

**Marietta Borough Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held August 11, 2015**  
**113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA**

Vice-President Roberts opened the meeting with Council member Foreman, Kramer, 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 July 14, 2015 Council meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

Vice-President Roberts stated that we took applications to replace James Sargen on council and we had one application. Council member Renninger made a motion to appoint Bridey Hannold to council with a second by Council member Foreman. Mayor Vegso performed the swearing in of Bridey Hannold.

Vice-President Roberts stated that we need to take nominations for the President seat. Council member Foreman nominated Sharon Renninger and Council member Davis nominated Bill Roberts. A roll call vote was taken:

Steve Foreman – for Sharon Renninger	Eric Kramer – for Bill Roberts	Mark Davis – for Bill Roberts
Oliver Overlander – for Bill Roberts		Bridey Hannold – for Sharon Renninger
Sharon Renninger – for herself	Bill Roberts – for Sharon Renninger	

Sharon Renninger was named President.

President Renninger stated that Council member Roberts will remain as Vice President and Council member Foreman will remain as Pro-tem. Council member Hannold will take over Streets and Highways and Sharon will work with her on this to transition her.

## **PUBLIC SESSION**

Brandon Smith – Pioneer Fire Company – Brandon submitted a Special Event Permit today and would like to hold the Color Run again this year on October 3, 2015.

Council member Davis made the motion to hold the Color Run with a second by Council member Roberts.

President Renninger stated that they submitted a Special Events Application and it has contact information and that there will be vendors and concession stand. Brandon stated that they did not determine who the vendors will be at this time. President Renninger stated that they need to provide a certificate of liability and will need the copy of the mercantile health license to put in the file if they are licensed and legitimate vendors. There will be a DJ and there will be an erection of a banner and if there are any plans for toilets. Brandon stated that there would be a banner like they put up last year and a few signs. They opened the bathrooms at the firehouse last year and had two (2) port-a-potties brought in last year. The clean-up would be performed by the fire company. They are looking at the same route as last year, and a map if available. The road would be closed between 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. There is a motion and a second on the floor to hold the Color Run. Motion carries.

Council member Hannold asked Brandon Smith to speak about how unique our fire company is with our QRS and that not all fire companies have this.

Brandon Smith stated that they put together a QRS (Quick Response Service). Marietta does not have an ambulance stationed here and they get dispatched to all Class 1 and Class 2 calls. When the

ambulance is dispatched then the QRS unit goes out also. They have about ten (10) EMT's and fifteen (15) Responders. Whenever we do this they do not get reimbursed for this and it comes out of the Fire Companies budget and it is to help the community out.

Carl Jones – 619 W. Market Street – Decatur Street is that supposed to be the bulk head to the trail. There are no sidewalks on either side of this. Since there is no sidewalks maybe we can put a stop sign on Decatur Street and Market Street and make this a 4 way stop.

President Renninger stated that we are going to address this when we get to Streets and Highways.

Carl stated that at the same corner there should be a no outlet sign put up. There used to be a sign there many years ago. Also is there an ordinance in place in regards to blowing grass clippings in the street.

President Renninger stated that we do have an ordinance and we are working on things.

Jack Rice – 624 W. Market Street – he was checking to see what the situation is in regard to the fence situation at the other end of Market Street.

President Renninger stated that yes we have and the findings on this is the borough solicitor advised us that Hiltz Propane would need to file a petition to vacate the street and there is a more formal procedure then just coming before Council and asking for it. If the street is needed for proper traffic circulation then it should be denied, but we need to receive a petition and review it. One of the things that she proposed was to help them maybe we could close it off and lease it to them and that way the Borough is not giving up that street because we receive liquid fuels money for this street. But the borough solicitor made it very clear that it is an all or nothing. It is open for the public or we vacate it.

Jack Rice asked does that mean that he can go up and go out that gate through Burma Road.

Mayor Vegso stated that the gate is owned by Jag Trucking and that Jag has purchased a lot of property up there and owns pretty much out to the highway. He assumes that he is being cooperative with Hiltz because Hiltz has the old Strube location in the borough, but Hiltz is leasing from Jag trucking locations on Jags property where they have all the propane tanks. They have put a new electric gate up there to replace the old gate that was there.

President Renninger asked if Jack had any other questions or if he was just looking for additional information. Jack stated he wants to see what is done. Sharon stated that it is her understanding that the road is a private road and there was a discussion about putting up a sign that says no thru traffic or no outlet to discourage residents from being up there. There are other matters that need to be addressed and that will be coming up in the near future.

Jack Rice stated that there is also a lot of vehicles in the Borough that are not in compliance and also Marietta is becoming a noise problem with vehicles and feels they need a greater presents from the police on West Market Street.

President Renninger stated that she has been waiting for this time and she is glad that Jack Rice is here and she would like to offer a public apology from her to him having served on streets and having dealt with the disorganization and dealt with the issues with Fairview Avenue and running streets in general she at one point said you are on council and you should know about these things but she since found that this is easier said than done and if she has not appreciated what has done in the past she now has a

great appreciation for it now. What you did on Fairview Avenue with the driveways and the gravel was remarkable and thank you. Jack stated he did what the contract called for.

Jay Sensenig – 566 E. Front Street – the neighbors would like to get the park built across the street in the big green spot and if anyone has a time table on that.

Council member Foreman stated that he spoke with Glenn today about it and originally it was to go in the larger lot. Glenn stated that if we place the playground set in the larger lot it may take away from the soccer goals that they want to place in that lot. Foreman stated that he will meet with Glenn tomorrow and decide where it will be placed.

President Renninger stated that we don't have a definite answer and that Steve will look into it.

Jay Sensenig stated that rumor has it that the children are not being supervised, but there is an adult that is always supervising the children.

Council member Foreman stated that he will check into the cost of speed bumps that can be placed in and taken out over the winter for plowing.

Jay Sensenig stated that he can't believe all the police incidents down on Front Street, but this year there was a pickup truck down there and stopped there and he didn't think it looked right and he contacted the police and that the vehicle did not belong in Lancaster County it was from York County.

President Renninger stated that it's a good idea to keep an eye out and they say it takes a village to raise kids.

Harold Kulman – 114 E. Market Street – stated that putting the signs along the railroad track crossings on Front Street saying no vehicular traffic will cut down the possibility of having an accident and we can do more later. Also people talk to him about what are we doing about the ADA project.

President Renninger stated that she reviewed the last recommendation that was proposed by ARRO our engineer on the ADA crossings. There are four that need to be completed, two streets and we will be obtaining bids to get that work finished and that will finish the historic district plan that was put out there. We will then put together another plan for another section but we need to make some minor revisions to some of our applications so that we have pertinent and relative information in regards to contractors. Such as their state license number and get there certificate of insurance. She is working on things, apparently not fast enough for everyone but we will be getting things done.

Harold stated that he will let people know and that he works with ADA with personal things and jobs and what people can do but not this type of thing, but he knows that if you have a plan of action and you carry it out that you are safe.

Public comment session was closed.

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

President Renninger stated before us is the General Fund Monthly Breakdown dated 8/11/2015 the total general fund accounts are \$949,532.09. A motion by Council member Roberts with a second from Council member Davis, the General Fund Breakdown dated 8/11/2015 was approved as presented.

President Renninger stated the tax collector monthly report for the month of July, turned in by Lillian Hill, Tax Collector collected \$16,638.56. There was a motion from Council member Davis to accept this report with a second by Council member Hannold. Tax report was unanimously approved.

### **STREETS & HIGHWAYS – Council member Hannold**

Council member Renninger gave the report since Council member Hannold was just appointed by council. Council member Renninger stated that she would like to introduce an Ordinance to be advertised that pertains to several street issues that we have been discussing. Section 1 will amend our existing street ordinance we will be placing a stop sign on the south side of Decatur Street and W. Market Street, which will make this a 4-way stop. Section 2 will be adding no through traffic except for authorized motor vehicles, on the south side of Front Street at South Bank Street, South Chestnut Street, South Gay Street, and South Bridge Street. Section 3 will insert no parking prohibitions on the west side of South Decatur Street between West Market Street and West Hazel Avenue and on the east side of South Decatur Street from West Hazel Avenue to West Market Street. Section 4 will be amended by inserting a 20 minute limited parking regulations for 2 parking spaces in front of senior housing on the south side of 600 block of East Market Street.

Council member Davis asked if people that have kayaks or boats may be able to still put those in the river at different locations.

President Renninger stated that they can put them in at Decatur Street or at Robert Mower but also can carry them over and put them in at other locations.

Council member Overlander made the motion to advertise the ordinance with a second by Council member Roberts. Motion carries.

President Renninger stated that Hiltz Propane has been discussed and a letter will be going out to them.

President Renninger stated that the borough just went through an MS4 audit the MS4 audit pertains to storm water management and we maintain a strong effort to clean up and manage our storm water flow. The audit went very well and there are things that we need to continue to implement and maintain, some are educational and some are mapping. Steve has been interested in doing a comprehensive park development plan. The borough is fortunate to have a lot of green space. We want to make sure that it is utilized and to help manage and maintain storm water management. In conjunction with that we are hiring Land Studies out of Lititz to consult with the borough and help us develop this comprehensive plan. The fee from Land Studies will be \$1,250. We will be able to use this plan to pursue grants.

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

Council member Kramer stated that he needs to un-commit the funds that were committed last year for the lighting project which was \$5,000. Council member Davis made the motion to un-commit the funds and make them available with a second by Council member Roberts. Motion carries.

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

Council member Foreman stated that we are going to have movie night Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, Saturday, September 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. Everyone should bring a can good and we will make a fund raiser out of this. He is working on fliers.

Council member Hannold stated that she was not sure on the procedure for the school, that maybe we can have a handout for the kids to take home.

Mayor Vegso stated that he didn't know what we did last year but we had a great turnout last year. He is concerned if we bring people in from outside the community we may have more people than we want in town.

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

Council member Overlander stated that everyone has a copy of the Planning Commission minutes that Del Ellsworth typed up and he did a great job. AJ went over the draft for the new Ordinance and there were some good suggestions made by the public and the planning commission. The next meeting will be there regular scheduled meeting on August 18<sup>th</sup>. They are hoping that they can get a rough draft ready with the changes and suggestions. Mark Harman our zoning officer was at the meeting he is going to work hand in hand with AJ with his suggestions and concerns.

President Renninger asked if there has been a lot of feedback from the public. Also if there is going to be a revision and handed out before the next meeting.

Council member Overlander stated that at this time we haven't received any feedback from the public and there are things that need to be addressed and hopefully they have revisions before the next meeting and hopefully that things are moving along and they can get this adopted this year.

Mayor Vegso stated that we should look at this document and that it is available on the website which is [www.boroughofmarietta.com](http://www.boroughofmarietta.com).

President Renninger stated that there is a link on our website to get to the EPD documents. She wants everyone to look at these documents because once this is passed and adopted it will be a law and something that will be passed and we will have to live with it for a while. EPD has a good reputation but she feels that simple does not always save us. Look it over and if you have questions funnel them to EPD. Council will need to pass this but they are not going to pass it unless it is done right.

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

Mark Davis stated the Pioneer Fire Company responded to ten (10) QRS calls and seventeen (17) Fire Calls for the month of July. Fire Police did not have a meeting this month and did not have a report.

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

Council member Roberts stated the Marietta Sewer Department Savings Account at the end of July has a balance of \$170,284.02 and the Checking account has a balance of \$2,710.19. On a motion by Council member Roberts with a second by Council member Overlander, the July Sewer Department Monthly Breakdown was unanimously approved as presented.

The Borough recycled 27,660 pounds of recyclables for July. On a motion by Council member Davis with a second by Council member Kramer, the July Recycling Report was unanimously approved as presented.

President Renninger asked if there was anything that we can do to educate the public on why it is important to recycle.

Council member Roberts stated that it is important to recycle to keep the cost down for trash.

Everything that you put into the recycle bin keeps it out of the trash and our cost are lower.

President Renninger stated that there are larger recycling bins in the office. Residents are allowed two (2) per household and they are free you can stop in the office to pick them up.

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

Mayor Vegso stated that the police meeting minutes are in the box. The police have been discussing for some time the possibility to invest surplus funds into mutual index funds that will allow them to get more than one percent interest. They are being very cautious in discussing this. In regards to speeding, the Chief has made it known that if you see something call, if you're not happy with the response, call. If you are aware of a time and place make note of it. They are borrowing the speed indicating machine. The borough can purchase a smaller one of these and they run around \$2,000. We will need to look into this.

Mayor Vegso stated that he is required to report the marriages he performs. He married George Schramm and Kathryn Brandt was married on August 1, 2015.

Council member Davis stated that it was on the news about the police leaking social security numbers.

Mayor Vegso stated that he doesn't know any more than Mark knows because this came up after their meeting. They do reports and what is not supposed to show up on these reports is social security numbers and Lieutenant Steve Englert is working on the situation.

Mayor Vegso stated that he would like to welcome Bridey Hannold to council and our group seems to be working better and hopes we all continue to be professional, civil and he is more and more hopeful about our government process and how we get along.

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 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