

Marietta Borough Council
Minutes of Meeting held October 8, 2013
113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA

President deVitry with Council member Sargen, Yohe, Rice, Nagel and Kramer 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 Council member Roberts. The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance.

On a motion by Council member Nagel with a second by Council member Rice, the minutes of the September 10, 2013 Council meeting were approved as presented.

President deVitry opened the public comment session of Borough Council.

PUBLIC SESSION

Ray Vegso, 50 North Pine Street, after the 2011 Tropical Lee Storm; FEMA allocated \$171,780.00, with \$110,667.00 going to the Borough, \$27,181.00 to the Fire Company, and \$23,069.00 to the Donegal Sewer Authority, why was this not in the minutes and how was the money distributed?

Council member Rice commented that he just found out about the project three weeks ago and he went through the paperwork and walked the project. He is having contractors in to have the items taken care of. The money is designated for certain projects and can only be used for those projects. Advised Mr. Vegso if he stops into the Borough Office the secretary can provide him with the information on this project. The projects are Evans Run, and a sewer inlet off Waterford Avenue.

Stan Kauffman, 30 Fairview Avenue, asked if the contractors for Fairview Avenue have a completion date and was there a penalty applied for not meeting that date.

Council member Rice commented that at this time the Borough has not applied the penalty because of the PP&L and UGI moving things. The completion date has past, but the Borough is not satisfied with the work and Pennsy should be in to make the needed repairs.

Sharon Renninger, 122 West Front Street, is council aware of the Bigger Water's Flood Reform Act 2012 passed July 2012. Is the FEMA money tied into that Act? The National Flood Insurance Program will not be subsidizing flood insurance premiums. Anyone that has an existing policy will be receiving increases of 25% to their Flood Insurance Premiums until their premiums reach full risk premiums.

President deVitry stated that he was just in a meeting with FEMA in August and was not aware of that Act.

Mayor Overlander asked when is this supposed to take place. Sharon stated when policies renew in October 1, 2013. The Mayor stated that this increase would be nationwide not only in our area.

Barb Kauffman, 30 Fairview Avenue, following up on Fairview Avenue is the manhole covers going to be sealed properly and also there is some grading that needs to be done and cracks that are still in the curb at different areas. She knows that the extension was given but how much longer is it going to be that the work is completed? She feels that the Borough should assess the penalty for the work not being completed. It is in the contract to assess the penalty and we need to be assessing this charge.

Council member Rice stated that Pennsy will not get any money until the Borough is satisfied. He is going to speak with our engineer Darrell and find out when they will be in to finish up the project. Manhole covers will be done and other items that need to be addressed.

Mayor Overlander stated that the Borough engineer was responsible for contacting the utilities long before the contract started and he has no control over how the utility company's schedules there work. There were several calls made to PP&L on when they were going to have their poles moved.

Ray Vegso, 50 North Pine Street, at the end of the last meeting there is convenes about the Flood Project and he has had communication by e-mail, and telephone from the flood coordinator in Harrisburg that is in charge and the project is not dead. They are waiting for the Borough, to sign the sponsorship agreement.

President David deVitry, would like to see the communication that Ray received, we have in our files a letter from November 22, 2011 from DEP, from Deputy Secretary. David read the letter.

Ray Vegso responded that this phase one, two and three is nonsense it is like saying we will build a house and we will build the walls but we will wait awhile before we put the roof on. It is absolutely clear that you must have the signed sponsorship agreement and all the things that go along with that which includes getting the necessary easements. Until the Borough does that there will be nothing going on with that project until the sponsorship agreement is signed. The Borough must also supply what their costs will be to relocate certain utilities.

Mayor Overlander stated that he has a letter from Representative David Hickernell from the acting Secretary of DEP, Christopher Abruzzo. Mayor Overlander read this letter aloud. DEP prioritizes these projects. 2012 Capital Budget Itemization Act would have included additional funding for Marietta, and that was not passed. They are hoping that the bill will be reintroduced and passed this year 2013. Ken Gall and Mayor Overlander have a meeting with DEP and Representative Hickernell in Harrisburg on the 22nd. The project is not dead and there is not money in the capital budget.

President David deVitry stated that the letter does state about a Final Sponsorship Agreement, but there is not money for the project and the Borough is proceeding with discussions with DEP and contacting them.

Carl Jones, 619 West Market Street, was upset about calling the council members a liar. He didn't mean to do that. He wanted to make a point that if Council lived on Fairview Avenue they won't want to be treated like that.

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

ADMINISTRATIVE/PERSONNEL/FINANCE –President David deVitry

On a motion by Council member Rice with a second from Council member Sargen, the General Fund Breakdown dated 10/8/13 was unanimously approved as presented.

STREETS & HIGHWAYS – Council member Jack Rice

Council member Rice stated that he would follow-up with Darrell and get back with Barb on the project. Everyone on Fairview Avenue has access to their driveways.

BUILDINGS & SPECIAL PROJECTS – Council member Eric Kramer

Nothing at this time.

PARKS & RECREATION – Council member Corinna Yohe

Conoy Township has given us some playground equipment. Council member Rice asked if we can get a grant to purchase new playground equipment.

PLANNING/ZONING/HOUSING – Council member James Sargen

Nothing at this time.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY – Council member Gene Nagel

Council member Nagel stated that The Pioneer Fire Company responded to thirteen (13) calls during the month of September and eighteen (18) calls for the Quick Response Service. There will be a spaghetti dinner on November 2nd and held at the St. John’s Episcopal Church on Market Street. Tickets can be purchased from Harold Kulman.

Council member Rice commended the good job that the fire company is doing.

Council member Sargen wanted to commend the fire company on the fire on Market Street. Especially when the fire company thought there was an entrapment. The fire company went into hyper mode. If anyone would like to help the fire company they need to participate in the spaghetti dinner even if they don’t like spaghetti anyone can donate money.

Fire chief Glen Orr stated that he is proud to say that the fire company is a debt free company. We are strictly a volunteer company and we recently received a grant for a new boat. Some people ask why it took so long to get to a fire scene. The company has three (3) minutes to respond to county that they are responding to the fire call. If they do not respond then a second alarm will go off and another company will be called in. Glenn is very proud of Marietta Borough and that he lives here.

SEWER & TRASH – Council member Jack Rice

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

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

There is a five (5) year term coming up with Marietta-Donnegal Sewer Authority board and Steve Shireman would like to extend his term. Rice made the motion to accept Steve for another term and Sargen seconded the motion and unanimously approved. Steve has served 10 years on the board.

MAYOR’S REPORT - Mayor Oliver Overlander

Mayor Overlander shared that trick or treat night is Thursday, October 31, from 6:00 – 8:00 pm. Fire police and the fire company will be out.

Mayor Overlander met with the fire police and they will have a new member coming on board and possibly another new member.

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 P.M. on a motion by Council member Kramer with a second by Council member Sargen.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick
Secretary/Treasurer