

**Marietta Borough Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held January 14, 2014**  
**113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA**

President deVity with Council member Sargen, Foreman, Clements, Renninger, Roberts, Kramer and Mayor Vegso present called the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Marietta Borough Council to order at 7:00 PM. The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Mayor Vegso administered the oath of office to Council member Allen Clements.

On a motion by Council member Sargen with a second by Council member Kramer, the minutes of the December 10, 2013 Council meeting were approved as presented.

On a motion by Council member Sargen with a second by Council member Kramer, the minutes of January 6, 2014 reorganization meeting were approved as presented.

President deVity opened the public comment session of Borough Council.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Darryl Becker, Engineer with ARRO, spoke on the Adoption of the Countywide Act 167 Stormwater Management Model Ordinance. Ordinance submitted several months ago. County submitted language to DEP regarding exemption of 1,000 or fewer square feet of Impervious Surface. Three levels of compliances. If someone puts a 10 X 10 shed on their property they would not have to worry about stormwater management. Once you go over the 1,000 square feet then the homeowner would be required to provide stormwater management. Self-help section for small projects in the ordinance to help homeowners to design their own system and that they would not have to get an engineer. Last section would require any major plan and would require having an engineer involved. There are construction requirements in the plan also. Council is to review ordinance and will then go to the borough's solicitor for his review. It will be an administrative issue for the borough. The borough will need to track homeowners that are building on their property for the impervious space that is being used.

Raeann Schatz – 24 Fairview Avenue – Contract did not include transition of the driveways on Fairview Avenue. Why were they not included when all other driveways in the borough were included? Why did council put \$90,000.00 on the loan and not use that money to transition the driveways on Fairview Avenue?

Darrell Becker responded that this was a decision by staff. Each homeowner is responsible in putting in their own sidewalks. Driveways were not included because this may not have been the final grade, slope or design that the homeowner wanted or needed.

President deVity stated that this was not paid for by a grant and other projects in the borough were paid with a grant. The borough was paying off a debit from that project instead of occurring additional debt.

Mayor Vegso suggests that each resident submit a letter with their estimate to be a reasonable cost. Council will then consider that.

Terri Minnick – 20 South Perry Street – Have worked downtown for 13 years. Now have new owners for the building and she is now forced to park out front and feed the meter. Is there anything that can be done in regards to changing the meters?

President deVity stated that he will stay out of this discussion because he has a home, business and a store front downtown.

Council member Sargen stated that he is working on this problem. He has been in the business district and speaking to the business owners. There are a couple of different things that is being worked on. It is not going to be taken care of within the week, there are things being done, please bear with us.

Charles Shireman – Request on being able to have the Memorial Day Parade and have the rider for the insurance. Parade will be May 26<sup>th</sup>. Charles would like to extend an invitation to Borough Council to make a float for the parade. On a motion by Council member Roberts with a second by Council member Renninger, the Memorial Day Parade was approved.

Paul Myers – 30 North Lumber Avenue – Prospect and Lumber would like to see paved. In front of his driveway is stone.

Council member Clements commented that he would like to make a list of streets that need work done and let people know where their street is on the list.

Mayor Vegso stated that we have wonderful streets in the borough to be able to ride our motorized wheelchairs and we would like to investigate if we can get any grant money to help out.

Council member Sargen stated that our liquid fuels money will be increasing by 40%. This will allow us to do more.

Jack Rice – 644 West Market Street – When will you and your council have plans on signing the Flood Control agreement? \$20.7 was given to Marietta Borough. When is council getting the engineers and the engineers from the state and what is it going to cost the tax payers. The state would like to do this in three (3) phases. The trail is going down through the borough and we received a grant for that and how long are we going to set on that money?

Mayor Vegso stated that the \$20.7 million is on paper and has no great significance. The state has laid out what the borough needs to do to start the process. The borough needs to estimate the cost, get some right-a-ways, and meet with the railroad company and the utility companies. We need to have a special council meeting to assign the tasks to have people look into this and to talk about if we need to hire a project manager. We know what needs to be done and we need to look into how to finance it. We need to get all the costs before we send in the sponsorship agreement. The state does not do partial projects.

President deVitry finds the five (5) year plan is way too long and he would like to go back and look at the valves to see if we can get a jump on a smaller project faster than looking at this large project. As far as the trail the borough is looking at design and permitting this year with construction next year. This is the trail from Decater Street to Chestnut Street along with the bridge over Evans Run.

Lillian Hill – 462 East Front Street – corner of Bank and Market there are cars parked there which limits your vision from pulling out.

Council member Sargen stated that this was brought to council several months ago and we have extended the paint on the curve. We are at our limit. The equation goes by the speed limit. Example 25 miles per hour you need to allow 1 car length for every 10 miles per hour. The painted curve would be 2 ½ car lengths.

President deVitry announced public comment session of Borough Council was closed.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE/PERSONNEL/FINANCE –President David deVitry**

On a motion by Council member Kramer with a second from Council member Roberts, the General Fund Breakdown dated 1/14/2014 was unanimously approved as presented.

Resolution 2014-01, Disposition of Borough Records, President deVitry asked for a motion to accept the Resolution, Mayor Vegso asked that we retain records longer. Specifically under tax collection item number 1 and 7. President deVitry asked for a motion to accept the Resolution, On a motion by Council member Sargen, there was no second, Council member Renninger asked that we amend tax collection

number 1 and 7 and remove them from the Resolution. There was no second to remove the items. Back to the original motion, we have a motion from Sargen to accept the Disposition of Records with a second motion by Council member Roberts. President deVitry asked for a roll call vote.

Steve Foreman – aye  
James Sargen – aye  
Allen Clements – aye  
David deVitry – aye

Eric Kramer – aye  
Bill Roberts – aye  
Sharon Renninger – nay

Resolution passed.

Borough received a request for the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Chiques Challenge for August 9, 2014. They made a request to close some streets for about an hour that Saturday between 8:45 AM – 9:45 AM. On a motion from Council member Clements and a second from Council member Roberts the Chiques Challenge was unanimously approved with allowing the streets to be closed.

President deVitry gave an update on the FEMA Flood Maps. On the news the Flood Maps are being updated for all of Lancaster County. There are no changes with Marietta Borough flood insurance rate maps. Anyone can come into the Borough office and look at the maps on display.

President deVitry stated that Lillian Hill was voted in as our new tax collector and payments will no longer be taken at the Borough Office for Real Estate taxes. Lillian Hill lives at 462 East Front Street and her hours will be 3 – 8 PM, March 24, 25, 26 and 3-8 PM April 28, 29, 30, and 3 – 8 PM June 30<sup>th</sup>. Checks will be made out to Lillian Hill, Tax Collector.

#### **STREETS & HIGHWAYS – Council member Allen Clements**

Council member Clements thanked the Council for allowing him to miss the reorganization meeting to allow for the newest resident of Marietta to be born.

#### **BUILDINGS & SPECIAL PROJECTS – Council member Eric Kramer**

Nothing at this time.

#### **PARKS & RECREATION – Council member Steve Foremen**

Nothing at this time.

#### **PLANNING/ZONING/HOUSING – Council member Sharon Renninger**

Request from the Planning Commission would like Council to approve the Request for Proposals to prepare a Smart Growth Zoning Ordinance Update. This is having the Borough acknowledging the Planning Committee's recommendation to put out bids to hire a consulting firm to review comprehensively and expeditiously amend the Borough's Zoning Ordinance and corresponding Zoning Map. The new ordinance and map shall be in compliance with Commonwealth statutes. On a motion by Council member Renninger with a second from Council member Sargen the RFP was unanimously approved.

Council member Renninger stated that on the FEMA Flood Map updates have not changed for Front Street this area will remain in AE Zone. There will be significant increases in flood insurance premiums. This will especially effect you when you sale your property or transfer your property. Citizens should write letters to their State Representatives and also the Federal Government asking them to slow things down. The Borough needs to be sure our Flood Ordinance is updated. Make sure if you have flood insurance you do not let it lapse. If you let it lapse and have to reapply for flood insurance you will be hit with full risk

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY – Council member James Sargen**

Council member Sargen stated that The Pioneer Fire Company responded for the year, 192 QRS calls and 255 Fire Calls for 2013. For the month of December they responded to twenty-one (21) Fire calls and sixteen (16) QRS calls. The Fire Police ran in December eleven (11) calls and put thirty-three (33) men in arms way for a combined total of seventy-nine (79) man hours.

Captain Glenn Orr of the Pioneer Fire Company is running the Smoke Detector Program and they have approximately eighty (80) smoke detectors left. Please contact the Fire Company or the Borough Office if anyone is in need of any smoke detectors. They will also install these for you.

**SEWER & TRASH – Council member Bill Roberts**

On a motion by Council member Sargen with a second by Council member Kramer, the December Sewer Department Monthly Breakdown was unanimously approved as presented.

On a motion by Council member Kramer with a second by Council member Renninger, the December Recycling Report was unanimously approved as presented.

**MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Ray Vegso**

Mayor Vegso stated that there is a flood watch on the River and Steve Bailey has been keeping him updated. There are maps on the web that keep you updated on the flow and projections of the river. On January 7<sup>th</sup> the mayor participated in an event with the Lampeter-Strasburg School Robotics Club. They gave a presentation on Flash Flooding. If anyone knows any groups that would like to make any presentations please let him know and we can accommodate them. On January 13<sup>th</sup> he met with the Fire Police and gave the oath of office to the following:

Phillip Kline	Doug Hoey	Joseph Butler
Gene Nagel	Jaryid Maldonado	Teresa Flerx
Steve Bailey	James Shelton	

They are seeking more volunteers.

The Mayor was at his first police meeting and he noticed the police budget is the largest cost to the Borough of Marietta, Conoy Township, and East Donegal Township. The health insurance went from \$400,000 a year to \$500,000 a year for sixteen (16) people. This is out of line and would like to investigate this to see if we can save money for a win-win situation. Not taking anything away from the police, they deserve excellent health coverage. Hopefully we can save the Borough money.

Would like to encourage citizens to come forward and get involved with advisory and action committees that are being developed. He already has some committees starting up.

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M. on a motion by Council member Roberts with a second by Council member Kramer.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,



Sharon L. Bradnick  
Secretary/Treasurer