

**Marietta Borough Council
Minutes of Meeting held July 8, 2014
113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA**

President deVitry with Council member Sargen, Foreman, Kramer, Roberts, 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 June 10, 2014 Council meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

President deVitry opened the public comment session of Borough Council.

PUBLIC SESSION

Steve Bailey – EMS Coordinator – Tom Brill resigned and he would like to introduce Angie Shearer as his new Deputy Manager. She has over 8 years' experience in public relations. He would like the Council to approve his appointment of Angie as the new Deputy Manager Coordinator for Marietta Borough. Council member Overlander made the motion with a second by Council member Sargen.

Council member Overlander stated that he worked with Angie during the 2011 Flood and she was on top of things and we can't have a better person on our team.

Motion was unanimously approved.

Lillian Hill – 462 East Front Street – gave a report on the taxes that have been collected from January 1, 2014 to June 30, 2014, the borough's portion being \$602,513.94. She also gave a brief summary on the class that she had taken on May 7, 2014.

Nancy Barton – 19 South Locust Street – Flyers will be given out to homeowners on the bike race route so that the cars can be removed on the course. Also they have flyers that can be purchased to hang in windows.

Rae Ann Schatz – 24 Fairview Avenue – she would like to know if there has been any further discussion on the reimbursement for the driveways. She is requesting that a discussion be done and a report be given at next Council meeting.

President deVitry stated that he has not heard anyone say they want us to do that. There was a discussion at last meeting. As far as he is concern we are done.

Charles Shireman – 345 East Market Street - the junk yard on East Market Street is still in operation and would like to see if the Council can put some attention on that. They are putting cars up in the back and using the green space.

President deVitry stated that we would look into that.

Lillian Hill - 462 East Front Street – would like a good answer to the previous question from Ms. Schatz about the driveways and how Mr. Roberts feels.

Council member Roberts stated that he has not been involved with any discussions, but he feels that we should discuss and look into some kind of relief for the driveways and only the driveways. He is only one person though.

Council member Renninger stated that things have been progressing very slowly, but she has been

looking into the Borough as a whole, the storm drains, streets, highways, sidewalks, etc. There is a lot to be taken care of. When she has significant information she will have a meeting with Council members. Hopefully they will come up with a resolution and give you some concrete answers by the next Council meeting.

Ken Gall – 574 West Market Street – the planning commission received two (2) proposals to proceed with the RFP. Looking at a proposal from Environmental Planning and Design, the Borough along with East Donegal Township, Conoy and Mount Joy went together to come up with a Comprehensive Plan and it is not up to date with that Plan. The Planning Commission has put a lot of process in place and the Planning Commission would like to proceed with this proposal and was hoping that the Borough would vote on this so that we can move forward.

Jack Rice – 624 West Market Street – if anyone rides around Marietta and looks, we are terrible looking. We have an ordinance in place in regards to vehicles that are out of registration sitting on property. Now people are covering them up. What is the problem? As far as the Fairview Avenue problem the Borough Council needs to make a decision. Either fight it or give in, but a decision needs to be made on what the Borough is doing.

President deVitry stated that the Borough is actively pursuing the disabled vehicles and have gotten a number of those.

Bridey Hannold – 552 East Market Street – she was wondering who's responsible for going around town to see who and what is in violation. She or anyone could phone in to the office and let the Borough know that something is in violation.

Sharon Bradnick – Secretary/Treasurer stated that she goes around town on her way to work and on her way home to see if anyone is in violation. She has been going up and down streets and alleys. We check out complaints when they are phoned in and if anyone is in violation a notice is sent out.

President deVitry stated that it would be more expedient if people phoned in to the office.

Tom Goldsborough - 544 East Market Street – he addressed Council last month about sidewalk exemptions. He was told by Council member Roberts that this was not done. He found a letter from back in 1994 that Council exempted some people from putting in sidewalks. In regards to abandon vehicles don't you think we should start with Council? Council member Roberts has a vehicle on his rental property. Did not his Borough taxes go to pay for the law suit up on Fairview Avenue? He put in a sidewalk on an alleyway that was Borough property. So he feels for these people that have to put in sidewalks on Borough property. If you go back on the Borough's records you'll see that it was the same scenario as up on Decatur Street.

President deVitry stated that the Ordinance clearly states that home owners would need to put in sidewalks benefiting their properties. They can be adjacent to the property, it does not need to be on their property. It makes sense for the sidewalk to be on the right-a-way because you have the public going through there. The Ordinance has been updated since the Decatur Street sidewalks have been put in. Also Mr. Goldsborough stated that we took Fairview Avenue residents to court but it was the other way around. Some residents on Fairview Avenue took Marietta Borough to court and the Borough won on all counts.

Council member Roberts stated that he is getting a title for his grandfather's truck and it will be removed.

Barbara Kauffman – 30 Fairview Avenue – It would be nice to have some resolution to questions. But Council is routinely giving a response that they will look into things. Barb says that President deVitry stated that you have to fill out a Right-to-know request to get accurate information. You stated that the Borough spent over \$67,000 for the law suit. Where are you getting your information? Can you please come back and give us a more accurate amount. She filled out a Right-to-know and found out that we spent half that. She has \$35,000 in invoices that were given to her. Also she had asked Mr. Kramer who owned the house across the street from him. He told her Mr. Overlander. This was not accurate. Challenging Right-to-know requests she was told by the Right-to-Know office in Harrisburg said that the reason there is a Right-to-Know law is to design, promote access to official government information in order to prohibit secrets and scrutinize public officials and make public officials accountable for their actions. She would appreciate Council officials give accurate information.

President deVitry stated that this was an estimate that was given to him.

Council member Kramer stated that he was asked who owns the property across from his house and he told her Oliver Overlander, which he does.

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

Council member Overlander stated that before we start the business of borough council he would like to make a motion that Council reiterate that the letter that was mailed to property owners on Fairview Avenue residents on December 20, 2013, stating that sidewalks are due to be completed by November 19, 2014 and if not installed then the Borough would install them and a lien would be placed on the property. Council member Sargen seconded the motion.

President deVitry stated that he was just reiterating the installation of sidewalks.

Council member Renninger asked what we are reiterating.

Council member Overlander stated that the residents need to have their sidewalks in by November 19, 2014.

Council member Renninger stated that we are just making it public and on the record that we are holding that deadline of November 19th. Why did we feel that we needed to do that?

President deVitry stated that the crowd make it clear that they wanted us to make a motion on that. This was a response.

Mayor Vegso stated that to reiterate just means to say it again. So we say it again, so there it is, this is not significant one way or another, and it does not preclude the other question to give some consideration for the driveways.

President deVitry asked for a roll call vote for reiterating that sidewalks need to be put in by November 19, 2014.

Steven Foreman – aye
Bill Roberts – aye
David deVitry - aye

Eric Kramer – aye
Oliver Overlander – aye

James Sargen – aye
Sharon Renninger – nay

ADMINISTRATIVE/PERSONNEL/FINANCE –President David deVitry

Before us is the General Fund Monthly Breakdown dated 7/8/2014 the total general fund accounts are \$871,642.40. A motion by Council member Overlander with a second from Council member Sargen, the General Fund Breakdown dated 7/8/2014 was unanimously approved as presented.

Mayor Vegso stated that he would like to see this report put out for the public and the figures should show up in the minutes. This is the money of the public.

Council member Renninger would like to make a motion to have the General Fund Monthly Breakdown put out with the minutes during the next Council meeting with a second motion by Council member Sargen.

Mayor Vegso stated that we can pass this motion and then later we can make a motion to change the dates on the General Fund Monthly Breakdown. This is information that should be available to the public and information the public has a right to know.

Council member Sargen stated that a couple of months ago there was a request that we get this packet of information before the meeting. Sharon wanted to have them on Friday. If someone on Council wants them before the meeting that they are accurate and to see what their budgets are being hit with are accurate. We need to make sure the information is accurate. What he suggestions is once they are approved then we put the General Fund Monthly Breakdown from the prior month we will put out in the box with the minutes.

President deVitry stated that the General Fund Monthly Breakdown is up to date. It is the most up to date which is why you cannot be given earlier and it cannot be handed out to the public before it is approved.

Council member Renninger stated that typically a treasurer's report runs monthly and ends at month end and this will leave us a week to look over the report.

President deVitry stated that it has not ever been done like that and he wants the information to be up to date.

Council member Sargen stated that this is an administrative function and we do not have to make that decision tonight.

President deVitry asked is there anything more on the motion in hand on the distribution of the General Fund Monthly Breakdown.

Council member Roberts stated that we may receive a bill from ABC Consulting service on the 6th of June and we can approve that on the 8th, we can get it approved and get it out. Some of our Council meetings aren't until the 14th of the month and it would mean that we are holding a bill for fourteen (14) days. We need to pay bills as soon as possible.

President deVitry asked all in favor of distributing the General Fund Monthly Breakdown the following month. All were in favor, the motion carries.

President deVitry gave an update on the River Trail. The bridge has been open over the creek and the new section of trail has been installed and opened. The dedication on the bridge is July 16th at 9:00 AM. As soon as the river goes down about a foot they will start working on the Shocks Mill underpass.

Council member Roberts stated that there are some areas of the trail on the East end that is grown over.

STREETS & HIGHWAYS – Council member Sharon Renninger

Council member Renninger stated that she has been taking a good look at the Regional Comprehensive Plan and was very encouraged by the Plan and is something everyone should look at. Parts of the Regional Comprehensive Plan is making the community a walkable, sustainable community; encouraging the Borough to grow. The Comprehensive Plan also talks about the streets and sidewalks and what the infrastructure is going to look like out beyond us. What her goal is as streets and highways is to take a comprehensive look at what needs to be done with the infrastructure. There are some storm drains that need to be fixed and instead of patching them she is looking at what we need to do to fix them correctly.

BUILDINGS & SPECIAL PROJECTS – Council member Eric Kramer

Nothing at this time.

PARKS & RECREATION – Council member Steve Foreman

Council member Foreman would like to thank the Women’s Auxiliary Post 466 for donating \$100.00 to the Summer Recreation Program. He would like to also make a motion for the use of War Memorial Park for Donegal Braves Midget Football from August 5th to the end of October. Council member Roberts seconded the motion. Motion carries.

PLANNING/ZONING/HOUSING – Council member Oliver Overlander

Council member Overlander stated that the Marietta Business Association had a meeting at the Restoration Bank Building. There were quite a few in attendances. Mathew Sternberg the director of Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Lancaster. He is a friend of Marietta and without him a lot of things would not have happened without him. Update on Planning/Zoning/Housing this is a zoning ordinance update. Marietta adopted a new Comprehensive Plan in 2011 and now we are doing the necessary updates to the Zoning Ordinance. Progress to date, Borough Council approved the release for the request for proposals to secure a consultant to prepare the zoning updates. Council approved the selection committee to review and evaluate the responses to the RFP. The selection committee sends recommendations to the Planning Commissions. The Planning Commission accepted the Selection Committee’s recommendation. He appreciates the efforts of the Selection Committee, David deVitry, Sharon Renninger, Eric Keiser, Ken Gall and Pat Shinkosky and also the Planning Commission for their efforts Eric Keiser, Dave White, Fred States, Ken Gall and Eric Marsh. Thank these individuals for their diligence and as chair of Planning he would like to keep this process moving forward. Council moves Planning beyond recommendations through the public approval. There are procedural steps that still need to be taken before presented to Council. He is going to attend the next Planning Commission to get some of those answers. Council member Overlander would like to make a motion to send a letter to the Selection Committee members for their due diligence with a second by Council member Sargen. Motion carries.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY – Council member James Sargen

Council member Sargen stated that The Pioneer Fire Company responded to sixteen (16) QRS calls and twenty-one (21) Fire Calls for the month of May. The Special Fire Police responded to six (6) calls and

put nineteen (19) men out on the street for a total of fifty-one (51) man hours.

Council member Sargen stated that he wanted to do a parking meter update but he doesn't have one and will get back to you by next Council meeting. He checked with Mount Joy Borough's parking and they are in a different situation than Marietta Borough. They have a lot more off street parking and he is pursuing this and will get back to us at next meeting.

Council member Overlander thanked the Pioneer Fire Company for their work and to be safe.

Chief Orr with the Pioneer Fire Company thanked Council for the use of War Memorial Park for the Firemen's Carnival. They will have two (2) EMT's on board for the Bike Race and two (2) QRS. The Firemen's Carnival is looking at going back to a two (2) day event and making some changes for next year.

Chief Orr stated that they are working on getting blue prints so that they can build an addition onto the fire company. They are trying to become self-sufficient.

SEWER & TRASH - Council member Bill Roberts

The Marietta Sewer Department Savings Account at the end of June has a balance of \$83,457.54 and the checking account has a balance of \$776.11. On a motion by Council member Roberts with a second by Council member Overlander, the June Sewer Department Monthly Breakdown was unanimously approved as presented.

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

Council member Roberts stated that we received a grant in the amount of \$1,222.00 from the Department of Environmental Protection. He also met with Barbara Baker from Lancaster County Solid Waste Management in drawing up our new trash and recycling contract for 2015-2017 which will include a much greater expansion of recycling.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Ray Vegso

Mayor Vegso stated that he would like to thank Lillian Hill for the great report and he does not remember getting these reports in past years. He stated that he previously stated that he could get a grant. But grant requirements state that you have a shovel ready project and the Borough does not have one at this time. There are many grants available and we need to be aggressive to go get them.

Mayor Vegso commented that he would like to talk about the Robo call system. He did some more research on this and it would be a cost of \$950.00 a year and we could opt out after a year. He sent out an email to Council members with the questions that he asked and the responses. He would like to have a motion to adopt the Robo call system. If we don't vote on the Robo System then the backup option would be to have our office staff get people to volunteer their contact information if they potentially need help in an emergency. This would be for the elderly and disabled and could be expanded. He would like to proceed with the Robo call and was asking for a motion on either of the recommendations.

Council member Roberts asked about the people that have Comcast phone numbers. Anyone that has a portable phone or Comcast number will not receive calls. When the electric is out then these people will not have any service.

Council member Renninger stated that what concerns her is in the event that there would be a train derailment that we would have a hazmat situation that the Robo System would be an expedient way to notify people in this event. If people want to register than they can give a home phone or cell phone number. The Robo System would be a way to notify everyone in a situation with hazardous materials. It would give everyone the opportunity to register or not.

Council member Overlander stated that he would like to have more information. He would like to make a motion to see a written proposal and what is included in that proposal before we proceed. Council member Sargen seconded the motion. Motion carries.

President deVitry asked the Mayor if the quote that he received for two thousand phones and is it cheaper if we have less phones? The Mayor said that the amount of phones is insignificant. Also David was concern with using the Robo System for non-emergency announcements. The FCC has regulations regarding the Robo Call Systems.

Mayor Vegso stated that he spoke with Columbia Water Company and they did not want to allow us to piggy back on their system that they have in place. He has a written proposal and will have it placed in every ones box.

Mayor Vegso stated that on the police report we have two (2) officers out on disability and one had back surgery and one had rotator cuff surgery. Two vehicles were totaled. Insurance will cover most of these costs. He has been concerned that the police officers rotate weekly and is pushing for shift rotation on a longer basis. We are gathering facts right now.

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:26 P.M. on a motion by Council member Foreman with a second by Council member Sargen.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick
Secretary/Treasurer