and returned and called the regular meeting back to order at 2022 Hrs.

There being no further business to discuss, Vice President Sigreto adjourned the meeting at 2022 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert J. Fitch
Borough Secretary