

Marietta Borough Council
Minutes of Meeting held October 11, 2016
113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA

President Hannold with Council members Snow, Kulman, Nagle, Renninger, Mazis, and Mayor Vegso present called the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Marietta Borough Council to order at 7:02 PM. Absent from the meeting was Council member Foreman. The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC SESSION

Justin Eby – Lancaster County Redevelopment Authority – Justin gave a summary of the Lancaster County Land Bank that was recently created. Redevelopment Authority is soliciting Boroughs to join the Land Bank. He discussed the advantages and gave examples. He did state that it does not have the power of eminent domain. The Land Bank's powers would be to acquire, hold, develop, construct, demolish, rehabilitate, lease, or otherwise dispose of real property. An Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement would be needed between the land bank and the taxing authorities. The school district and county would need to be in support of joining the land bank. When joining the land bank there is a one-time membership fee of \$5,000 and then an annual fee of \$1,000 per year.

Rich Kushner – 573 Essex Street – Rich thanked all the sponsors and volunteers for the bike race and presented Council with a check in the amount of \$600 to be used towards the Borough's Parks. He looks forward to the bike race for next year.

President Hannold closed Public Comment.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held September 13, 2016 and the Budget Workshop Minutes held on September 20, 2016 were presented. Council member Snow made the motion with a second by Council member Renninger to approve Council and Budget Workshop meeting minutes. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

TREASURY REPORT – Sharon Bradnick

The General Fund Monthly Breakdown dated 10/11/2016. The total general fund accounts are \$901,184.05. Council member Snow approved the report with a second by Council member Kulman. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

SECRETARY REPORT – Sharon Bradnick

No report given.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Hannold announced the tire collection that will be held November 17th at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm. You will be allowed to take 3 regular tires and 1 large tire. Leaf pick-up has started and the first pick-up is October 22. The bags and schedule are in the Borough office. Bulk trash pick-up will be Wednesday November 2, such as washer, dryers, freezers and you need a \$15.00 green tag. Marietta Area Business Association will hold its third business mixer on October 18th from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at 264 West Market Street.

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 \$200,000 to invest with Janney Montgomery Scott and these funds will be placed into Vanguard accounts. It requires each of the three municipalities to do an investment agreement policy. They need to do the policies and an ordinance will need to be presented to each of the municipalities to pass in order to open the original agreement and add an addendum to invest.

Mayor Vegso spoke on the meeting that was held at the Community House. There was a great mix of people from State, County, Federal, leaders and some people from the community and different organizations. It was facilitated by Julie Fitzpatrick. The surprising fact was that you won't think we would be eligible for a lot of federal money, but in fact we are eligible for money through the US Department of Agriculture. The County, State and Federal organizations are all interested in Marietta Borough and begging to give us money. With this being said he would like to talk about a Borough Manager.

REPORTS

Fire Police – no one to give report, but a report was sent in to Council.

Brandon Smith – Pioneer Fire Company – For the month of September they ran sixteen (16) fire calls and nineteen (13) QRS calls. A total of twenty-nine (29) calls for the month.

Sewer Report – Report dated 9/30/16 has a savings account balance of \$167,492.55 and a checking account balance of \$4,375.64. Council member Renninger made a motion to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Nagle. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

Recycling Report – The Borough recycled 28,240 lbs. Council member Snow made a motion to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Kulman. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

ADMINISTRATIVE/PERSONNEL/FINANCE – President Bridey Hannold

Brief committee report given. Policy for allowing Borough personnel to respond to fire calls while working. The policy was presented to Council and Council member Mazis made the motion to accept the policy to allow borough employees to respond to fire calls during the work day with a second by Council member Snow. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

President Hannold addressed the grants regarding the Northwest River Trail and LCSWMA would like to do a cooperation agreement in the amount of \$100,000 which would be a bridge loan to keep the project moving this year. LCSWMA will vote on this later this month and next month we will act on this.

HOUSING/ZONING/ENVIRONMENTAL – Council member Glen Mazis

Glen gave a brief committee report. The little free libraries policy will be placed in the newsletter.

PUBLIC OUTREACH – Council member Leah Nagle

Council member Snow made a motion to accept the Pig Iron Pedal permit that will be held on October 22, 2016 with a second by Council member Nagle. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

Council member Snow made a motion to accept the Tree Trimming for the Cherry Trees on Front Street for October 22 and October 23 with a second by Council member Nagle. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

Leah made a motion to accept the Susquehanna Waldorf Lantern Walk on November 19th with a second by Council member Renninger. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

Leah made a motion to accept the Candlelight tour for December 4th with a second by Council member Snow. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

Council member Snow gave a brief report on the turnout of the Pig Iron Fest.

PUBLIC SAFETY – Council member Harold Kulman

Council member Kulman gave a brief committee report that they discussed the one-way area of Front Street and making it back to a two way street. Also some of Marietta's residents have gone down and cleaned up the river shore. He has asked Chief Haugh to monitor people that are driving over the railroad tracks to the river shore.

PUBLIC WORKS – Council member Steve Foreman

Council member Snow gave a brief report. They discussed utilizing the fire company to help the borough employees to plow snow. Council member Snow made a motion to utilize the fire company personnel to help the borough employees plow snow at \$10.00 per hour with a second by Council member Renninger. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

They also discussed the one-way section on Front Street to be returned to two-way. This is because of the NWRT and keeping the flow of the traffic. They want to wait until the trail is complete to see what this does for traffic.

Council member Snow made a motion to accept the North Waterford Avenue bid from Pennsy Supply that came in at \$294,280.37 with a second by Council member Mazis. There was a long discussion on the bid process and accepting the lowest bidder. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

Council member Snow made a motion to reject the bid from Kinsley Construction that came in at \$60,150.00 which was higher than the former bid for the Lumber Avenue project with a second by Council member Nagle. Passed unanimously by voice vote.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marietta Placemaking Committee:

Council member Renninger announced that the consultants are in place and they have their first organizational meeting scheduled next week.

NWRT Committee:

Council member Snow stated that he was at the quarterly meeting and the NWRT committee is looking for pictures of our trail and there will be a face book site. They are looking for sponsors for a bike repair station. They are also working on etiquette signs to be put up on the trail.

OLD BUSINESS

Community Pantry was brought to the council last month. Council asked that Council member Nagle contact Chrissy with council's concerns and bring it back to Council.

Bev Kreider – Express Laundry – commented that she saw her post on face book, and why is this any

different than the little free library? She didn't notice food on her post.

NEW BUSINESS

President Hannold had a discussion on the need for additional staff. She would like to talk about the need and look at what duties or tasks that are not being performed. President Hannold had each Council member give their opinion on what they are looking for as far as hiring additional staff or a borough manager. Each Council member went into an in depth conversation on their opinion. They decided that this was a first step and they needed to gather more information and what would be the most cost effective way.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION

Steve Shireman – 218 West Market Street – He wanted to let us know that the sewer plant is already seeing improvements with the repairs that we have done to Basin D. He also wants to postpone the sewer project on Front Street until Marietta Borough is able to repave Front Street after the water main is replaced. He would like to see the storm drains on Front Street fixed and have any water work or gas lines fixed at the same time. He would like to see Front Street repaved. He does not want to see that road full of patches.

Rae Ann Schatz – 24 Fairview Avenue – She asked Bridey now that Bill Laudien is gone was his time worthwhile and if she felt Bill Laudien's time was good? Bridey stated that overall, no; he was personable and had some great ideas, but she did not see a cost savings. She actually saw an increase in cost. The concept was to test out a borough manager, but he did not spend any time with the borough employees or in the office. His time was spent with Council.

Mayor Vegso stated that Mr. Laudien was an advisor and felt he was well worth the money.

Mary Lou Ellsworth – 50 North Pine Street – She has been coming for years and cheering council on and she hopes that Council moves forward and votes for a borough manager.

Linda Ross – Fairview Avenue – She thought this evenings meeting went very well and there was some thoughtful and persuasive comments and points were stated well.

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion by Council member Nagle with a second by Council member Kulman the meeting adjourned at 10:25 PM.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick
Secretary/Treasurer