

**Marietta Borough Council  
Minutes of Meeting held May 14, 2013  
113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA**

Vice-President Rice with Council member deVitry, Nagel, Roberts, Stellfox and Yohe and Mayor Overlander present called the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Marietta Borough Council to order at 7:00 PM. Absent from the meeting was President Fletcher. The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance.

On a motion by Council member Roberts with a second by Council member Nagel, the minutes of the April 9, 2013 Council meeting were approved as presented.

Vice-President Rice opened the public comment session of Borough Council.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Council member Stellfox introduced Matthew Sternberg, Executive Director of the County Redevelopment Authority who will explain to Council, with the support of Eric Keiser, Chairman and David White, Vice-Chairman of the Planning Commission, how the Borough may be able to procure funding other than Block Grant funding for our major capital projects. Mr. Sternberg stated the proposal before Council this evening is to establish a redevelopment area with a corresponding redevelopment plan for the downtown area of Marietta. Mr. Sternberg explained the Redevelopment Authority, as an organization, is established under state statute and is given certain powers to be able to acquire property, put together financing for projects, put out developments for bid, things of that sort. However, under statute, the Authority has to be working within an area that is a designated redevelopment area that has a plan which has been approved by the County Planning Commission. Mr. Sternberg stated they have started the process of drafting such a plan and the objectives that are clearly stated in the 2011 Donegal Regional Comprehensive Plan are the ones that are brought forward in this plan. What the plan creates is a legal framework in which the Redevelopment Authority can work with the community to try to get some of the projects going. What it doesn't do is bind the community in anything other than its' ability to work with Mr. Sternberg's agency, it does not affect or supersede any master planning or regional planning that has already been done. This is strictly a working document for our work with the community on designated redevelopment projects. Any projects that the Redevelopment Authority would pursue pursuant to this plan would ultimately need to come back to Council for approval. Mr. Sternberg stated this plan has been shown to the Borough Planning Commission; he is asking for Council's approval this evening. The next step is to submit it to the County Planning Commission. Council member Stellfox stated it is her understanding that the staff and technical assistance of the Authority, as well as any federal funds, at this point, would only be available within the designated redevelopment area of our project that we would otherwise want to do but do not have the funds? Mr. Sternberg stated yes, if the fundings were to come to the Redevelopment Authority to pursue a specific project, the project needs to be in the area or straddling the boundary line or immediately adjacent. David White stated on behalf of the Planning Commission, the Commission, as well as Council member Stellfox, has studied and studied this proposal. This is an opportunity for the Borough, this is preparation; we are preparing to do something in the event that future resources will develop that will allow Marietta to apply for funding. On a motion by Council member Stellfox with a second from Council member Nagel, Council unanimously approved to send a letter of support to the County Redevelopment Authority and to the County Planning Commission indicating its' support and approval of the Plan as presented this evening.

Vice-President Rice announced the public comment session of Borough Council is closed.

**ADMINISTRATIVE/PERSONNEL/FINANCE – Vice-President Jack Rice**

On a motion by Council member Stellfox with a second from Council member Yohe, the General Fund Breakdown dated 05/14/13 was unanimously approved as presented.

**STREETS & HIGHWAYS – Council member Jack Rice**

Council member Nagel made a motion to adopt the amending of Ordinance 86, Article III, Section 86-9 One-way Streets (see attached), second by Council member Yohe. Vice-President Rice requested a roll call vote.

Council member Roberts – nay  
Council member Yohe – aye  
Council member Stellfox – aye

Council member Nagel – aye  
Council member deVitry – aye  
Vice-President Rice – aye

Vice-President Rice stated the motion carried 5 to 1.

Vice-President Rice stated everything is progressing with the Fairview Avenue reconstruction project. The stormwater inlets are currently being installed.

**BUILDINGS & SPECIAL PROJECTS – Council member David deVitry**

Council member deVitry informed Council a letter of support and commitment for interpretive signage along the River Trail was submitted with the Susquehanna Riverlands Mini-Grant. This is an in-kind match in the form of staff/representative hours.

**PARKS & RECREATION – Council member Corinna Yohe**

On a motion by Council member Yohe with a second from Council member Nagel, Council unanimously approved use of the War Memorial Park basketball court to the Susquehanna Regional Police on Saturday, July 13, 2013 to hold the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Responders 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. The Police Department will submit a certificate of liability to the Borough prior to the tournament.

**PLANNING/ZONING/HOUSING – Council member Phyllis Stellfox**

Nothing to report at this time

**PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY – Council member Gene Nagel**

The Pioneer Fire Company responded to thirty-one (31) calls during the month of April and fifteen (15) calls for the Quick Response Service. Council member Nagel commended the Fire Company for all their hard work they are doing.

Council member Nagel also announced the Fire Company held a TMI training which most of Council attended and were graded in the high 90’s.

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

On a motion by Council member Nagel with a second by Council member Yohe, the April Sewer Department Monthly Breakdown was unanimously approved as presented.

On a motion by Council member deVitry with a second by Council member Yohe, the April Recycling Report was unanimously approved as presented.

**MAYOR’S REPORT - Mayor Oliver Overlander**

Mayor Overlander stated the Fire Police served two (2) non-emergency calls; eleven (11) emergency calls utilizing thirty-five (35) men and sixty-three and one-half (63.5) man hours from 04/09/13 to

05/13/13. The Fire Police are prepared for Marietta Day, May 18<sup>th</sup> and the Memorial Day Parade, May 27<sup>th</sup>.

Mayor Overlander stated negotiations with the manpower of the Susquehanna Police are ongoing concerning the contract. There will not be a meeting in May and talks will start up again in June. Mayor Overlander also announced the sub-station is open and the police have been utilizing it. Mayor Overlander reported the police have been handling the downtown area and to date there have been no problems.

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM on a motion by Council member Nagel with a second by Council member Yohe.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Jody L. Shaffner  
Secretary/Treasurer