

Marietta Borough Council
Minutes of Meeting held January 12, 2016
113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA

President Renninger opened the meeting with Council member Foreman, Snow, Nagle, Hannold, Mazis, Kulman 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.

President Renninger recognized Mayor Vegso for a brief comment.

Mayor Vegso stated that he has asked for police presence as often as possible at our meeting. Not everyone knows our officers and he asked that the one on duty to please introduce himself.

Sargent Anthony Hall introduced himself. He has been an officer for SRP for nine (9) years and prior to that he worked for Lancaster City for fourteen (14) years.

The minutes of the December 8, 2015 Council meeting and the Reorganization meeting minutes from January 4, 2016 were unanimously approved as presented.

HEARING FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG)

Charles Hess with ARRO Engineering informed everyone that Marietta Borough is going for a CDBG Grant through the Lancaster County Redevelopment Authority. This money is Federal money that is distributed to Lancaster County. Lancaster County then looks at the applications and projects. This is a public hearing that we need to conduct that is a requirement so that we can submit an application. Marietta Borough has already had a meeting with the County representatives and have submitted a Letter of Intent for this project which is called Basin "D" Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation. Basin D is one of five (5) basins. They are breaking up the areas of the sewer collection system, the pipes underground. Over the years the Borough has been rehabilitating areas that the Borough has recognized. So far the Borough has completed Basin A, B, and C. D is next and then we have E and F left. To do all the rehabilitation work to Basin D was estimated \$522,000.00. This year the CDBG has \$200,000.00 available. The Borough must match twenty percent, but the Borough is putting extra funds to that, so the Borough will have \$140,000.00 that they are putting towards the project giving us a total of \$340,000.00 for this project. A majority of the work will be able to be completed for Basin D. The design has not been completed yet. This is just the first go round to get funding to help off-set the cost for this project. The lines that we are speaking about were inspected and televised six (6) years ago. There are not any costs to the residents at this time. Tonight is to give an overview of the project and to see if anyone has any questions.

Mayor Vegso stated that he would like clarification that we are replacing sewers and it is his understanding that there is no digging and they work from the man holes and they burrow out and if there are any problems they shove in a plastic pipe.

Charles stated that there is a combination of both. From reviewing the inspection reports from before; some of the lines will need cleaned and some will be relined. There are some that will need to be replaced and that looks like it is around 190 feet, but a majority of it will need cleaned and lined.

Council member Hannold stated that roughly a little over \$500,000.00 is needed to complete the whole project and the funding we are going for will not fully fund this project, so will the engineer come back in different phases to complete it.

Charles stated that it depends upon what the Borough allocates for the project. The Borough can come back in subsequent years to complete the project.

Mayor Vegso stated that we have \$329,000.00 currently in the sewer improvement fund.

Charles stated that these numbers are just an estimate but once the project is bid we may be able to do the whole project. Once we know what money we qualify for then we would design our plan. The CDBG funding is maxed out at \$200,000.00 per applicant per year.

Council member Snow stated that we may qualify for another \$200,000.00 for next year.

President Renninger asked if this is an 80/20 grant.

Charles stated that yes the Borough has to put in twenty (20) percent, but the Borough is going above this.

Council member Hannold asked if Charles was here because he will be designing the project.

Charles stated that ARRO will be designing the project and he will be involved in it at some degree.

Charles asked if there were any questions from the public. He advised that when money comes available like this the community needs to take advantage of it because it does not cost any one person any money and it is a good deal.

No further questions the hearing ended.

President Renninger stated that the next item is some comments she would like to make. We had our reorganization meeting and she commented that we would like to strive to incorporate public comments into council discussion when relevant and maintain transparency in regards to listening to the public and try to attend to everyone's concerns. Part of what she wants to do to accomplish this is to make a slight modification to the way the agenda goes and this goes back to a Resolution that was passed by Council in 2010. It establishes the rules and regulations in conducting public meetings in an orderly manner and to provide public participation in such meetings. If anyone would like to read this Resolution it is available at the Borough office. She went over a few of the items. She also stated that if anyone has any concerns that they should contact the Borough office so this can be given to Council and allow them time to look into the matter. Front now on as a new procedure we are going to also have a public comment session at the end of the meeting. This will not be for new business it is only for things that has been discussed during the administrative part of the meeting.

PUBLIC SESSION

Charles Shireman – 345 East Market Street – He is coming before Council to purchase a rider for the Memorial Day Parade to be held on Monday, May 30th at 11:00 AM.

President Renninger asked if he contacted the office for a special events application. This is something new that we implemented and there are no fees associated with it at this point. It is just to help schedule items that are happening in the Borough.

Charles stated that he would do that but he would like clarification on the insurance because he need's this.

President Renninger stated that this is just the certificate of insurance and we would be more than happy.

Charles stated that he had brought this up at the last meeting and for years. He brought to council is the transcript from July 7, 2003 for the property across the street. He has concerns about the garage on that property. In the transcript states that nothing that is connected with the operation of motor vehicle repair may be located behind the building in the upper level. The property owner currently has vehicles parked up there. Vehicles may not be parked on the property more than sixty (60) days. Charles went over other items that were in the transcript that are being violated. He would like the Borough to look into this the neighbors have had enough and want this property cleaned up.

President Renninger asked if he would be willing to sit in with some Council members and Ronda to go over this.

Charles stated that yes he would be willing but he is not going to sit on his porch and write down hours, he has done this in the past. He has pictures that were taken in the past. He is looking for relief on this property.

Council member Hannold stated that she has been going back and reading past Council minutes and has seen where he has come before Council in the past in regards to this property. She hears what he is saying. She also knows what the Borough has tried to accomplish and we all want to come to some conclusion.

Mayor Vegso asked if we have a copy of what he is reading.

Council member Kulman stated that the owner of the property has been going to the local Magistrates office and he cleans up for a while and then he goes back and does it again. So it is about time that we go another step further.

President Renninger stated that she is recommending that a couple of the Council people do some research and see what course of action that we can take and how far we can take it.

Mark Davis -336 East Market Street – Would like to bring up that someone from Council went into the personnel files. Council is not allowed to go into the personnel files according to Section 1111(b) (2) of the Borough Code. He has reported this and he would like a cease and desist. He respects this council person and he would like this person to stop. We have rules and regulations.

President Renninger asked if he would read this section.

Mark read the answer that was in the Borough News pertaining to this question.

Sharon Renninger stated that this was in the PA Borough Association Magazine and we will leave it until the investigation is completed.

Mayor Vegso stated that he has never heard of this event. When he saw the article in the magazine about the School Board case he said to himself that they are in error. The case that Mark was citing is in regards to the School board where there are many layers of supervisors between the Board and the teacher. This cannot pertain to Council because council is the direct employer. Council puts things into the files and it would be ridiculous if they could not later see these files so we will see what happens.

Bev Kreider – Express Laundry – 42 West Market Street – She sent out a letter to Borough Council in regards to concerns with permit parking. This outlined the concerns of the permitted parking that got passed by a resolution in December. Bridey has stopped by and they have had great discussion on this and she thanks her for that. She still feels that she was misrepresented. She went to the people on her block and several others. She thinks the parking situation is different in her block. Hers is unique because people need to park close to bring their laundry in. She gave copies of a petition to the Borough Council member's that was signed by many of the business owners on her block who share her concerns. She would like to have the permit parking at certain meters. The meters are there to provide parking for the businesses. She stated that businesses cannot afford to wait to see "if there are problems with the new system, because that would mean that the businesses would be hurt in the meantime."

President Renninger stated that by presenting this petition is a good start. What she would say is to meet with a couple of council members and if any of the owners of the businesses have any data showing that it is harmful to their business it would be good to present that.

Bev Kreider asked what kind of data would be helpful to council.

Council member Hannold stated that on her petition there is a signature that purchased a permit.

Bev stated that is a person that works for the business and not the business owner. Business owners were not represented correctly at the last meeting. Business owners are not opposed to permits but they are opposed to making it forty-eight (48) hours.

President Renninger stated that instead of debating this at the public meeting that Steve and Bridey can answer that question to her and again we could probably have both of them, and herself have a meeting with the small business owners.

Dell Ellsworth – 50 North Pine Street, Unit 308 - He is on the board of Rivertowns PA USA which is a civic group and every spring they have a project and he would like to offer their services to Marietta. Last year they cleaned up Riverfront Park in Wrightsville. They can supply sixty-eight (68) people, families, and educational groups to help clean up anything in the Borough.

Council member Snow stated that he would get in contact with him.

Ernest Lehman – 304 East Front Street – At the fire police meeting they had a discussion about the poor lighting at the intersection of Rt. 441, Rt. 23 and East Market Street. When there is an accident it is rather dark and wanted to see if council could get with East Donegal Township to get better lighting there.

President Renninger stated that she could not say off the top of her head if there is street lighting included. There is a lighting project being driven by East Donegal Township and it is to put an automatic red light in that area. They are replacing the whole arm and lights but we can look into this a little further.

Mayor Vegso stated that he suggests that we have Ernie get with the project manager that will be working on this project.

President Renninger stated that PennDOT has the standards for doing this light and there is a map and a plan on what they are proposing. Some of the lights are going to be moved back and the way they

calculate the timing. There is a project underway and he can come into the Borough office to look at the file.

Steve Shireman – 218 West Market Street – He has a question on behalf of the Marietta Donegal Joint Sewer Authority. The work that is being done on Furnace Road, after Bridey speaks he would like to then ask questions on the work that is going to be done if he has any other questions.

Jay Sensing – 566 E. Front Street – He wanted to follow up on the lights. Do we know when they will be updated?

President Renninger stated that the others are in place and the only one that needs to be worked on is the one at Rt. 23 and Rt. 441. This is the last light in the sequence that needs updated. They did a traffic study on these lights.

Public comment session was closed.

ADMINISTRATIVE/PERSONNEL/FINANCE – President Renninger

President Renninger stated before us is the General Fund Monthly Breakdown dated 1/12/2016 the total general fund accounts are \$718,151.40. A motion by Council member Hannold with a second from Council member Nagle, the General Fund Breakdown dated 1/12/2016 was approved as presented.

President Renninger stated that we need to pass the Resolution 02-16 for the Disposition of Records; this is an annual housekeeping function each year. A motion by Council member Hannold with a second from Council member Snow the Disposition of Records Resolution was unanimously approved.

President Renninger stated that she would like to make it a point of order is for the Council to amend or approve by laws and rules of order for the Borough Council. This is information that Council members were recently given and they will be reading over it and we will be addressing it at the February meeting.

President Renninger stated that the Lancaster County Borough Association gets together and holds a dinner meeting. This is no cost to the Borough. Council members may register to attend at their cost.

President Renninger stated that it is a private professional function and it will be held April 27th.

STREETS & HIGHWAYS – Council member Hannold

Council member Hannold stated that the update on Furnace Road, that Council approved to reach out for a Multimodal Grant. PennDOT will not issue awards until April or May of this year. She would like to meet with her committee for plan b, c, and d. She has had a request from B&N Excavating if the road crew could fill in the road with some milling chips. She did send the road crew down and they placed some milling chips on Furnace and placed some on Lumber Avenue as well. Hopefully this will make it a little more drivable.

Council member Hannold stated that she forwarded the cost to everyone in regards to Lumber Avenue and we will discuss if we want to put out bids for it, but one thing that she would like everyone to consider is that we do not receive liquid fuels money for Lumber Avenue. In the future maybe we can look at different grant opportunities for alleys.

Charles Shireman commented that he would like to have Bridey come up and have a meeting with the Sewer Authority once the project has been established. He wants to set the record straight on what we

are looking at doing. This is historic land down there and they have spent \$100's of \$1000's of dollars to stay away from that land. The sewer lines run down the edge of that road and he would like to keep the weight off of them.

Council member Hannold stated that the Borough's right-of-way is thirty (33) feet and we are looking at widening it to twenty-eight (28) feet. There is a basic plan and it may need to be changed.

Council member Hannold stated that speaking with our maintenance crew the regulations from PennDOT requires the Borough to have high intensity signs throughout the Borough. Bill and Glenn have been working on replacing our signs throughout the Borough over a five year plan. When you replace a sign it needs to be replaced with a high intensity sign. With any project no one will come in and make you replace your signs all at once. We started mapping out all signs. Bill has looked at the cost of making the signs or ordering them. It is cheaper to order the signs. One way we will save money, is because our municipality is a 25 mph municipality the guide line is six inch wide signs with four inch letters opposed to nine inch wide signs with six inch letters. So the signs are allowed to be smaller which would cost less. Also the posts need to be updated. They need to be break-a-way posts. What she is presenting to Council is that we have budgeted \$2000 for street signs. What she would like to do is to make a motion so that it is on record is to take \$1000 just for this project, now and in the future years until this project is completed.

Council member Kulman questioned what she means by a high intensity sign.

President Renninger stated that she became aware of these types of signs when we put up the signs at the railroad crossings. She suggests that she puts together this project and then bring it to council on paper because you are speaking about signs and cost and she will never remember that.

Council member Hannold stated that this is not a project that she is designing. This is something that is on the shoulders of our personnel. They are going to start working east to west and replace all signs and the cost from Rt. 441 to Bank Street would be \$960.55. This will remain around this cost per section. The money is already budgeted. She made the motion to make sure that \$1000 out of the sign budget is used towards this project until it is completed.

Mayor Vegso stated that this is basically material cost only.

President Renninger stated that this takes a special digger.

Council member Snow seconded council member Hannold's motion.

Council member Hannold made a new motion, she makes the motion that this year we allocate \$1000 out of our sign budget for this project. Council member Snow seconded her motion.

Mayor Vegso stated that what we are doing is assigning or committing funds.

Council member Hannold stated that no we are spending.

President Renninger stated the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Mayor Vegso stated that he would like to make a comment this is \$960.00 and that Bridey will follow the proper bidding procedures. He's stating that she should follow the proper procedures. You can do it with telephone bids that is all he's saying.

Council member Hannold stated that there is nothing to bid out.

Council member Hannold stated that the police have wrapped up the speed study. There were a total of 520 vehicles that they monitored and the low speed was 10 mph and the high speed was 44 mph, the average speed was 24 mph. There were two citations, one for 44 mph and one for 42 mph. This is also something that the street committee can look into. We may want to put a yield to pedestrians in the middle of the street to help slow down traffic.

Council member Mazis stated that there are no speed limit signs along that whole stretch and maybe we can put one or two speed limit signs on East Hazel.

President Renninger asked where in town the speed study was performed.

Council member Hannold stated that it was throughout town but most of the study was done on East Market and Waterford Avenue.

BUILDINGS & SPECIAL PROJECTS – Council member Leah Nagle

Council member Nagle stated that we have the option to apply to the Federal Surplus Warehouse where we can get items like computers, vehicles and other items. She stated we can apply. Council member Snow made a motion that we should apply with a second by council member Kulman. Everyone will need to sign the document.

Council member Hannold stated that when you go there are you purchasing things. How are you getting the money to go there?

Council member Nagle stated that you are window shopping. You would come back and get a check to purchase.

President Renninger stated that we have a motion to apply for the Federal Surplus Warehouse membership was unanimously approved.

PARKS & RECREATION – Council member Marcus Snow

Council member Snow stated that he has nothing to vote on but he would like to let Council members know that he is not going anywhere. He is going to look at the restrooms at War Memorial Park and get those updated. He has a tiki sponsor for volunteering Rivertown for park cleanup and he will look into that. He would like to look into a cherry blossom festival even if it is small and he will give more information when he has more.

President Renninger asked if he would like to have people to contact him.

Council member Snow stated that they could contact him directly. They can contact Steve at se4man@live.com and he will pass it on.

PLANNING/ZONING/HOUSING – Council member Glen Mazis

Council member Mazis stated that the Planning Commission meeting will be doing the final review on the Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and he would like to pass it on to the Planning Commission

and then we will pass it on to the Lancaster County Planning Commission. Council member Mazis made a motion to pass on to the Planning Commission the Lancaster County Subdivision and Land Development Ordinance and then can be forwarded to the Lancaster County Planning Commission for their review. Council member Hannold seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Council member Mazis stated that we need to adopt a new Floodplain Ordinance which is currently a part of our Zoning Ordinance and we are doing a stand-a-lone Floodplain Ordinance so we need to do two motions, one to remove or amend the current Floodplain Ordinance and one to move the new Floodplain Ordinance forward for review to DECD.

Council member Kulman made the motion to remove the Floodplain Ordinance from our existing Zoning Ordinance and move it forward to LCPC for review and move the stand-a-lone Floodplain Ordinance to Department of Economic Community & Development (DECD) for their review.

President Renninger stated that they would have to be done by two separate motions.

Council member Hannold stated that she wants to make sure that they are passed at the same time and we don't delete one before we have the other in place.

President Renninger stated that we are not approving anything we are just moving things forward for review. To amend the zoning ordinance it needs to be advertised twice and at least once for the Floodplain Ordinance.

Council member Kulman made the motion to move the stand-a-lone Floodplain Ordinance forward for review to the LCPC. Council member Mazis seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Council member Kulman made the motion to amend the Zoning Ordinance to remove our current Floodplain Ordinance and to advertise and move forward to LCPC. Council member Snow seconded the motion. Motion carries.

Council member Mazis stated that he has an upcoming meeting with Matt Sternberg, the director of Lancaster County Planning and redevelopment Authority and it is just an informational meeting on some long range plans for possible development in Marietta borough.

PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY – Council member Harold Kulman

Council member stated that he is going to have the fire chief Brandon Smith give the Fire Report. Brandon Smith stated that we had eighteen (18) fire calls for December and ten (10) QRS calls. For the year of 2015 they ran 307 total calls which were 204 fire calls and 103 were QRS calls and they spent 1,240.35 hours.

Council member Kulman stated that Steve Bailey is captain of the EMS and he had six (6) EMS calls which four (4) were non-emergency calls. There were twenty five (25) officers involved which totaled 67.5 hours that they were on duty for December. He went to the fire police meeting and they had there election. Gene Nagel is the president, Steve Bailey is captain, Ernest Lehman is lieutenant, and Doug Hoey is sergeant.

SEWER & TRASH – Council member Steve Foreman

Council member Foreman stated that Christmas trees will be picked up tomorrow January 13, 2016.

Council member Foreman stated the Marietta Sewer Department Savings Account at the end of December has a balance of \$135,423.50 and the Checking account has a balance of \$1,097.49. On a motion by Council member Hannold with a second by Council member Snow, the December Sewer Department Monthly Breakdown was unanimously approved as presented.

The Borough recycled 47,160 pounds of recyclables for December. On a motion by Council member Snow with a second by Council member Hannold, the December Recycling Report was unanimously approved as presented.

Council member Foreman stated that he would like to make a motion to pass a resolution to apply for the CDBG Grant for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project. Council member Hannold seconded the motion. Motion carries.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Ray Vegso

Mayor Vegso stated that the police minutes are in the back along with data on types of crime and there is a nice report on Officer Ney our school Resource Officer.

He would like to mention that the National Park Service which a number of them received an email. Many of them attended a meeting on December 8th at the Crossroads Building in Columbia about forty of them. Marietta had nine people there. This is for the National Parks Service, Captain John Smith, Susquehanna River Trail and money that they are providing to parks and our Chestnut Street Park is on the agenda. Their process is stakeholder meetings and right now there are four different entities that are on their list for consideration. They are going through a process. Whatever occurs in regards to grants won't be until the year of 2017. He would like to thank everyone that attended that meeting; Sharon Renninger, Steve Foreman, Bridey Hannold, Dave Haneman, Louis Mckinney, Del and Mary Lou Ellsworth, and himself and spouse. This is a good thing and we need to maintain our good will and momentum.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

President Renninger stated that she would like to open a second public comment session if anyone has any questions or points that they need clarified.

Bev Kreider asked if the SALDO is available on the website. If she has any questions about the zoning ordinance who would she contact?

President Renninger stated that she would contact the Planning Commission and or the Council member.

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM on a motion by Council member Snow with a second by Council member Foreman.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick
Secretary/Treasurer