

**Marietta Borough Council
Minutes of Meeting held May 12, 2015
113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA**

President Sargen with Council member Kramer, Roberts, 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 Foreman. The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The minutes of the April 14, 2015 Council meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

PUBLIC SESSION

Joshua Brandam – 10 West Walnut Street – He purchased 8 West Walnut Street and would like to come before council to ask permission to cut the curbing on Fairview Avenue to place parking in the rear of 8 West Walnut Street.

President Sargen stated that Josh submitted a drawing that he has 23 feet of curbing on Fairview Avenue and he is asking for Councils approval to cut the curbing to place an 18'X18' parking area in the rear of the property. Josh stated that he was only here for permission for the curb cut.

Mayor Vegso asked when do things go to the Zoning Board and when do they come directly here? When does he go to the engineers? He is puzzled on the process. President Sargen stated that it has already gone to Mark Harman and Mark Harman stated that he needed to ask for permission from Council. Then it goes back to Mark Harman for his application to be considered.

Councilwomen Renninger asked if a 10 foot curb cut was adequate for allowing egress to enter and exit from the driveway.

Joshua Brandam stated that he is sure that it is.

Council member Overlander so moved the permission for the curb cut with a second by Council member Davis. The curb cut was unanimously approved.

Paul Brosey contractor for Joshua Brandam asked if he could have a 2 week extension because Burkholder's will be doing the curb cutting. He wants to make sure that it is done correctly.

President Sargen stated if anyone has a problem giving them a two week extension. No one had.

Rae Ann Schatz – 24 Fairview Avenue – Made a comment on the curb cut. Before she came to Council and Zoning before one (1) shovel of dirt was moved on Fairview and asked if she could widen her driveway and told that she could not do it. The reason being was because the engineers already had drawn up the plans. How comes Mark wouldn't let her do it but now you are allowing the curb cut. She would like to see consistency. Also what is the status on the reimbursement of the driveways because she has not heard anything?

President Sargen stated that at the last month's Council meeting that he made a mistake and misspoke and thought that this would take only a few days and obviously that hasn't happen and he apologizes for that error. We are waiting for the process to go through.

Rae Ann Schatz stated you used the word that you are going to negotiate, can you define the word negotiate and that says that she is not going to get her full reimbursement.

President Sargen stated that anyone that came in for reimbursement for that driveway work there was a formula worked out and it is going to equal close to 80% of the cost of the work within the right-a-way for the driveway not for appearance. Rae Ann stated that her cobblestones have been there and part of her driveway and are they going to be included. President Sargen stated that at this time no.

Tracy McFatridge – 30 North Lumber Avenue – Back in February she had brought up the potholes in Lumber Avenue and if anything was going to be done. Her father rides his cart in the alley.

Councilwomen Renninger stated that we are looking at a paving schedule for the alley ways. The guys have been busy doing other work that is ahead of that and it was not long ago that we were moving snow. Hazel Avenue is scheduled to start this coming week and that will keep the guys busy. We will have on going pothole filling. We will be doing more planning to prepare to do things on a continuing basis. That part of Lumber Avenue is high on the list and hopefully we get to it before the end of the year.

Tracy McFatridge also stated that her father went down to the railroad tracks and some of the railroad ties that are missing in a row and felt this was a dangerous situation.

President Sargen stated that we can notify Norfolk Southern and that really surprises him to hear that.

Harold Kulman – 114 East Market Street – His concerns is still the number of vehicles that cross the track to get to the river. He sees more vehicles that cross and there is no place for them to go because the road is so bad. If we can put up signs that no motorized vehicles to cross the tracks or unauthorized motor vehicles.

Councilwomen Renninger stated that we have been discussing that and this is another project that we are looking into on what we need to do. Do we need a right-a-way to erect the sign and what the sign will say? She is getting back ground information and will bring it to Borough Council.

President Sargen stated that we have the signs and it is a matter on where the right-a-way is and where it stops. We can thank Lillian Hill for bringing that to our attention as well.

Miriam Fletcher – 286 West Market Street – Irishtown has come with gifts. She has a check for the Northwest River trail in the amount of \$33,980.00 from the Eater Family Foundation. Before she releases the money she would like to know when the trail will be worked on for this year.

President Sargen stated that on the agenda for this evening Council will be voting on the foot bridge that will be going over Evans Run. Last week the bids were opened. Tomorrow is a meeting with the LCSWA to see where we stand on the budget and determining a start date and some other things like signage that will be discussed. We amended what we are doing this year that we added from Chestnut Street to Bank Street. On the sidelines we have been discussing getting the trail macadam and what we can do to improve it. Over the winter months then planning what we can do to make the trail better.

Miriam Fletcher asked if the Decatur Street trailhead under the railroad bridge is there anything going to be done there because it is full of ruts.

President Sargen stated that yes the work has been done under the railroad bridge. Our road crew dropped everything they were doing and they dug it out and filled it in with stone. Things can't happen fast enough and we decided to be proactive. It is a lot smoother than it has been.

Miriam Fletcher presented Council with the \$33,980.00 check.

Council member Overlander thanked Miriam Fletcher and the Eater Foundation for being so generous to Marietta Borough and he would hope that a letter would be drafted by Council to the Eater Foundation. To date there has been over \$128,000.00 from the Foundation to Marietta Borough and some for the matching funds for the Northwest River Trail and has saved the tax payers of the borough. He feels that we should erect signage for something in loving memory of Gene on the trail.

Dennis Schumacher – 402 West Market Street – He is here to voice his concerns with the proposed new zoning ordinances. There are a lot of homes in the borough that has been placed on the National Register of historic places on Market Street. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been spent on homes and it is a beautiful borough. The new proposed zoning ordinance is the worst planning, what you are creating is a borough with low paying homes. You will be getting group homes for sex offenders you don't need to expand the business district into the residential area. What they will do is tear down residents for these group homes and residents will have no recourse. It does not affect him, it stops at his block but he is concern with the other residents.

President Sargen asked if he was at the last Planning Commission meeting. The message was clear and constant that it is a work in process. There are discussions taking place that are going to address these kinds of things. What you are seeing does not mean that it is going to be the final draft. He should be going to the Planning Commission meeting.

Marcus Snow – 310 West Market Street – His lot is listed residential and have put a lot of money into it but with the new proposed zoning ordinance his lot could be broken up into six (6) different lots. Do we want historic or industrial.

Bridey Hannold – 552 East Market Street – She has been to the Planning Commission meetings and she was under the understanding that in the next stage that in East Market Street what is going to be allowed in East Market Street and then what is going to be allowed in West Market Street in the business district. These concerns are valid and keep this in mind when we get to the next stage of it.

Council member Overlander stated that these things that have been discussed this evening that hopefully these people can come to the Planning Commission meeting. It has been made very clear to the people that planning these things that Marietta wants to maintain its historic value. They want to be careful what is and is not allowed in the business district and we have been adamant that it needs to be discussed what is and isn't going to be allowed in each district. He would like to keep Marietta as a quiet little sleepy town and it will never be a Lititz. The money is not here. We don't allow people to invade our way of life that we are used to and we want to protect that.

Council member Renninger stated that the best way to prevent having people come in and buy up properties is to maintain the property values and Council needs to find ways to have property values stay high. If property values are to low, that is very encouraging to have carpet baggers come in and buy properties cheaply and do what they want.

President Sargen stated that some people have been encouraging the public to participate in this process. They are spot on with things and there are a lot of questions and concerns and we want to try and keep things like we like them. Please do attend the planning meetings and don't be afraid to crowd this room. If we need more room we can move it to the fire station.

Dennis Traub – 4 East Hazel Avenue – Are we doing anything with the Flood Control?

President Sargen stated if you recall back in the April meeting last year to shelf the three phase project and move forward with the stand alone project. The stand-alone project is putting the flapper valves on the storm sewer out falls. He spoke with the Borough engineer about this project and there is a grant opportunity out there that will fund a lot of that project. The borough would have to put around fifteen percent towards that project. I had made the announcement that I wanted to revive that project and since then we have photographed and documented all the outflows along the river and measured the diameters of the outfalls to make sure that on the storm sewer maps are correct. The plan is to put concrete end walls there and beef the outfalls up and then put flapper valves on.

Dennis Traub asked if that would include manual closing on this side of the tracks and what are our plans for Evans Run?

President Sargen stated that Evans Run will stay as it is. In 2011 there was water coming up from the storm sewers and Evans Run had not exceeded its banks yet. Let's do these flapper valves to see what this does and if we need to do anything afterwards then we see if anything needs done.

Bridey Hannold stated that if we go back and review our notes from that meeting and her memory may be wrong but she remembers that Council voted on getting an estimate on doing the stand-alone project not that we were going to do it.

President Sargen stated that we were going to pursue it and that means getting more concrete numbers on it. We are looking for the numbers.

Public comment session was closed.

ADMINISTRATIVE/PERSONNEL/FINANCE –President Sargen

Before us is the General Fund Monthly Breakdown dated 5/12/2015 the total general fund accounts are \$983,038.65. A motion by Council member Overlander with a second from Council member Kramer, the General Fund Breakdown dated 5/12/2015 was approved as presented.

Council member Renninger wanted to clarify something that she heard recently, is it true that office staff recently received an increase in pay.

President Sargen stated that it was at the beginning of the year and personnel committee signed off on it and it was put in the budget.

Mayor Vegso stated in regards to procedures, if the money is in the budget it is not automatically spent. The money is in the budget so that you come here for a vote, is that not true. We have things in the budget for lots of things but we don't spend it without going to council.

Council member Roberts stated that there are lots of things not in the budget and people take it upon themselves to things like this piece of paper that I have here in my hand. Someone took it upon themselves to have the engineer do this estimate.

President Sargen stated that every time someone uses our professional resources it does not have to go through this council. Sometimes we need answers before the next council meeting. So yes there is

money being spent between council meetings. That is called day to day running operations.

Mayor Vegso stated that he has no problem using professional services because that is the right of people. We should be clear what our policy and procedure are. The truck was in the budget but we still voted on it.

President Sargen stated that we voted on reassigning the money that was set aside for the truck.

Mayor Vegso stated that the budget is a plan and an estimate and so forth and we very rarely spend precisely what we have in the budget. Sometimes we over spend a line item and sometimes we under spend a line item. The question he is raising is that we should be clear if we need to have a vote. Just because it is in the budget doesn't mean that we don't need to bring it to council.

President Sargen stated that let's just say that the mayor's salary is in the budget what you are suggesting is that when it comes to writing your check at the end of the year that council should vote on that \$350 and what if council turns that down.

Mayor Vegso stated that he would not mind.

Council member Renninger stated that she opened this question with if there was an increase in the cost of administrative services within the borough and payroll was increased and not all council members were aware of it.

Council member Overlander stated that he does not know what the misunderstanding is anytime the borough does the budget, in the fall of the year is when personnel committee and all of council approves the pay raises in the budget. Once council passes that budget by law before the end of the year the pay raises are in there and the raises are in January.

President Sargen stated that if you look at the budget you will see a five year spending trend and while the budget is being built through that process you will see increases or decreases in each line item that is the responsibility of each council member to understand what those increases and decreases are for each line item. If you do not understand that through the budget process and you want to come in here in the middle of the year and question the budget process then shame on you.

Mayor Vegso stated that he is not interested in the pay increases but he would like in writing a general procedure or policy when we vote on items that are in the budget. Is it a blanket approval that when it is in the budget that it can be expended without it coming before council and that needs to be clarified.

President Sargen stated that we started in April to give the tax report on the money that the tax collector collected for the month. For the month of April the tax collector took in \$398,664.77. There was a motion from Council member Overlander to accept this report with a second by Council member Kramer. Tax report was unanimously approved.

President Sargen stated that we opened the sealed bids for Evans Run footbridge and that is for fabrication and delivery only. Throughout the trail process we will have other bids for construction and installation and we received two (2) bids, one (1) from Contech Engineering, Maine and one (1) from Big R Bridge, Colorado. The lowest bid is \$78,143 from Contech Engineering. He would like a motion to award this contract to Contech Engineering Solutions pending the approval from our solicitor. Motion was made by Council member Kramer with a second by Council member Overlander. The bid was unanimously approved.

STREETS & HIGHWAYS – Council member Sharon Renninger

Council member Renninger stated that she would like to make a motion to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement with East Donegal Township to tie in with the paving on North Gay Street at the Borough line to Fairview Avenue and we have an estimated cost of \$22,000. There was a second by Council member Davis. The motion was unanimously approved.

Council member Renninger would like to make a motion to advertise an ordinance for prohibiting parking on Route 441 and was recommended by the state. It was second by Council member Roberts. The motion was unanimously approved.

Council member Renninger received a letter from a tenant from the Senior Housing and they are requesting that we specify a parking space for limited parking so that people can be picked up and unload groceries. She is bringing this up to make Council aware and it needs to come from the Senior Housing and they do have a parking lot out back and it is not handicap friendly. It is easier with people with certain disabilities to go from curb side then to stepping up.

Council member Davis stated that sometimes when he goes by their, it is difficult to get a spot and they are only asking for two (2) spaces and he does not see an issue with it.

Council member Roberts stated that those two spots will be open ninety percent of the time and no one will be able to park there, you will need an ordinance for this.

President Sargen stated that there are a couple of issues with this, we have all gone by there and see cars lined up. He lives across the street from this area and he checks this six to eight times a day and there is 450 feet of building frontage there. The most he has seen over there is seven cars. He is not buying into the parking lot not being easily assessable and this is his personal opinion. This will also open the door for every multi-unit building in this borough to have loading and unloading zones. We will need to contact the owners of the Senior Housing and discuss this so we will table this discussion.

Council member Renninger stated that we replaced the 1997 GMC pickup truck and to dispose the old truck there are several ways to do this and she would like to ask council how to pursue with the advertising of the truck.

Council member Roberts stated that he was at the Conference and there is a Muncibid on line and this is no cost to the borough and we should put it out on that site. It will be seen all over the United States.

Council member Renninger made a motion to place the 1997 GMC pickup on the Muncibid website, with a second by Council member Roberts. Motion carries.

Council member Renninger would like to make a motion to file for a letter of intent to apply for reimbursement funding for a Smart Growth Alternate Transportation Program to improve sidewalks and streets in the Borough and more specifically we received an estimate to do work on Front Street. The reasons this is necessary is because we are beginning the very early stages of the Northwest River Trail and we are already beginning to see an influx of traffic on Front Street coming off of the trail. It is having an impact on a lot of Borough resources, parking throughout Front Street. It is going to necessitate that we provide a safe useable well thought out path or traffic flow for Front Street. We have at this point parking on both side of the street and traffic flowing in two directions and on Sunday afternoon she counted sixty (60) bike riders going down Front Street. As time goes on we need to prepare for more growth there. It is going to benefit the community in an economic sense and it will

support the existing businesses that are bringing tax revenues into town. It will also encourage other people that Marietta is doing something that we are being proactive instead of reactive. She asked the Borough engineer to give us an estimate to do repairs to Front Street alone and you are talking \$3,394,082 this is for infrastructure and repairs and improvements to Front Street.

President Sargen stated that lets define everything that you said and what does it all entail.

Council member Renninger stated that out of the \$3,394,082 there is \$758,527 is for storm sewer repairs and cost and we have \$2,635,554 we are talking about the entire length of Front Street from Clay Street down to Perry Street. This includes sidewalks, installation and improvement, landscaping, road construction and storm sewer. What she is bringing up right now is to vote on to agree on submitting a notice of intent to let Lancaster County Planning and Transportation Department no that we are interested in a reimbursement program for this. She brought this up at the April meeting. She had a meeting on April 9th and first became aware of this program. At this point filing a notice of intent puts those on notice that we plan on submitting an application and will need to come up with a design and a defined project and construction would not start until 2017. We would need to go through application process to see if we are eligible and if our project would meet their eligibility criteria. What she is asking for this evening is to file the notice of intent and the deadline is May 15th. The next time frame for this program would be in 2017 and the project would not be able to be worked on until 2019.

Mayor Vegso stated that this is a nonbinding letter of intent and even after the second phase you submit a more detailed plan and even up to the last minute you can drop out with no repercussions. The reimbursement is coming from the Federal Government for 80% of whatever has been done. He has been attending five or six meetings at County and there has been a movement Nationwide on these side streets, walkability, bicycles. The amount of money that is available through all sorts of grants is there. He thinks we gain further steps on the learning curve just by starting this process. If we don't do it we will still be ahead because we will have a certain amount of design and engineering work done in advance that will help with other things. We always come back and talk about comprehensive plans and all these agencies are interested in comprehensive plans and this is a piece of those comprehensive plans.

Council member Roberts asked how much did this engineering work cost and this is just an estimate and you are talking about \$3.4 million dollars and where are we coming up with that kind of cash.

President Sargen stated that he thought that this was a ten (10) year deal.

Council member Renninger stated that this is a continuous project and funding will be continuously available. This year alone \$3 million dollars is being made available for Smart Growth Transportation and then there is a Transportation Alternate Program that is getting \$808,000 dollars. Also did you read the paper that Columbia got \$13 million dollars to do their route so funding is available and you need to take the first step? She is not committing the Borough to go ahead and spend any amount of money other than to look into this. As far as how much this estimate cost this is from the Borough engineer and has been the engineer for a number of years and has all the figures and information available. Out of the project we decide on 80% is reimbursement from the Federal and State Government and 20% is the municipalities' contribution but this portion can be funded by other grants and is not money that we need to have in our budget. The way this program will go if we are approved and construction starts we will have bids by the state system all the vendors and contractors will be approved by them and meet their guidelines. As payments are submitted they will be forwarded to the appropriate department to be paid. We may have some cash flow, possibly six to eight weeks.

President Sargen stated that he did not hear that, what he heard was if you can get a contractor to

agree to put this on the hook for you that they will have to wait for the payment.

Council member Renninger stated that was not true, it is in the literature that she has been reading that the contracting bids will go through the PennDOT system statewide and that process is twelve to eighteen months down the road and if we get to that point and we cannot come up with the additional funding then we can pull out of it.

Council member Roberts stated that at this point we already spent a lot of money on the project engineering cost and you are saying that we are going to walk away from it after we spent forty or fifty thousand in engineering.

Council member Renninger stated that we will not have an engineer until we are approved for the process.

Council member Overlander stated 20% of \$3 million dollars is \$600,000. What sidewalks on Front Street need replaced? Mr. Lehman just put in a new sidewalk and does not need replaced and his sidewalk does not need replaced and is in compliance. He heard rumors that we are doing new curbing on both sides of the street. The reason the curb stones were put in originally were because of the ambience of the town and the restoration and now you want to put in concrete sidewalks on a curb line that does not need it. He cannot support something like this. Anyone that has a sidewalk on Front Street or anywhere in town that needs a sidewalk or curb we have an existing ordinance so send them a notice.

Council member Renninger stated that part of the issue also is if we do any street improvements and some of the estimate that the engineer gave us is for milling, patching and reconstruction and any new work that we do is going to have to be in ADA compliance. We are not at the design stage yet and when we get to that part and a lot of things we need to decide on. We will not get anywhere if we don't take the first step.

Council member Overlander asked if this has gone to the Planning Commission yet. Before Council acts on this it should be run through the Planning Commission. We are already \$400,000 in debt.

Council member Roberts stated that sidewalks are going to be part of the grants that we are going to be putting in sidewalks for homeowners on Front Street. How can we put in sidewalks on Front Street when you are having people on Fairview Avenue put in sidewalks?

Council member Renninger stated that that was then and this is now and this is a new way of approaching things. We are not talking about installing a sidewalk on the Southside of Front Street, no way, no how she said that was going to be done.

Council member Davis stated that people are misunderstanding Sharon. We didn't have a grant for Fairview Avenue; we took a bond out for that. This is how we had alleyways paved for, we got a grant. I don't know if I totally agree with her but she is not trying to screw anyone over. She is trying to redo the street and part of the package is redoing the sidewalks.

Mayor Vegso stated that the letter of intent keeps us in and gives us the possibility of continuing to the next steps and again if we don't take advantage then it will be two years until it is available again. If you look at other boroughs they get a certain amount one year and then another amount another year and so on. He sent council a letter about a borough that does a lot of grant writing. The point to understand is everywhere you look, Federal level, State level they are talking about these concepts,

Smart Growth, Smart Streets, Bicycles, etc. Other people are moving in that direction and we have not done much in that direction and we have an opportunity to move in that direction. If we don't take steps we are going to get further and further behind. The trail has been funded by a variety of sources. He thinks on the 20% in kind can support that. He does not think that we would have trouble coming up with the 20% assuming that we want to. We must take step one and file the letter of intent.

President Sargen stated that he feels that the literature that Sharon provided is its worst enemy because if you read the literature that was offered and provided and you go out on line and you read and read about this and the thing that strikes him is that there is a plan that is executed and in this case we do not have a plan. We have the horse behind the apple cart. Every time we talk about this it gets changed. Smart Growth then the other day it was Complete Streets are they the same thing. For the sake of transparency, for the sake that everything is above board and we understand what is going on, a plan needs to be developed. Sharon said that if we put through this letter of intent that she would make a plan, but he does not like that approach.

Council member Renninger stated that when we had the meeting with the Senior Transportation Planner for Lancaster County, we asked a lot of questions. She started last year and told them that we have significant need for a lot of improvement in this borough on a lot of levels. Sewers, storm drains, streets, sidewalks, alleys and we don't have the money to do it all. If we are waiting for Planning we have been waiting and waiting for a plan. Nothing has ever been planned. You are talking about not spending a lot of money and not get back again a lot of the plan, a lot of the design, and a lot of the construction if we are approved then we get reimbursed, we don't have to do a lot. We have to show a need, we have to be open for solutions at this point we are talking on Front Street, \$3.3 million dollars. We do want to branch this out over the years. We are going to have a lot more traffic and a lot more people we are not going to be an economically viable community with all the infrastructure needs that we have. Until we start doing something, until we start showing that we can work together so we can do something positive that we can accomplish a project they are not going to believe in us or bring their money or businesses to us. We are not in Mayberry RFD anymore we need to make some improvements.

President Sargen stated that Sharon wrote an email to Lori and that you are going to do the Southside of Square and go down Front and go down Gay and branch out to Perry and go down to Waterford. So based on that he done numbers based on the engineers numbers it comes to \$1.3 million and now we come to this meeting and you want to do all of Front Street.

Council member Renninger stated that she would like to get as much of if accomplished as we can and we will have to plan this out in stages and it could be a ten (10) year program. It is her hope that we would do larger sections.

Council member Davis stated that he likes the \$1.3 million dollar plan and would like to see the letter of intent put in and he would be happy to help hash out the plans and Mark Davis would like to second the motion to send the letter of intent.

Mayor Vegso stated that we have lost the opportunity just last year to go for grants because we did not have shoveled ready projects. Engineering time is necessary so we are ready for any grant. Remember we learned about the multi-mobile grant, and we fit right in, but we have to be shovel ready to apply. We cannot wait to hear about a grant and then hustle to get ready. We have to have planning and engineering so that we can go for grants. We have been operating at a very slow pace we need to pick up the pace to get us where we need to be. He made the point before that there should be none of these alleys that are not able to be used by people in wheel chairs, even an able-bodied person has trouble walking on them.

Phyllis Stellfox - 270 West Front Street – Information purposes that part of the Northwest River Trail Plan for Front Street there was public workshops and two public meetings and had over five hundred people in attendance and Front Street was a big issue and they went over every possible scenario. Whatever the project, you take away the parking on the south side of Front Street and then there is a real problem because it fills up with parking on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday evenings. She would recommend there was a plan for Front Street and it was publically documented it was funded by a grant, it was adopted by Council, it is part of the Multi-Municipality NWRT Plan and it was determined to keep Front Street two-way. It was not the first time a bike path was talked about, it was talked about in 1990's as part of the Counties Heritage Tourism Bike Path and it was determined that it was not feasible on Front Street. The letter of intent is not binding but it is not something to take likely. She feels that when Marietta's River trail is completed those bikes that are using Front Street will be using the River trail and that is why there will be signage on the trailheads so the people will know how to get to the businesses. Also Marietta has a good rapport on working together. The Marietta Senior Housing Project, we did a Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan, we were one of fifty-six communities chosen by the Federal Government and identified of a Community of Opportunity. We were also the only municipality in Lancaster County that the Redevelopment Authority worked with to establish a formal redevelopment plan. We have a lot of tools in place. By dropping a bomb shell on Front Street is not planning and transparency.

Council member Renninger asked where are the files and documents that she is speaking of?

Ms. Stellfox stated that they are in the office and on the web, they are public documents.

President Sargen stated that we will take a roll call vote to submit the letter of intent.

Eric Kramer – nay	Mark Davis – yea	Bill Roberts – nay
Oliver Overlander – nay	Sharon Renninger – yea	James Sargen – nay

Motion fails.

BUILDINGS & SPECIAL PROJECTS – Council member Eric Kramer

He received the estimate back with the added lightning project and is not happy with the cost and is going to get back to them.

PARKS & RECREATION – Council member Steve Foreman

Absent from the meeting. Council member Overlander let people know that the 2015 Marietta Summer Playground will start June 15th to July 30th and run Monday through Friday from 9:00 – 12:00. People can sign up their children now. Applications are out on our website or they can come into the borough office to pick one up.

PLANNING/ZONING/HOUSING – Council member Oliver Overlander

Council member Overlander stated that the Planning Commission has a conflict for May's meeting due to Election Day and this will be rescheduled for May 28th at 7:00 pm here in the Council chambers and this is to keep the process moving. The date was changed not cancelled so things can keep moving.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY – Council member Mark Davis

Mark Davis stated the Pioneer Fire Company responded to eleven (11) QRS calls and nineteen (19) Fire

Calls for the month of April. He spoken with Glenn Orr and they are moving forward with building the banquet hall and are speaking with contractors at this time. Also the fireworks and fire carnival will be held June 26th and June 27th and can use everyone's support.

SEWER & TRASH – Council member Bill Roberts

Council member Roberts stated the Marietta Sewer Department Savings Account at the end of April has a balance of \$81,495.40 and the Checking account has a balance of \$99,379.22. On a motion by Council member Roberts with a second by Council member Kramer, the March Sewer Department Monthly Breakdown was unanimously approved as presented.

The Borough recycled 36,100 pounds of recyclables for April. On a motion by Council member Roberts with a second by Council member Overlander, the April Recycling Report was unanimously approved as presented.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Ray Vegso

Mayor Vegso stated that he met with an executive with the Columbia Water Company for two purposes, one was a resident asked why there is a twenty dollar fee on their water bill for meters, and she has been paying for it for years and he learned this was a standard item that does not have to do with meters it goes with fixed costs, and the second item was the fire hydrant rental fees for this borough we pay about \$32,000 per year for hydrant rentals which is about \$480 per hydrant while most municipalities are paying about \$225 per hydrant. Last year he checked and when they took over Marietta Gravity Water there was debt and this was to take over that ammonization and at that time they told him that it would be paid off by July but now it may be another year before the hydrant fee goes down. Then our cost will drop to about \$16,000 which would be half.

Mayor Vegso stated he would like to speak about a meeting with National Parks people in regards to Chestnut Street Park. This was after a conversation he had in September of 2014 with the head of the Parks service who asked him to contact their person assigned to this area. So a meeting was arranged with Jackie Kramer. He spoke with Jackie Kramer and walked around with a small group and spoke about is this worth pursuing if not then he wanted Park Service to tell him now. They went down to Chestnut Street and this is land the Borough owns and yes there is a possibility and they said they will invite municipalities to a meeting and this will get us into their matrix and until we apply this would happen in 2017 if you received money. Rick Schroeder and Lori Yeich are the key people to make this program happen. Lori Yeich would be the coordinator in regards to the Chesapeake Bay Program. Their funding would be fifty-fifty but they arrange that you get other funding from other areas. There are no places to go down to the river to sit and enjoy the river for pedestrians. The parks people want additional rest stops and attractions for river travelers, and this could draw them into Marietta.

Mayor Vegso stated that the Pennsylvania State of Borough Conferences that he attended and Council member Roberts attended was a fantastic experience. They received great information and this was very informative. While there he met a Borough Manager from Telford. He was telling him about all the grants that he was receiving. He asked him to email him a list of all the grants they received. In 2013-2015 they received \$731,735 in grants mainly for parks and recreation. He asked how he does this and he stated that he spends twenty-five percent of his time and then he becomes the project manager so that the Council members don't have to rush around and do things. He develops the relationship; he prepares the grants; he obtains the grants; and he implements the grants. Mayor Vegso gave a list of other grants that they received. This man has raised \$2.7 million over a few years and this is what's possible. We need a Borough Manager and a project manager and that can be the same person. We will make this happen in time and it is costing us money not to have one.

President Sargen stated that how does that compare to the grants that Marietta Borough has received in the past ten years to that community?

Mayor Vegso stated that he does not know and he's sure it is less. He is pointing out that this is what someone is doing.

Council member Davis stated that we have two secretaries and two street employees we do not have the infrastructure that other towns have and you are looking at \$70,000 for a Borough Manager and we do not have the business's that a lot of small towns have due to our low population and our distance to Lancaster and this is an increase tax burden and no guarantee of increase money.

Mayor Vegso stated that it is important for Council members to understand but also important for citizens to understand. Mayor Vegso handed out a document for fact sharing and transparency and not to make any conclusions about what it means. Sharon and I agree on the numbers on this sheet and he just rearranged them to try and get them on one sheet.

Sharon Bradnick Treasurer stated that Ray has not come in and spoke with her in regards to this. The numbers are correct but the wording is wrong. You cannot have wording that says that it is unrestricted but committed. It is either unrestricted or committed. The wording is not correct. It says that it is surplus money and this is not. This is our budget, our audit, it is not extra money. The Mayor needs to come in and set down and speak with me and he has not done that. This money is consolidated net position and most of this money is restricted.

Mayor Vegso stated that we have talked efficiently now, we spoke in the past and we will talk again and if the wording does not suite then we need to change it. The wording he used comes from the fiscal management handbook that is put out by the State. The police information is in the box in the back.

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:05 PM on a motion by Council member Roberts with a second by Council member Overlander.

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Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick
Secretary/Treasurer