

Marietta Borough Council
Minutes of Meeting held September 13, 2016
113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA

President Hannold with Council members Snow, Kulman, Nagle, Renninger, Mazis, Foreman 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.

PUBLIC SESSION

Mark Harman – ARRO Consulting – Gave a presentation on MS4 which is our Stormwater Management Program. The Borough is considered an urbanized area and the Borough is required to get a permit for our stormwater system. It is a five (5) year permit. Borough submits reports. The Borough's permit is due in March 2018. There are minimum control measures that the borough needs to report and there are six (6) of them. The first being public education, which we painted the storm drains and public involvement. Public discharge detection, the borough has several main discharge outlets and these are monitored and tested. The borough has plans in place to handle illicit discharges. Runoff in new development, but the borough does not have to worry about that too often. Fifth is post construction and the basins like out at Sheetz, but the borough really doesn't have those in the borough. This would be the maintenance on the BMB's and this would fall under the Act 167 Stormwater Ordinance. The last item is good housekeeping and several years ago we moved the public works out of the flood plain and how the maintenance department stores material. About this time next year things will be put together to submit for the permit for 2018. There are going to be a lot of changes in 2018. We want to introduce the changes by handing out door hangers or other means of educating the residents.

Mark Davis stated that the water pollution really comes from the farms and are we really going to go out and bust people for washing their cars.

Council member Renninger stated that this would be a state law and if the Borough receives a complaint it would need to be looked into.

Mike LaSala – Land Studies – Spoke on the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation (NFWF) grant. They are putting together a watershed action plan. A match is recommended but not required. They are developing a plan for the MS4 programs. The program builds on what Mark Harman is already doing. The program outlines and prioritizes what the Borough needs to focus on. It will not fund the areas that they know that the Borough is required to do. It possibly could be considered a match. There was a long conversation between Council and Mike in regards to stormwater and MS4.

Fritz Schroeder – Lancaster Conservancy – stated that they would be furnishing a \$2,500 in-kind match towards Landstudies plan. There will be a lot of building blocks through the MS4 process and they will be identifying projects to help with the Borough's MS4 requirements.

Charles Shireman, Sr. – 345 East Market Street – He filed a complaint for 338 East Market Street and would like to know if Council has taken the time to look at the property. He would like to know what is going to be done to get this property cleaned up. Mark Harman addressed his concern. He has been told that other agencies are involved and that it is under investigation.

Officer Clancy – Susquehanna Regional Police – Officer Clancy addressed Mr. Shireman that there have been several agencies involved with the complaint and there is still an open case for this property and this will be wrapping up very shortly.

Mark Davis – 336 East Market Street – Mark also addressed the property at 338 East Market Street and his concerns with the value to their homes are dropping because of this property. He feels that this man can do whatever he wants and gets away with it.

Linda Ross - Fairview Avenue – Our new zoning has very specific language for situations like this but unfortunately he is probably grandfathered in. But going forward our new zoning ordinance can address this.

Mary Churchill – 336 East Market Street - They saved several kittens from this property. She is getting bitten up by mosquitoes because of all the debris that is on the property.

Ernest Lehman – 304 East Front Street – He had a recent meeting with the safety committee and one of the things that was addressed were the bicyclists on Front Street that are traveling the wrong way, and not stopping at stop signs. He counted 420 bicyclists and 56% of them were going the wrong way on Front Street, 44% followed the signs, 9% stopped at stop signs and 58% of the cars stopped. He submitted a video for council to look at. Something needs to be done.

Council member Kulman addressed a letter that was submitted by the Fire Company that they are requesting \$8,000.00 from the Borough to allow them to operate through the rest of the year.

President Hannold closed Public Comment.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held August 9, 2016 were presented. Council member Snow made the motion with a second by Council member Kulman to approve Council meeting minutes. Council member Renninger asked if her name could be listed as the no vote on page 3. President Hannold said she will research the requirements for reporting voting to use for in the future. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

TREASURY REPORT – Sharon Bradnick

The General Fund Monthly Breakdown dated 9/13/2016. The total general fund accounts are \$988,207.28. Council member Foreman approved the report with a second by Council member Mazis. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

SECRETARY REPORT – Sharon Bradnick

Sharon forwarded an email from Flagstream to purchase optional email backup. President Hannold stated we can look over this information and discuss during budget meetings.

Sharon presented several electricity contract prices to council. The lowest electric supplier was through APG&E. Council member Mazis made the motion to contract with APG&E for three years with a second by Council member Nagle. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

Sharon also wanted to let everyone know that we have received calls on the trash that is on the river shore. Our road guys are going down and monitoring the trash and cleaning up any that they find down on the river shore and trail.

REPORTS

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Ray Vegso

Mayor Vegso spoke on the police meeting in regards to investing some of their funds. The police are not bound by the same rules as the Borough. They have around \$250,000 to invest with Janney Montgomery Scott and these funds will be placed into Vanguard accounts. The police hired a new part time officer and made their old part time officer a fulltime officer. Wendy Codd passed and she was the owner of

the Ascot House and was a real asset to Marietta and she will be missed. He hopes that we address the need for a Borough Manager at our budget meeting.

REPORTS

Fire Police – no report. The Mayor wanted to let people know that Bill Perkins had a heart attack and he wanted to thank the fire company. Also, the lighting at Christmas time at the Union Square is temporary and he hopes that the lighting is addressed at the Union Meeting House. President Hannold stated that MRA is working on the Union Meeting House and they may be adding lighting during this work.

Brandon Smith – Pioneer Fire Company – For the month of August they ran seventeen (17) fire calls and nineteen (19) QRS calls. They had 192 hours doing training. They had a total of three hundred, fifteen (315) hours throughout the month.

Sewer Report – Report dated 8/2/16 has a savings account balance of \$7,862.37 and a checking account balance of \$161,677.94. Council member Foreman made a motion to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Snow. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

Recycling Report – The Borough recycled 29,840 lbs. Council member Foreman a motion to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Renninger. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council entered at 8:42 pm to discuss pending legal matters.

Council returned to regular session at 9:11 pm.

President Hannold stated no formal vote had been taken, but discussion contributed to an agreement on how to proceed. Council member Snow made a motion to accept the agreement that the solicitor drawn up for docket number C11506860. A roll call vote was taken.

Steve Foreman – nay

Marcus Snow – aye

Leah Nagle – aye

Bridey Hannold - aye

Sharon Renninger – nay

Glen Mazis – aye

Harold Kulman – nay

Motion passes.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements given.

ADMINISTRATIVE/PERSONNEL/FINANCE – President Bridey Hannold

Brief committee report given. Sentence was added to clarify “annual” in personnel policy vacation time. Annual will be calendar year.

Discussion on Zoning and Code enforcement policies. Council member Mazis made a motion to accept the zoning and code enforcement policies with a second by Council member Snow. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

The 2017 projected MMO amounts were presented to council. These will be used during the budget process.

HOUSING/ZONING/ENVIRONMENTAL – Council member Glen Mazis

Glen typed up a rough draft of a Heritage Plan and they will be discussing this further and with the Planning Commission.

Informational hand out on Land Bank was given. Redevelopment authority will present to Planning Commission next week and Council at the October 2016 meeting.

Glen made a motion to ask Land studies to apply for the NFWF grant with a second by Council member Renninger. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

In depth discussion on Little Free Libraries and rules and regulations developed by committee chair and Planning Commission. Council member Nagle made a motion to adopt the policy and procedures that were previously handed out for Little Free Libraries and to add that we are only allowing one per property and not more than 4.5 cubic feet and be consistent with the character of the town with a second by Council member Snow. A roll call vote was taken.

Sharon Renninger – aye
Harold Kulman – aye

Glen Mazis – aye
Marcus Snow – aye

Steve Foreman – aye
Leah Nagle – aye
Bridey Hannold - aye

Motion carries.

PUBLIC OUTREACH – Council member Leah Nagle

Leah made a motion to accept the Pig Iron Fest permit that will be held on September 25, 2016 from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm with a second by Council member Renninger. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

Leah asked for a motion to accept the website policy and procedures that were presented previously to council. Motion was made by Council member Snow to accept as presented with a second by Council member Renninger. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

President Hannold asked for a motion to pay the invoice from Steve Ulrich for help with the website in the amount of \$240.00. Council member Mazis made the motion to pay Steve Ulrich with a second by Council member Nagle. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

Council member Renninger asked if we could change the order of reports. Council started Special committee reports.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marietta Placemaking Committee:

Committee recommends signing a contract with Rising Tide Collaborative who will also work with Pam J. Coleman with Pam Coleman & Associates and Ben Craddock with Lancaster Civil. Council member Renninger made the motion to sign the contract with Rising Tide Collaborative and seconded by Council member Nagle. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

NWRT Committee:

Council member Snow made a motion to nominate Glen Mazis as an alternate member to the committee if he is unavailable to attend quarterly meetings and seconded by Council member Nagle. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

The trail timeline is to start the bridge work the week of 9/12, concrete foundation the week of 9/19, bridge placement the week of 10/24. This is all pending weather. Also the boardwalk they are hoping that this is completed before the end of the year.

Council resumed standing committee reports.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Council member Harold Kulman

Council member Kulman gave a brief committee report. NWEMS will begin service in the Borough on October 1, 2016. Committee is working on skateboarding regulations. Committee is working with Fire Company on their 2017 budget.

Council member Kulman made a motion to give Fire Company an additional \$5,000 for operational expenses and equipment for this year with a second by Council member Nagle. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

PUBLIC WORKS – Council member Steve Foreman

Council member Snow gave a brief report. Lumber Avenue must be bid separately from the North Waterford Avenue project. MRA requested crosswalks be changed to concrete instead of stamped asphalt. Justin Eby and Darrell Becker are working on placement of crosswalks – telephone poles and parking are obstacles.

Committee would like to continue looking into a dog park, just in an alternate location. Mayor Vegso stated funding would be lost at another location.

Committee recommends handling skate boarding/park issues with a new ordinance that allows skateboarding in areas.

Committee would like to invest in a speed monitor this will be kept in mind for the budget.

Council member Foreman presented a resolution for a Municipal Statement of Revival between East Donegal and Marietta Borough. Council member Foreman made the motion to sign the Resolution with a second by Council member Kulman. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on request to allow “Free Food Pantry” throughout town. Council asked Secretary to please contact the resident and let them know that Council will need extra time to discuss.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion by Council member Kulman with a second by Council member Mazis the meeting adjourned at 10:52 PM.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick
Secretary/Treasurer