

MILFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING

ON NOVEMBER 13, 2018 AT 11:00 AM THE MILFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL HELD A PUBLIC WORKSHOP MEETING IN THE BOROUGH HALL. PRESIDENT FRANK TARQUINIO, COUNCIL MEMBERS ADRIANE WENDELL, LUKE TURANO, MAYOR SEAN STRUB AND SECRETARY PAMELA AHLSTRAND WERE PRESENT. COUNCIL MEMBER ROB CIERVO ARRIVED AT 11:43, CONSTITUTING A QUORUM. COUNCIL MEMBERS ANNETTE HAAR, KATRINA FOSTER, AND MEAGEN KAMEEN WERE NOT PRESENT. SOLICITOR JIM SCANLON AND TREASURER GREG MYER WERE NOT PRESENT.

*** THIS WORKSHOP WAS ADVERTISED AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

PRESIDENT TARQUINIO CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER AT 11:43 AM, and opened with roll call and Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence in memory of Barbara Buchanan (long time resident who passed away) as well as the victims of the California wildfires.

(Prior to the start of the meeting, President Frank Tarquinio explained the Central Sewer proposal, and there was discussion among the Council members who were present. Discussion about how to get public feedback on this proposal- hold a non-binding "vote", survey, etc.)

Once on the record:

CENTRAL SEWER: Tarquinio gave update on Central Sewage. Westfall Twp/Milford Water Authority wants to go forward with "537 Study"; would identify locality, whether or not compulsory, etc. Not an engineering study, just a study of what they would want to do. Westfall Twp would have to extend (currently ends just before DVHS); 2 million dollars/2 miles; more in Milford Boro because of density, would have to restore black top, sidewalks, etc. Would have to pay for study now, can't get grants retroactively. Cost to the Borough now would be \$35,000 (their share of the grant). Would have to be able to advise residents what operating costs would be- main buildout, hookups (could be gravity - \$1500 per person, then split cost of main system), could involve grinders, generators, as part of costs for residents. Question is how to inform residents and get out as much information as possible. Discussed long-term loan options, hook up costs could be built into loan and spread out evenly among all property owners. Mayor Strub mentioned that Water Authority is probably 5 years away from being debt-free, try to find out how much of fees are debt service. Question about who would do billing- Milford Water Authority. Turano suggested that it be on the December meeting- open discussion; Tarquinio will try to get Scott Sheldon (from Water Authority) and Westfall Authority to be at meeting and articulate the plan to the public. Initial expense will be \$35,000 just to do study, which will come up with "problem solving" options, identification of location of system; should be all or nothing or the Borough won't receive grants, loans. Ciervo clarified that if, after study, the Borough decides not to participate, can they get out of the central sewer plan- yes, but would still have to pay their share of the study (\$35K). Will hold vote on this expenditure until December meeting.
(Mayor Strub left at 12:11 PM)

MOVE TO SHERIFF'S BUILDING: Turano gave update- getting estimates; only \$2500 allocated; needs are- locks, moving, cleaning, paint, some minor construction. Requesting an "allowance" of up to \$10,000 from Capital Fund (\$5000 from police). Kiger (Public- Historical Trust) said they will help with cost of sign; have to check generator at 500 Broad- may not be working; John Troyan & Matt McCormack are doing some of the work themselves. (MPD) **BY MOTION OF WENDELL/CIERVO, COUNCIL APPROVED ALLOCATION OF UP TO \$10,000 FROM CAPITAL FUND FOR MOVE TO SHERIFF'S BUILDING.**

COMPUTER FOR NEW POLICE CAR: Tarquinio explained request; need new computer for new police car; suggested it come from GarPoFire donations. Discussion about whether they could designate where money came from. Just specify that it is from Police Dept. budget. **BY MOTION OF TURANO/WENDELL, COUNCIL APPROVED PURCHASE OF COMPUTER FOR NEW POLICE CAR AS PER QUOTE OF \$4334.37. (Attached)**

INSURANCE: Turano gave an update- only a 3% increase, not worth chasing other estimates. Included in proposed budget; will advise Highmark that we will renew with them.

BUDGET: Ahlstrand said “proposed” budget which was finalized at the last meeting was advertised, available for public review, notice in paper, will have hearing at December meeting to vote on final budget. (Tarquinio noted that changes can always be made in January if necessary)

STREETS/LIGHTS: Ciervo advised the electric company replacing some lights; cost is going up approximately \$3/light.

Tarquinio commented that storm drains need to be addressed; Nick May had started, need to be finished. Discussion about County Courthouse, Storm water plan different than what was approved, put in larger pipes than approved. Just replaced one by Sheriff’s Office, hit gas line. Tarquinio asked if study was done as to capacity at corners. Wendell said study was done as part of Courthouse approval, not sure if that is what was installed.

BY MOTION OF WENDELL/CIERVO, MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 12:48 PM