

Marietta Borough Council
Minutes of Meeting held April 14, 2015
113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA

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

The minutes of the March 10, 2015 Council meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

Mike Riener and Tina Geyer – Sager Swisher and Company – presented the 2014 audit. Mr. Riener stated a meeting was held with several members of council and the audit was discussed in detail. They gave a clean opinion on five (5) of the opinion units. The sixth opinion they do not comment on due to the Borough does not have them audit the Non-uniformed Pension Fund because it is audited by the Auditor General's Office and this is noted. The Borough has a consolidated net position of approximately \$1.4 million. Most of the money that is in net position is restricted. They did not find anything wrong with our system but with two people in the office our system is limited. Council is involved in the oversight of the internal controls. Mayor Vegso stated that we met with the auditors approximately two hours and feels we all have a better understanding of the accounting. Councilman Davis made a motion to accept the audit as presented, Councilman Overlander second the motion. Motion carried.

PUBLIC SESSION

Glenn Orr – Pioneer Fire Company – Last month he stated that there would be no fireworks. Money has been raised and there will be fireworks this year along with a two day carnival that will be held on June 26, 27th. Glenn asked for permission to use War Memorial Park from July 25th to July 28th. Councilman Overlander made the motion to allow the Fire Company to use War Memorial Park with a second by Councilman Foreman, motion carried.

Bride Hannold asked if there was anything else the community could do to help out with the carnival and fireworks? Glenn stated that on Sunday morning they could use some help with clean up.

Linda Ross – 67 Fairview Avenue – The cherry trees on Front Street are about to bloom. Everyone enjoys the cherry trees. The cherry trees are on Railroad Property. There were complaints about low hanging branches. The Beautification Committee is responsible for maintaining the trees. If anyone is interested in donating money or helping with maintaining the trees they are to get in touch with the Beautification Committee.

Karen Sullivan – 120 North Waterford Avenue – She is on the Beautification Committee and they trim the trees. Bob Heiserman mows the grass. They need volunteers for trimming. They do not have a date set up at this time. Call her if anyone would like to donate time or funds. Councilwomen Renninger asked if they are getting ready to bloom any day now and the trimming would come after they bloom. Karen stated that was correct. On June 7th the Marietta Garden Tour will be from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM and there will be 8 private homes that will be open. She is asking if the bathrooms can be open during this time period. Also, the Community House is having its community talks start up again and this Sunday will be the first one and Steve Bailey will be speaking about the Floods in Marietta.

Rae Ann Schatz – 24 Fairview Avenue – She is here again to ask for reimbursement for her repairs to her driveway from the Fairview Avenue Project.

President Sargen stated that not at this very minute and we will be going into an executive session this

evening and they may have a resolution before the end of the night.

Marcus Snow – 310 West Market Street – Let people know that the Pig Iron Fest is a go for this year and will be on the last Sunday in September. It will be on a smaller scale.

Carl Jones – 619 West Market Street - Why does it start here in April your 2 percent but in April you should have more dates to go down and pay your taxes. He is not putting a \$3000.00 check in a mailbox to be stolen. Lillian Hill the tax collector stated that she is required by law to have office hours. James Sargen, president of Council stated that the tax collectors number is on his tax bill and Carl can phone her and set up a time to pay his taxes.

Mayor Vegso stated that the mail slot that Lillian has in her door goes inside and the mail drops inside and it is not easy for someone to steal the payments.

Harold Kulman – 114 East Market Street – He is here to continue to speak on the trains and the accident that happened in Bainbridge. The probability of this happening here in Marietta is greater because of the trail and the restaurants and there are a lot more people in town. You can put gates across the crossings, and we can close crossings. It is Councils responsibility to proceed on this.

President Sargen stated that he was in Harrisburg last week and had the opportunity to speak about railroad signals. Penndot’s guidelines we are not minutely eligible for the cost of the railroad gates. Penndot would give us \$5000 and you’re looking at a cost of around \$200,000 apiece. The borough would not be able to do all of them at one time. He feels that we should limit the cars going down on the river shore. There is a lot of work being done on the trail behind the scenes. His concerns are not being made on death ears.

Councilman Davis stated that you’re looking at one big problem and you’re looking at limiting access to the river. If you limit access to the river then the fire company would have limited access of getting water out of the river. People are moving into a riverfront community with railroad tracks and you are assuming risk. To make changes like the community wants to make will cost a lot of money.

Harold Kulman stated that there is a water main running up through town that can handle any fire there is in town.

President Sargen stated that is not true and the fire company needs to draft out of the river on a large incident. We can only use one fire hydrant at a time.

Mayor Vegso stated that gates are one thing, but something that would be less expensive would be to have a flashing red light when the train is coming. So Council can set up a committee of citizens to look into this and get started. If we do nothing then we are saying that we are taking on the risk. We can afford to do something.

Councilwomen Renninger stated that one of the things that we should take into consideration is the duty of working towards public safety. We need to eliminate risk of pedestrians walking back and forth to the river. Some people just go up and cross over the tracks. Everything is enjoyable but we could look at limiting the lost or a hazard by designating access at different areas, example would be have people access the river at Decatur Street or Bank Street. It is a function of government to promote public safety. There are a lot of different avenues to look at.

Glenn Orr – Pioneer Fire Company – This town is only a one hydrant town. The fire company cannot hook

up to two hydrants and have the pressure that they need to put out a fire. Also people that want to go down on the riverfront; a gate is not going to stop them. There was a person pushing a baby carriage up the railroad tracks the other day.

Ernest Lehman – 440 East Front Street – Every day he sees kids and people going across the tracks, and not at the crossings. Also he sees kids standing right beside the tracks when the train is passing. It is personal responsibility. You can do whatever you want but people are going to do whatever they want. You cannot fix stupid.

Lillian Hill – 462 East Front Street – She would appreciate if someone would put some kind of signage up so that cars or traffic would not come over the railroad tracks at the Chestnut Street crossing because there is no place to turn around.

Harold Kulman – He is not talking about people. He is talking about automobiles and taking a car across the tracks.

Paul Myers – 30 North Lumber Avenue – Would like to invite Council to walk or drive up on Lumber Avenue to see how much the road is deteriorating.

President Sargen stated that he was up there on Sunday looking at the road and was hoping that Mr. Myers would have been out. He was looking at Locust and Lumber.

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

President Sargen stated that he would like to go into an executive session to discuss the pending litigation on Fairview Avenue.

Council adjoined at 7:58 PM
Council re-adjoined at 8:22 PM

President Sargen stated that during the executive session was to discuss the litigation on Fairview Avenue and Council has found a resolution and he would like a motion to pursue that resolution. Council member Renninger made the motion that we authorize Brandon Harter with Hartman, Underhill and Brubaker to enter into negotiations with the Plaintiff on the Fairview Avenue case to reach a settlement, second by Council member Foreman. Roll call vote was taken.

Steve Foreman – aye	Mark Davis – nay	Oliver Overlander – aye
Sharon Renninger – aye	James Sargen – aye	

Motion carries.

ADMINISTRATIVE/PERSONNEL/FINANCE –President Sargen

Before us is the General Fund Monthly Breakdown dated 4/14/2015 the total general fund accounts are \$691,058.00. A motion by Council member Overlander with a second from Council member Foreman, the General Fund Breakdown dated 4/14/2015 was approved as presented.

Council member Renninger asked that in the audit is \$50,000.00 for The Flood Litigation Project. That is not reflected in the Flood Control \$44,045.80 was there a disbursement.

President Sargen stated no there was not a disbursement. We have two sets of money assigned to Flood Projects. We have a checking account for Flood Control that has the \$44,045.80 in and we have \$50,000.00 out of our General Fund assigned for the Flood Litigation Project.

Secretary Bradnick stated that we have a checking account for the Flood Control Project that out of our budget which would be the General Fund money we transfer \$5000 into the Flood Control Account. We did not have in our budget this year to transfer any money to that account. We have assigned \$50,000 from the General Fund money for the Flood Litigation Project which would be the stand-a-lone project that President Sargen had been speaking about; so this money is set aside for that project. Out of the \$650,000 that we have in the General Fund, \$50,000 of that is assigned for the Flood Litigation Project.

President Sargen stated that the Flood Control account was set up years ago that was required to help offset the cost of the bonds for the three phase project with DEP. It does not necessarily need to be used for that project but it needs to be used for a flood project.

Council member Renninger stated that then we have \$94,000 for a Flood Control use and we could build our own levy.

President Sargen stated that since we have a Tax Collector collecting the revenue for taxes we need to start reporting what revenue the tax collector brings into the borough each month. Taxes collected for March was \$71,440.88. Council member Davis made a motion to except the report with a second by Council member Overlander. Motion carries.

President Sargen stated that during the budget process we budgeted for an upgrade to the existing computers. That didn't happen. They upgraded one but the easy fix didn't happen. We spoke with several companies to upgrade our system. Flagstream would be upgrading our system and creating a server so that we can have off sight backup. The proposal is for a new server and a new computer for Ronda and a maintenance program. The cost will be broken down between the Borough and the Sewer Department. The price of everything is \$6,018 and to maintain them you are looking at \$96 a year for our email system and \$99 a month for updates on the server and backups. We have looked at a couple of different contractors. A lot of neighboring municipalities use them and they come highly recommended. Council member Overlander made a motion to upgrade our computers and purchase the new systems with a second by Council member Foreman.

Council member Renninger stated that we are using Microsoft Office 2013 Home and Business and how does that compare to Microsoft Office Professional?

Secretary Bradnick stated that we have Microsoft Office 2013 Home and Business is what we have now on our systems. With being a small Borough office this is all we need. They also recommended that this is all we need and there would not be any additional cost because we would be using what we have.

Council member Renninger stated that she feels that we should upgrade to Microsoft Office Professional and it is a personal opinion. It would be interesting to see the upgrade and you can do presentations and she would like to be doing more grants and would like to see more professional presentations on things like this.

Council member Davis asked if the system we have would we not be able to transfer all the data we have on the new system and use it the same way.

Secretary Bradnick stated that her computer she has holds all the things that she works on and Ronda's computer holds all the things that she works on. The server would hold everything and so if a computer

goes down then she is not able to work, but with the things out on the server then we are able use each other computers. But the questions you are asking is are we able to get the Microsoft Office Professional, yes we could but there would be a cost and the Borough does not need the Professional version.

Council member Renninger stated that she is in agreement that we need to upgrade but is there a length to the contract.

Secretary Bradnick stated that the \$96 annual fee goes to Microsoft for the upgrade to the email system which will be Office 365 mailbox. The \$99 a month will go to Flagstream for updates and backups. We will not be locked into a contract.

President Sargen stated that the Microsoft Office 2013 you are not doing you're accounting on there, it is just used for your word processing work. Is there any advantage to upgrading to Microsoft Professional?

Secretary Bradnick stated that what we have now is all we need and use. We don't need power point because we do not do power point presentations.

Mayor Vegso asked why we have Quick books on Sharon's computer and Freedom on Ronda's computer. Won't it make sense to have Quick books on both computers?

Secretary Bradnick stated that we both have Quick books on our computers.

President Sargen stated that we have this quote do we move forward with this package.

Council member Renninger stated that we have another quote but it is only to purchase equipment it is not a competitive quote. Did they know that they would be competing?

Secretary Bradnick stated that they did know that we need a quote to install a server and a new computer. Pham Computer was the one that updated her computer and they updated it from XP to Vista to Windows 7 and in that they had it for a week. They had to do it that way and not lose anything on my system. She asked for a quote to come in and upgrade Ronda's computer and install a server. She phoned them several times to get a quote. This is the quote that they sent me by email. The quote was just a computer and server and they did not put any work into the quote. Flagstream came into the office and did a though inspection of what we have and what we need. She also called Summit Technologies that Columbia Borough uses. Columbia Borough is a larger municipality but the problem is that they work for larger companies and sub there work out. They don't always have the support that they need when they need it.

Council member Renninger stated that it doesn't matter what we spend she would like to see more proposals that are more competitive.

Secretary Bradnick stated that we have contacted several municipalities and they use Flagstream and are very satisfied with them. They are very thorough. Right now we have a virus in Ronda's computer and we need to move forward in upgrading our system.

President Sargen stated that we have a first and a second to move forward. Everyone voted to proceed but Council member Renninger was opposed. Motion carries.

President Sargen stated that we are purchasing a new truck and we need to un-commit \$23,000 out of the general account. Council member Davis made a motion to un-commit the funds with a second by Council member Foreman.

Mayor Vegso stated that the truck was for around \$35,000 - \$40,000.

President Sargen stated that the cost of the truck was around \$25,000. The cost was \$25,753.

Mayor Vegso stated that the \$23,000 will be out of the general account that was unrestricted funds that was committed and the additional \$2,000. Secretary Bradnick stated that we had \$5,000 in the budget for this year for the truck. The Mayor stated that was fine then.

Motion carries.

Mayor Vegso asked if we already voted to purchase this truck.

President Sargen stated that we did and we need to figure out how we want to get rid of the old truck.

STREETS & HIGHWAYS – Council member Sharon Renninger

Council member Renninger stated that first we need to have approval for Marietta Day for May 16th and that we close Market Street from Chestnut Street to Perry Street from 6:00 am to 5:00 pm. She made the motion to approve that and Council member Davis seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Council member Renninger stated that on April 9th she attended a Transportation Funding Forum put on by Lancaster County Planning Commission. Most of you are aware that municipalities across the country are required to have accessibility to public right-a-ways to all Americans because of the American Disabilities Act. Some of you may not be aware that the Borough is required to do Federal ADA requirements yearly throughout the Borough. This was brought forth by a resident that was concerned about the Borough's lack on this issue. The Borough must find a way to work with the residents without a push of legal action. Last summer she started to work with the Lancaster County Planning Commission with their assistance with coming into compliance with complete streets recommendations that was agreed to by the Borough in connection with the Donegal Regional Comprehensive Plan. Donegal Regional Comprehensive Plan was published in 2011 with a goal to develop and implement a complete streets policy along with planning events that were outlined and incorporated into the Regional Plan. Last week she went to the Transportation Funding Forum that was a kick off for a new round of funding that would be related to this goal. The funding runs in a two year cycle. Lancaster County Transportation Coordination Committee has over \$3 million dollars to invest County wide. It is not grant money but a reimbursement of dollars spent on TAP projects. This would be for sidewalk and street improvement. We will need to file a letter of intent and adopt a resolution of a complete streets policy. The application will need to be submitted by July 31st. The walkability audit was completed in October of last year. She would like Council to review the documents and will get a project list out to the members for their review.

Mayor Vegso stated that we don't need to wait till May 15th to submit a letter of intent. We can vote this evening to authorize you to go ahead and develop the letter of intent. This will not commit us to anything else.

Council member Davis asked how many years do we have to commit \$10,000 a year for ADA compliance.

President Sargen stated that this would be forever.

Mayor Vegso stated that this is something different. The money that is available is for the letter of intent for money that is available. The question of getting back to a regular program of dealing with compliance with ADA we need to do regardless.

President Sargen stated that we budget \$10,000 to do ADA. Last year we didn't do anything. We routinely budget this automatically to try and do this. We need to get the physical work done. This letter of intent you want to do; what are we intending to do if we have no intentions.

Council member Renninger there is a form and we don't have to write out a letter, where we sponsor if this is a study or a construction project. We develop a cost for the project. We do a funding request from the Lancaster County Transportation Coordinating Office.

President Sargen stated that we cannot make any kind of motion this evening until Council member Renninger has all her information. She should gather this and have it for the May Council meeting.

Council member Renninger stated that she is under the understanding that some of the funds that we have set aside can be done for the development of what we're going to do the planning and the design. Then you have to pay for the actual construction and that will come back to us as a reimbursement. The part that we are looking at is the Federal Tap Program which has stormwater management and has a lot of different projects that will enhance borough infrastructure that can be paid for out of this. So far Elizabethtown has been in this for the last three years and has received \$329,000 for one of their projects.

President Sargen stated that they got paid back, that they spent the money first. Going through the budget process last year we are going to be able to do marginal projects opposed to anyone else because of our budgetary restraints. Not because of the structure of the budget but because of the restraints of it. This is why we have to keep this in mine and he hates to take on a \$250,000 project. There is no way that our budget will take on this kind of project. There is no guarantee that this reimbursement will come back.

Council member Renninger stated that Penndot advances a certified invoice process on the receipt of invoices for the activity and certifies their accuracy and forwards them to Penndot for payment processing. It is usually a four to six week turn around. We would not be out on a limb for long term on major things. If we submit the application and we are awarded we will get the money back. If we want to do a \$600,000 project they may say we are only going to give you \$300,000. They will tell us the turnaround time for this. We do the letter of intent due May 15th, the application is due July 31st, there are interviews in September and then they are evaluated and then recommendations are made in October and in November the funding recommendations are presented. We don't have to start the work on these projects until we are approved.

Mayor Vegso stated that we are not limited to spending money that is in the budget. We have savings that we generated over the years. We have \$533,000 in separate funds. Our total fund balance is around \$1,300,000 of that around \$600,000 is restricted, but that includes capital funds and we can spend some of the capital funds for these projects. We as a council vote to use those funds and it does not affect the budget.

President Sargen stated that it is important to understand. Can you get your letter of intent and be prepared for next Council meeting and by asking us to do it now because we have not had time to look

at everything.

Council member Renninger stated that when she started all this she said she would be prepared by May 13th to have a motion at that point and she thinks we should give consideration to the fact that the letter of intent does not lock us into anything and even if we don't have everything spelled out we should at least get the letter of intent in to get our foot in the door. We can also use this in conjunction with Community Development Block Grants and also can apply for other sourcing. It at least gets a project started. The funding will be consistently available in two year cycles. It is part of the County Project to become a complete streets community.

Council member Davis stated that his concern is that the total funding request for the study will not exceed 80 percent of the cost. Talk with people to come into ADA compliance and see what we need to do. I would like to spend 80 to 100 percent on a project that people can use and not on a study.

Council member Renninger stated that she does not feel that we need a study because we just done the walkability audit. This would be to come up with a design and a project to get started on.

Council member Davis stated he would like to know what the project is.

Council member Renninger stated that we have not developed a plan yet.

Council member Renninger stated that she wanted to make everyone aware of this so when she brings it up at the next meeting. Everything you need to look at is in this package and you should read through it for next meeting.

Council member Renninger stated that back in October the Planning Commission brought to light the safety concerns on Route 441 in conjunction with the trail and a study was done by PennDOT and they would allow no parking signs along Route 441 and would like Marietta Borough to pass an Ordinance to post no parking signs from Hazel Avenue to Chiques Creek Bridge. She would like to make a motion that we have an Ordinance on Route 441.

President Sargen stated that we need to draft the Ordinance and we need to advertise first.

Mayor Vegso stated that we were involved with East Donegal and PennDOT and the idea was that PennDOT would authorize this if all three boroughs did their Ordinance. He originally got involved with this early and had gotten emails and asked us to proceed. He has never seen anyone to park in that area and it is important for Marietta to have this Ordinance. The benefit for the no parking is marginal but in the long run it may play a role. We are getting much more use of the trail and the cars filled the lot and were lined up on Furnace Road and so cars may be tempted to park along that shoulder so he has concluded that we should do this and get started.

Council member Davis asked what will happen with the cars that park on the other side of the bridge.

Mayor Vegso stated that West Hempfield will be posting no parking signs in the month of May. The Borough is the last leg to get done.

President Sargen stated that we need to get an Ordinance written up by our solicitor. The minutes back then was determined that all the municipalities associated here would work governmentally to adopt no parking Ordinances and install these signs and that was determined at the August meeting and he does not know why nothing hasn't happen yet. So we will pursue the Ordinance.

Council member Renninger stated that back in February she gave everyone a Special Event Application and in her February email she had asked for feedback. This is modeled after what Lititz Borough uses and our solicitor put this together. It is very detailed on what the Event is holding and their needs. She would like to make a motion to accept this.

Council member Foreman stated that he does not like the cost of the application. If people are bringing events into town he does not want to charge them for the application.

Council member Renninger stated that this covers the cost of processing and brings some money into the Borough and what does the Borough benefit from it and the inconvenience to the everyday residence and the money can be put to the parks.

Mayor Vegso stated that the concern here is if we say that the fee is waive able and in some cases it is not.

President Sargen stated that the \$25 if we insist on charging this we need to make a resolution amending our current fee schedules that we charge for. Then if we say we are charging it according to the fee schedule then you can charge it and you're charging it to everyone and it cannot be waived. For that reason we cannot pass it this evening because we need a resolution composed. We could pass it this evening if we strike the \$25 fee and we could put it into use.

Council member Renninger stated that \$25 is not an outrages amount. It states that if they cancel the event that they could receive a refund.

Mayor Vegso stated that with our current fee schedule and he is correct and because you are not going to get a second on this unless you drop the fee or forget about it and then next year we can change the fee schedule.

Council member Renninger asked if we have a fee schedule.

President Sargen stated that yes, for everything the price of bags, price of tags. Ray makes a good point that at the end of the year if you want to revisit this that's find. Most of your events are already slated.

Council member Renninger rescind her original motion and she would like to offer a motion that we accept and put into place the use of the Special Event Application and change the fee requirements to 0. Council member Davis seconded the motion. Motion carries.

BUILDINGS & SPECIAL PROJECTS – Council member Eric Kramer

Absent from meeting.

PARKS & RECREATION – Council member Steve Foreman

Council member Foreman stated that Marietta Market would like to move the Market from Sunday to Saturday's. He would like to make a motion to accept that they move the day that the Market is held. There was a second by Council member Davis.

President Sargen stated that we have a lease agreement with the Market and we will need to update the lease agreement and will bring this up next month. Motion carries.

Council member Foreman stated that for the summer recreation through GEARS he just received the quote and the proposed budget is \$8,582.75. Now last year it was around the same amount and they pad the number and last year it came in \$3000 under. He is looking to raise money to cover this. He is making a motion to authorize the signing of the contract, seconded by Council member Davis. Motion carries.

Council member Foreman stated that he is looking to create a Summer Recreation Commission and letters of interest can be submitted to the Borough and he would like to get this going. The Commission would be getting public input to determine what can be done with the parks and what we can do with the empty land that we have so that we can submit for a grant. Any questions call or email him.

PLANNING/ZONING/HOUSING – Council member Oliver Overlander

Council member Overlander stated that the Planning Commission for April will follow standard Planning Commission procedure with the presentation followed by questions from the public. That will be April 21st at 7:00 pm.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY – Council member Mark Davis

Mark Davis stated that the Fire Police held its meeting and they are considering joining the Lancaster County task force in case we have a large emergency. Fire Police for March had sixty (60) calls that they attended and put in one hundred-six and a half (106 1/2) man hours. The Pioneer Fire Company responded to twelve (12) QRS calls and twenty-one (21) Fire Calls for the month of March.

SEWER & TRASH – Council member Bill Roberts

Council member Roberts was absent and Council member Overlander gave the report for the evening. The Marietta Sewer Department Savings Account at the end of March has a balance of \$122,218.28 and the Checking account has a balance of \$1,378.89. On a motion by Council member Overlander with a second by Council member Renninger, the March Sewer Department Monthly Breakdown was unanimously approved as presented.

The Borough recycled 24,900 pounds of recyclables for March. On a motion by Council member Overlander with a second by Council member Renninger, the March Recycling Report was unanimously approved as presented.

MAYOR’S REPORT - Mayor Ray Vegso

Mayor Vegso thanked everyone for coming and he will be very brief and non-controversial. He would like to thank Rivertown and everyone that participated in the cleanup along the river. There were about 100 volunteers and Mr. Storm and Mr. Delsworth were involved in that. They are putting out the word that cleanup went very fast and they are looking for new projects.

Mayor Vegso stated that Mr. Cox has a camera that takes a picture of each person that walks on the trail and there were over 300 people that walked on the trail on Saturday and over 500 on Sunday. This gives you an idea of how much this has grown. He has sent an email notice out to Council members and some County people and State people on a meeting May 2nd which is an attempt on some possibilities of some kind of place on the river that people can walk to and set down to look at the river or fish. There are a couple of different ideas out there. He is looking at what some citizens are thinking and what some of the varies funding people are thinking and then maybe after that we would communicate that with the

State and arrange a meeting with all the appropriate people. He is just letting one know.

President Sargen stated that we need to be careful with our approach but we have to make a comprehensive park plan because Steve is talking to some people and the Mayor is speaking with people and we are working on the Trail. It looks so shot gun and it needs to be one point person and one contact in Harrisburg. I am saying this because it came from Harrisburg today. The problem that they are having is that too many people from Marietta are going to parts of this fund. Most of this money is coming out of DCNR. They feel that Marietta has more than enough on their plate with the trail this year.

Mayor Vegso stated that he had a phone conversation with Lori Yeich of DCNR. The meeting he called for is preliminary. There is no intention of doing anything this year. We don't know the scope of all of this. When we are closer to having an actual plan then we will move towards working with a single contact person working with the State and the way Lori Yeich said this was the way it worked in Columbia. When they had their meeting in Columbia and they had prepared their list of wants and needs and so forth. They had a five year plan with Columbia and committed funds. We can choose to have two separate projects then we move in that direction. The concepts of having a comprehensive plans appeals to all of these outside agencies. You have emails from him of all his intentions and he sent an email out back in September when he met with the parks people at the Zimmerman Estate where they put a park. He sent a notice out to everyone on Council with that project and number of other projects. He has been criticized for not following through so he is following up.

Council member Davis stated that he is not where this town is going in the future or the rest of Council and all he sees is people taking a smaller river town into a large park. There are plenty of places to go to down along the river to sit on a log to look at the river or the dirt. If you want to go into the direction of making more parks you are going to lose a lot of country charm. They are paving the trail and you are losing a lot of woodland and he personally does not like it.

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:51 PM on a motion by Council member Renninger with a second by Council member Overlander.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick
Secretary/Treasurer