

Marietta Borough Council
Minutes of Meeting held August 9, 2016
113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA

President Hannold with Council members Snow, Kulman, Nagle, Renninger, Foreman and Mayor Vegso 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 Mazis. The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

President Hannold opened the public hearing for the proposed Official Map.

President Hannold introduced the Official Map that was worked on by prior council in 2013 and was never advertised and completed. Per MPC guidelines, before adoption a public hearing must be held. There were no questions from the public.

President Hannold closed the Public Hearing.

PUBLIC SESSION

Phyllis Stellfox – 270 West Front Street – She would like council to realign the zoning ordinance to follow the comprehensive plan. She is also distressed on what's going to happen with Front Street with the new zoning. When she was on council they purchased 571 West Hazel Avenue to be used for trail amenities. She questioned the trail facility that council is looking at building on West Hazel and Bridge Street.

Mark Davis – 336 East Market Street – Was questioning the schedule of the trail and when our portion would be paved.

Tracey Beam – 280 West Front Street – She was in New Jersey and received a card to shop the beach which gives credits when you purchase from the businesses towards your property taxes. This program is through Point Pleasant Beach Borough and thought it would be something that the Borough could look into.

Dennis Traub – 4 East Hazel Avenue – He wanted to know who to call when people are setting off fireworks. President Hannold told him he would need to call the police.

Phyllis Stellfox – she wanted to comment that she admires Eleanor Roosevelt with dealing with people and their comments and Eleanor's saying is "Great minds discuss ideas, average minds discuss events, small minds discuss people."

Brandon Smith – Fire Company – The fire company would like to have a Glow Run which will be a 5K run held on September 24th. He turned in his event application.

President Hannold closed Public Comment.

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held July 12th and the Special Council Meeting Minutes held on July 26th and August 2, 2016 were presented. Council member Snow made the motion with a second by Council member Foreman to approve all three sets of Council meeting minutes. All were unanimously approved as presented.

TREASURY REPORT/SECRETARY'S REPORT – Sharon Bradnick

Sharon Bradnick – Treasurer Reports - before us is the General Fund Monthly Breakdown dated 8/9/2016. The total general fund accounts are \$978,932.76. Council member Foreman approved the report with a

second by Council member Renninger. Motion carries.

Sharon Bradnick – Secretary's Report – We received the permit to place the bridge over Evans Run this week. We are in the process of scheduling this. We need to reach out to PP&L to have a pole moved before we can place the bridge. We also received the bid package from LCSWMA and they will be bidding out the construction of the boardwalk. The bids will be due back by September 6th and we will award the bid at our September Council meeting.

Sharon also brought up that she would like to make a change to our current service provider for our maintenance contract on the building with the heat and air conditioning. She would like to award the contract to Frey Lutz, she has gotten prices and they are close to the same price and they gave us a price to lock in for three years and the hourly rate is lower than our current service provider. Council approved to change service providers to Frey Lutz.

Sharon stated that she is looking into our credit card payments. It is currently through BB&T but we received a letter that it is being decommissioned on September 1 and we would need to switch to Global Fees and the cost is \$14.95 per month plus a .04 for each transaction, plus .69% fee from BB&T. She told them the Borough cannot be charged a fee and she would like to look into municipay. Council advised her to look into this so that the Borough is not charged.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Ray Vegso

Mayor Vegso spoke on the police meeting that was held on August 3rd. They questioned the hiring of a new chief. Chief Haugh is working on a part time basis. He will be receiving \$40.77 per hour. The police moved a part-time officer to full-time, and will be looking into hiring a new part-time person. Minutes are in the back.

REPORTS

Ernest Lehman – Fire Police – in the month of July they had seven (7) officers for fifteen point five (15.5) hours at fire and fire related events. They had twenty-four (24) officers at accidents for seventy-five and a half hours (75 ½), public service calls there were fifteen (15) officers for fifty-three and a half hours (53 ½) and a total of twenty-two officers (22) for forty-eight hours (48) at meetings, training and working of the vehicle.

Brandon Smith – Pioneer Fire Company – For the month of July they ran twenty-two (22) fire calls and ten (10) QRS calls. They had a total of thirty-two (32) hours on fire calls.

Council member Snow stated that the Rotary Club will be holding the Pig Iron Fest in September.

Council member Kulman thanked the Fire Police and the Fire Company for doing a great job.

Marietta Sewer Department Savings Account at the end of July has a balance of \$222,341.74 and the Checking account has a balance of \$2,479.33. The Borough recycled 23,500 pounds of recyclables for July. On a motion by Council member Foreman with a second by Council member Snow, the reports were unanimously approved. Motion carries.

Council member Snow suggested that we possibly put the price of the trash tags in the newsletter; this may stop the dumping on the river front.

Dennis Traub stated that years ago the Borough used to send out free tags for large items. Can we go back to doing that?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Hannold gave an announcement; that James Sargen is our new volunteer in charge of raising and lowering the flags in Marietta. She thanked Bill Libhart, Michelle Marsh, MRA, Community House, Fire Police, Fire Company for being volunteers and helping out Marietta Borough.

Council member Kulman announced that they received a letter from the National Center for Health Statistics. They will be conducting surveys in Lancaster County between August 4 and October 4. So if anyone receives this in the mail it is legit.

ADMINISTRATIVE/PERSONNEL/FINANCE – President Bridey Hannold

President Hannold presented the updated Personal Policy. The Administrative Committee has looked over the personnel policy and has made some changes that we discussed last month. They forwarded the policy to our solicitor to look over. The changes the solicitor recommended are attached.

Council member Foreman made the motion to accept the new personnel policy with a second by Council member Snow. Motion carries with a five to one vote.

President Hannold handed out a sheet that the Administrative Committee discussed on looking into investing money in certificate of deposits. The sheet has items that Council needs to decide and take into consideration before proceeding to invest money.

President Hannold thanked all of Council for taking the time to meet and go over the editorial analysis for the codification project.

Council member Foreman made a motion to sign the codification change order with a second by Council member Snow. Motion carries.

Council member Foreman made a motion to forward the editorial analysis to our solicitor Mike Davis for review before forwarding it to General Code with a second by Council member Snow. Motion carries.

President Hannold discussed the letter that Council received from Richard Johnson in regards to the property at 710 East Market Street. Council discussed how to remedy the situation and decided that the Borough would exonerate the back taxes if the property owner transfers title to the adjoining property owners.

HOUSING/ZONING/ENVIRONMENTAL – Council member Glen Mazis

Council member Mazis was absent.

PUBLIC OUTREACH – Council member Leah Nagle

Council member Nagle commented that she was working on block parties within the Borough. She has also been to the park during the summer recreation program held by GEARS and Connie did a great job.

Council member Nagle presented the special event permits that were submitted by the Garden Tour and the Fire Company for the Glow Run.

Council member Snow made a motion to accept the Garden Tour event with a second by Council member Kulman. Motion carries.

Council member Snow made a motion to accept the Glow Run special event from the Fire Company pending the submission of their insurance certificate with a second by Council member Renninger. Motion carries.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Council member Harold Kulman

Council member Kulman stated they had a good crowd at his meeting and they held a test of the ROBO call system. He also thanked Leah for running the article in the newsletter about the house numbers that need to be displayed on resident homes. Most of his meeting was discussion on the provider of our ambulance service. Susquehanna Valley is our provider currently and he invited them and Northwest to our meeting in November. Most of the discussion was on response time.

Council member Renninger stated that class one calls would still be the nearest responder, but class two and three calls would go out to our preferred service provider. This is something the fire company has asked for us to consider.

Council member Renninger made a motion to have Northwest Ambulance be our preferred service provider for Marietta Borough with a second by Council member Kulman. Motion carries.

Council member Kulman stated that they have a request to increase the yellow curbs at Porter Street so the fire company can make the turn. The fire company is forming an apparatus committee to help them with funding for a new engine. They would like to have an engine that meets all standards.

PUBLIC WORKS – Council member Steve Foreman

Council member Snow commented that the force main will be replaced on Front Street in 2017 and the water company will be replacing the water lines on East Market and Front/Clay Streets in 2017. They had discussion on the Waterford Avenue Project and Donegal Mutual Insurance donated \$12,000 towards the paving from the Marietta line down to Evans Run Bridge. This will be incorporated in with the work on North Waterford Avenue and hopefully we can add Lumber Avenue in the project. The total project cost is around \$242,000 and we have in donations and grant money approximately \$162,000 so around \$83000 will need to come out of the general fund. Council member Snow made a motion to have Darrell put the bid package out for bid for Waterford Avenue with asphalt stamping for the crosswalks, the curbing run to North Locust, with the Lumber Avenue project included. With a second by Council member Renninger the motion carries.

Rae Ann Schatz – 24 Fairview Avenue - asked if anything was happening on the West side of Waterford or is everything happening on the East side of Waterford.

President Hannold stated that everything is happening on the East side, the only work would be repairing curbing on the West side by the apartment building and around Walnut Street.

Council member Snow commented on when and how to inspect sidewalks. Current ordinance allows when there are unsafe conditions but also by Resolution when making street improvements. What will be the best practice going forward and that would be notice of repair or sidewalk improvements when we do our street improvements.

There was a lengthy discussion by Council in regards to sidewalk repairs. Council received a letter pertaining to a sidewalk in Marietta. ARRO responded with their recommendation to have the retaining wall removed or moved. Council member Snow stated with keeping with ADA compliance in the Borough he made the motion that the retaining wall be removed or moved back to allow 36" with a second by Council member Foreman. Motion carries.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Council member Renninger has scheduled three interviews with consultants over the next few weeks to allow a recommendation to Council at our next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Council member Kulman made the motion to adopt ordinance 05-2016 to allow a False Alarm Ordinance with a second by Council member Foreman. Motion carries.

Council member Kulman made the motion to adopt ordinance 06-2016 amending in its entirety Chapter 35 of the Marietta Borough Code by establishing and adopting the Burning and Open Fires Ordinance with a second by Council member Foreman. Motion carries.

Council member Foreman made a motion to adopt the official map that was presented earlier with a second by Council member Nagle. Motion carries.

NEW BUSINESS

Council member Foreman introduced the Young Lungs at Play. He asked council to adopt a resolution to get no smoking signs for our parks. It is volunteer compliance. The signs would come from Lancaster General Health and it would be no cost to the Borough.

Council member Foreman made a motion to adopt Resolution 11-2016 to post signs in our parks of Young Lungs at Play; with a second by Council member Nagle. Motion carries.

Council member Snow commented that we went into hiring a consultant and that Council takes the next few months to look into what the Borough needs and he would like to have some recommendations from Bill Laudien. This can be looked into during budget process.

President Hannold referred this back to the Administrative Committee to start looking into this.

Council member Renninger commented that a lot of business has been expedited the last few months and council is functioning very well and this has been from Bill Laudien' s knowledge of municipal government.

Bill Laudien will be giving a list of duties that need accomplished in the next three years. He will get things together and once you see the work load this will make a difference.

President Hannold commented that Sally Vegso put in everyone's box a letter requesting a dog park on Prospect Avenue. Mayor Vegso stated that he thought this could be at the part of the park that is not being utilized. It is beside the Silk Mill and the cost is around \$5000 and \$7000 max and they have donations in line for this. President Hannold asked that Public Works look into this.

Council member Renninger asked that Public Works also look into a skateboard park.

President Hannold stated the Safety Committee is going to look into the Skateboard Ordinance that bans skateboarding everywhere and possibly develop a new ordinance that allows it with some stipulations.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

Mark Davis – 336 East Market Street – He would like council to look into putting a stop sign off Rt. 441 onto Hazel Avenue. The traffic needs to slow down. There were almost two incidents on Hazel Avenue with two bicyclists.

Linda Ross – 67 Fairview Avenue – If council is looking into a skateboard park to make sure that it is far away from residents. It is an excellent idea but they are noisy.

There being no further business to come before Council, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM on a motion

by Council member Nagle with a second by Council member Kulman.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick
Secretary/Treasurer