

**Marietta Borough Council  
Minutes of Meeting held June 09, 2015  
113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA**

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

The minutes of the May 12, 2015 Council meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

Zachary Peirson, Legislative Outreach Coordinator for Senator Ryan Aument's Office that is located at 301 East Main Street, Lititz and his phone number is (717) 627-1389, and his email address is [zpeirson@pasen.gov](mailto:zpeirson@pasen.gov). There website is SenatorAument.com. Mr. Peirson came to speak to reach out to Borough Council to help in anyway if that is grant writing or renewing your driver license. There website has lots of information and if they can be of help let them know.

Lillian Hill – 462 East Front Street – She wanted to let Steve Foreman know that the kids down on Front Street would like a basketball hoop put down on Front Street for the kids. Also she heard about the fire hydrants work and she called Dave Louis to ask him how the hydrants work and the pressure to the fire hydrants and she was told that they put in a new main and the water is gravity feed into town. They have two days' worth of water supply. The water mains going through town are twelve inch mains and on side streets the mains are six inch to eight inch. If there is a fire in town the fire company taps into the same mains then there is not a lot of water pressure. Also if the fire company needs to set up a draft from the river they would need to go over the railroad tracks at the boat club not sure how this all works.

Glenn Orr – Pioneer Fire Chief stated that when we set up a draft out of river it would be a couple of hours and it would be for a large fire. Also people need to ask Mr. Louis why his hydrants aren't up to NSPS standards and he will tell you that they need to guarantee the water flow that is coming out of them. They do not want to guarantee the water flow that is coming out of the hydrants. They do not want us to use the hydrants on the side streets because there is not a lot of pressure that comes out of them. When they do a draft from the river they will shut the railroad line down until they are finished.

Lillian Hill stated that she tried to contact Norfolk Southern to speak with them about it because she is trying to learn what and how things are done.

President Sargen stated that the crossings are important for emergency response and the boat club access is for drafting and fire suppression and the other crossings are important to get apparatus over for incidents on the river side. They draft out of Robert Mowrer and the boat club.

Dell Ellsworth – 50 North Pine Street Apt. 308 – He is on the board with the Rivertown, PA USA and each year they have a cleanup program for Wrightsville, Columbia, Marietta and last year they did Chiques Park and they would like to make themselves available for a cleanup project for Marietta.

Nancy Barton – 19 South Locust Street – She is here on behalf of the Historic Marietta Bike Race and would like to ask Council to consider closing Front Street from Pine Street to Aaron Street for the race but mostly this area will be the area where registration would be taking place along with parking.

Council member Renninger stated that we already approved for the closing and have they spoken to the Market about this?

Nancy Barton stated that the Market is fine with this and this is just an amendment to the original road closure they are asking to also close the road from Pine Street to Aaron Street on Front Street.

Council member Renninger asked how are the vendors for Market going to set up and leave.

Nancy Barton stated that they are working with Market in conjunction with the race.

Council member Davis made the motion to close Pine Street to Aaron with a second by Council member Foreman. Motion carries.

Dennis Traub - 4 East Hazel Avenue - He wanted to ask in regards to the inspection of the storm sewers he was reading an old book about Marietta Borough it talks about old sewer lines that ran directly to the river. He was wondering if those old pipes were taken out or plugged. These were the pipes that ran directly to the river.

President Sargen stated that he could not answer this but it is his belief that with DEP and regulations that we would not be putting raw sewage into the river.

Dennis Traub stated that he didn't think we were but he wanted to know if those pipes are still there and are they a source to allow water to come into the Borough.

Council member Roberts stated that all the times that he has been down on the river he has never seen any pipes there that shouldn't be there. In the old days you either had an outhouse or you had a septic tank.

Council member Davis stated that these pipes he is speaking about are probably so old and they have been closed up. The only pipes that go to the river now are the storm water pipes.

President Sargen stated that he found three pipes on the river when he was down inspecting them and he tracked them back to inlets on Front Street.

Mayor Vegso stated that DEP talked about being about thirty outlets on the river. He doesn't know but he is glad that he pointed it out to us that we may have some surprises in store for us.

Ernest Lehman - 340 East Front Street - In relation to this back in the 80's when they reconstructed Front Street at that time the Sewer Company, Gas Company and Water Company were required to check and repair and replace any bad piping. At that time if there was anything there that didn't belong would have been removed. When he was a police officer and required to check the river he has never seen anything come out of the storm drains other than storm water.

Tracy McFatridge - 30 North Lumber Avenue - Back in February she had brought up the potholes in Lumber Avenue and her father rides his cart in the alley and was wondering when the work will be done on Lumber.

Council member Renninger stated that she has been speaking with the road master and the street crews have been doing a lot of different things and they are finishing up Hazel Avenue today. We only have two people to work streets and parks and this is our busy time. We are discussing purchasing hot mix and asked Glenn where we are on this.

Glenn stated that we have some cuts to do on Front Street and when they do this they will take the hot mix up and put in some of the holes. A lot of the holes that are open are ones that they already had put cold mix in. This is one of the first streets that we are looking at doing after Hazel. We know it is there we are trying to get it resolved.

Mayor Vegso stated that down the road we talked repaving totally on Locust and Prospect and Lumber.

Public comment session was closed.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE/PERSONNEL/FINANCE –President Sargen**

Before us is the General Fund Monthly Breakdown dated 6/09/2015 the total general fund accounts are \$984,911.64. A motion by Council member Roberts with a second from Council member Davis, the General Fund Breakdown dated 6/09/2015 was approved as presented.

President Sargen stated the tax collector monthly report. For the month of May the tax collector took in \$28,982.42. There was a motion from Council member Davis to accept this report with a second by Council member Renninger. Tax report was unanimously approved.

President Sargen stated that everyone received the email in regards to the DCED Grant in conjunction with the Solid Waste Authority we are applying for and to review the information he sent everyone this is a supplemental grant for the Northwest River Trail. The maximum amount rewarded is \$250,000 and we are applying for and the intent of this grant and the scope of this grant which was drafted was for any budget overages and the remainder of it can be used for trail improvements as far as next year and some of it can be used with the scope of the documentation can be used for matching funds to other grants relating to parks. He would like to make a motion to adopt this Resolution for the grant application, Council member Overlander so moved with a second by Council member Roberts.

Mayor Vegso asked if there was a matching portion.

President Sargen stated that the matching portion is already in place by the funds that we have for the grant now. The matching was a 20/80 match but the Borough does not have to come up with any more money because we have the funding in place for the trail. The match came from the Eater Foundation. We reached our first payment from the DCNR for the trail.

Council member Renninger stated that you said we received money for the grant allocation. The money is being spent on what work is being done right now. How much is the money in this grant for this resolution?

President Sargen stated that we have received \$112,050 and the money is being used for what work is being done right now. The grant that we are applying for is for \$250,000 but that is not guaranteed. We have gotten the support from our neighbors that are related to the trail and we have requested and received some support from state and federal legislators.

President Sargen stated that we will vote on the Resolution and this will be a roll call vote.

Steve Foreman – aye  
Bill Roberts – aye  
James Sargen – aye

Eric Kramer – aye  
Oliver Overlander – aye

Mark Davis – aye  
Sharon Renninger – aye

Motion carries.

President Sargen stated that yesterday we had the bid opening for the trail this was for the materials to construct the trail. What we have to do is award four separate bids. We had one company come in and bid the stone and one company bid the asphalt for the trail. R.E. Pierson Materials bid on the stone and Highway Materials bid on the asphalt. The first portion which is Project 1 is Decatur Street Parking Lot and River Trail between Chestnut Street and Bank Street, contract one is awarded to R.E. Pierson Materials for the stone and the contract price is \$30,080.

Council member Renninger made the motion to award this contract with a second by Council member Foreman. Motion carries.

President Sargen stated that Contract 2 for Project 1 is to award Highway Materials, Inc. for the asphalt and this total bid is for \$63,980.

Council member Roberts made the motion to award this contract with a second by Council member Overlander. Motion carries.

President Sargen stated that Project 2 is for the River Trail between Decatur Street and Chestnut Street and the contract 1 will be awarded to R.E. Pierson Materials for the stone materials and the cost of the contract is \$46,517.50.

Council member Overlander made the motion to award this contract with a second by Council member Roberts. Motion carries.

President Sargen stated that Project 2 for Contract 2 is to Highway Materials for asphalt mix and this bid is for \$136,890.

Council member Roberts made the motion to award this contract with a second by Council member Kramer. Motion carries.

President Sargen stated that we need to have an executive session to discuss a Fairview Avenue issue.

Council adjourned at 7:41 pm  
Council re-adjourned at 8:05 pm

President Sargen stated that based on the conversation during the executive session he would accept a motion.

Council member Roberts made a motion to remove the trees on Fairview Avenue that was required to be removed before the installation of sidewalks. There was a second by Council member Overlander. Motion carries.

### **STREETS & HIGHWAYS – Council member Sharon Renninger**

Council member Renninger stated that we have gotten bids with East Donegal Township to do repairs to North Gay Street from Fairview Avenue to the Borough Line. East Donegal Township is coming in from Route 441 to the Township Line. She would like to make a motion to enter into this project and the lowest bid came in from Highway Materials with a bid of \$23,473.10 it is roughly \$1,400 over the estimate that we had but this was due to the cost of materials. She made a motion to approve Highway Material to make the need repairs to North Gay Street in conjunction with East Donegal Township. It was

seconded by Council member Roberts.

Mayor Vegso asked if there were any other bidders.

Council member Overlander asked if it would be completed this year.

Motion carries.

Council member Renninger stated that we are passing the Ordinance for the no parking on Route 441 from East Hazel Street to Chiques Creek. She made the motion to install the no parking signs on the South side of Route 441 it was seconded by Council member Foreman.

President Sargen stated that this was in reaction to all the accidents that were on Route 441 and Ray was involved with this. East Donegal Township and West Hempfield Township already have their signs up. They do not want any parking along Route 441 in relation to the trail. President Sargen asked for a roll call vote.

Steve Foreman – aye

Eric Kramer – aye

Mark Davis – aye

Bill Roberts – aye

Oliver Overlander – aye

Sharon Renninger – aye

James Sargen – aye

Motion carries.

Council member Renninger stated that we have placed the 1997 GMC on the Municibid site with a reserve of \$2000 and the highest bid came in at \$3,551. She would like to make a motion to accept the sale price of \$3,551, with a second by Council member Davis. Motion carries.

Mayor Vegso stated that he and Bill Roberts learned of this service at the Borough Conference.

Council member Renninger stated that she had brought up before needing signs for the railroad crossings. She is bringing up an Ordinance to post no unauthorized motorized vehicles at four of the railroad crossings. She is looking at putting up signs at the bottom of Bank Street, Pine Street, Chestnut Street, Gay Street and Bridge Street on Front Street. This is to keep the cars out of these places.

Council member Overlander stated that this is a good idea but he thinks we should put up cameras also. If we can't fund it this year we should fund it next year.

Council member Roberts stated it would be nice to have them on 4 X 4 posts with railroad sign stating no unauthorized motor vehicles.

Council member Renninger stated that she is not locked into her design. She received prices and for four signs that reads no motorized vehicles and they are \$37 a piece, but if we do a custom sign they are more expensive.

President Sargen stated that Sharon is just looking for Councils approval to move forward with the process. The signs should say no unauthorized vehicles because fire trucks need to get over.

Council member Renninger made a motion that Council starts the Ordinance process to provide safety to the Marietta Borough residents that we install "no unauthorized motor vehicles beyond this point" at the Bank, Pine, Chestnut, Gay and Bridge Street crossings, with a second by Council member Roberts.

Motion carries.

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

Nothing at this time.

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

Council member Foreman stated that summer recreation starts Monday and the registration form is in the office or out on line on the Borough's website. The water fountains are being ordered for Flanigan Park and he found a water fountain that he liked but someone pointed out that it was very salty so we found one that is cheaper which allows us to order new ones to be put in at War Memorial Park.

Council member Foreman stated that he was going to bring up about a Zoning Ordinance change but due to the timing involved to make that change and the process involved that he is not going to bring that up. He would like to say to council that the things involved in this and why it won't work so he would like to say how we can make it work and get business into town.

### **PLANNING/ZONING/HOUSING – Council member Oliver Overlander**

Council member Overlander stated that at the last Planning Commission meeting, the Planning Commission is moving forward with the updates and the next meeting will be August 4<sup>th</sup>. At least by July 21<sup>st</sup> Council will receive a rough draft of the Ordinance changes and will have a meeting to go over the rough draft.

Council member Overlander stated that we received a waiver from the Lancaster County Planning Commission is asking Borough Council he waive the three meeting process for the portion that is in the Borough which is part of the driveway to the farm house that Donegal Mutual Insurance owns. Our engineer went over the design and the work that is going to be done the Borough will be better off after the work is done. He is requesting that we waive the three meeting requirement requested by the Lancaster County Planning Commission. Council member Roberts made the motion with a second by Council member Davis. Council member Renninger recused herself because she is an employee of the Donegal Mutual Insurance Company.

Mayor Vegso asked if we could say a little more on what they are doing.

Council member Overlander stated that they are putting in a parking area and the borough will have less run off when the project is finished because they are going to have a basin.

Motion carries.

Council member Overlander asked if we sent a letter out to the Eater Foundation but he would like to make a motion to name the Borough's portion of the trail in the memory of Gene Herchelroth who's funding and foundation paid for the matching funds for the trail and it did not cost the Borough any money. Council member Davis seconded that motion. Motion carries.

### **PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY – Council member Mark Davis**

Mark Davis stated the Pioneer Fire Company responded to six (6) QRS calls and twelve (12) Fire Calls for the month of May. Fire Police for May had twenty-two (22) calls that they attended and put in one

hundred-twelve and a half (112 1/2) man hours.

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

Council member Roberts stated the Marietta Sewer Department Savings Account at the end of May has a balance of \$136,126.64 and the Checking account has a balance of \$855.47. On a motion by Council member Roberts with a second by Council member Davis, the May Sewer Department Monthly Breakdown was unanimously approved as presented.

The Borough recycled 28,220 pounds of recyclables for May. On a motion by Council member Roberts with a second by Council member Overlander, the May Recycling Report was unanimously approved as presented.

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

Mayor Vegso stated that the police meeting minutes are in the box and he will have more details at the next meeting. The police have put together some information on their clearance rates compared to other municipalities, so this will be good information.

Mayor Vegso would like to take a moment to thank everyone that participated in the garden tours that we just had, Karen Sullivan and Laurlee Baker and the proceeds from that benefit the Community House. The Silk Mill was on the tour and Sally his wife and he worked on the garden and he was fascinated how many people came in from out of town to go through the garden tours.

Congratulations to Sharon and everyone who got Hazel Avenue paved. It was greatly needed.

Council member Overlander asked the Mayor what is the target date for the police departments' renovations to be completed?

Mayor Vegso stated that it is pretty close.

Council member Overlander stated that the police should keep an eye out on Hazel Avenue since it was newly paved for speeders.

Mayor Vegso stated that speeders it is hard to judge if they are speeding and there is a certain distance that they need to judge when using a radar gun. He asked if we could get people for reckless driving by observation but even that is difficult. The best we can do is if people observe people speeding they should jot down the time of day and the street and that will allow the police to see a pattern.

Council member Roberts stated that in Elizabethtown they put speed tables in on a street and these are a lot wider. Not that we don't have an occasional fast driver in Marietta, but if you sit for an hour and count fifty cars maybe one of those cars will be speeding. You have to know what the speed is.

Mayor Vegso stated that other than putting up the sign to let people know how fast they are going or put up a dummy police car he don't know what else can be done.

Council member Renninger stated that something she would like to bring up is last month we spoke about putting a stop sign up on Hazel Avenue. She will get more information on this, but we may want to consider putting stop signs up.

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM on a motion

by Council member Roberts with a second by Council member Davis.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick  
Secretary/Treasurer