

Marietta Borough Council
Minutes of Meeting held January 8, 2019
113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA

President Mazis with Council members Shambaugh, McKinney, States, Marsh, Angelo, and Solicitor Harter 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 Dalzell and Mayor Kulman. The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Kingsboro – Northwest EMS – Gave out handouts and discussed the reimbursements to the EMS are not even covering their expenses, as they have much difficulty collecting all the fees owed to them. They service twelve (12) municipalities. They reached out to businesses for financial support. Despite the fact that they are in better shape than other ambulance services, they are operating at a loss. In the next one to two years the board is going to have to make some changes to their level of services or find ways to continue. They can use all the help that they can get.

Marika Merrit – 684 E. Market Street – Would like to know the update on sidewalks. There have been several accidents in the 600 Block of East Market Street and she doesn't know what the answer is but wanted to bring this up to see what we can do to prevent these. President Mazis explained the sidewalk policy would be discussed later.

President Mazis closed public comment at 7:15 PM

President Mazis opened the regularly scheduled meeting.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

President Mazis asked for a motion to approve the December council meeting minutes. Council member McKinney made a motion to approve the December council minutes with a second by Council member Shambaugh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Mazis stated that he hoped everyone seen the write-up in the Lancaster Newspaper on December 16th, Marietta was on the front page with the heading "Riverside Treasure" and there was an extensive four or five pages positive write-up of the Borough.

President Mazis stated that the property at 338 East Market, there was a hearing and the judge came to the property and saw how much worse it appears in person than in the photos that had been submitted. The defendant in the case did not appear. We are waiting for his judgement.

President Mazis stated that the zoning hearing board on January 2 for the Veterinary Hospital received their variance to be allowed in Market Central as an "animal hospital" instead of a veterinary practice, which means that they can keep animals overnight on the premises. They intend to do this only when essential to the care of the animal. There were other conditions, such as sound-proofing to shield neighbors.

President Mazis stated that there is a movement of foot to have a plain air festival in Marietta and the key person will be coming to make a presentation to the next Our Marietta meeting.

REPORTS

Fire Police/EMA – Steve Bailey – For December they ran Fourteen (14) calls, thirty-four (34) officers for a total of one-hundred, nineteen and a half (119.5) hours on duty. One new officer was sworn in, Sean Roberts. For the year of 2018 they responded to two-hundred, eighteen (218) calls, five-hundred, ninety-six (596) officers for a total of one-thousand, five-hundred, sixty-five (1,565) man hours on duty. Their vehicle is stocked and ready for service.

Pioneer Fire Company – Michael Emig – For 2018 they ran one-hundred, eighty-two (182) QRS calls and two-hundred, sixty-four (264) fire calls for a total of four-hundred, forty-six (446) calls. They had five-thousand, eight-hundred, forty-one (5,841) total hours on calls and training for the year.

Pioneer Fire Company Financial Statement – Robert Shambaugh – No report.

Sewer –Freddy States – Report dated December 2018. The sewer fund has a savings account balance of \$195,998.62 and a checking account balance of \$9,197.54. Council member States motioned to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Shambaugh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Recycling –Freddy States – Reported that the Borough recycled 31,720 lbs. during December 2018. Council member States motioned to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Shambaugh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Treasurer – Sharon Bradnick - The General Fund Monthly Breakdown dated January 8, 2019. The total general fund accounts are \$758,059.90. Council member Shambaugh motioned to approve the report as presented with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Secretary – Sharon Bradnick – Everyone received their profit and loss statements for the month of December. At the end of December, we show that we have a loss of \$39,738.38 for the month. January through December we show income of \$42,749.34. We have been very busy getting things closed out for the year. I have completed the forms for Liquid Fuels. We should receive our liquid fuels money in March and it should be approximately \$90,772.30. We have the auditor scheduled to come in the last week of February. The bidding amounts changed for 2019, below \$11,100 there is no bids from \$11,100 to \$20,600 we need three written estimates and anything over \$20,600 needs to be bid out. We re-bid out for the oil/chip/fog seal for Essex Street, Charles and Pajill. Also out on Municibid is the bid for Sewer phase E.

Mayor's Report - Harold Kulman – Mayor Kulman was absent and Council member Shambaugh stated that negotiations have started. Next meeting they will be discussing the variables and they would like to add time spent in each municipality which would make it four variables. They are off and running.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative – President Mazis

President Mazis stated we have resolutions to pass since it is our first meeting for the year. The

first resolution is for disposition of records. Council member Angelo made a motion for Resolution 01-2019 for disposition of records with a second by Council member Shambaugh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis asked for a motion to appoint Rick Thomas to the vacancy board chair. Council member Shambaugh made a motion to appoint Rick Thomas to the Vacancy Board with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis asked for a motion to appoint Lynn Brumfield to the Housing Hearing Board. Council member McKinney made the motion with a second by Council member Shambaugh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis stated that we hired Kevin Hertzog as our zoning officer but we need to appoint him. Council member Angelo made a motion to appoint Kevin Hertzog as our zoning officer with a second by Council member Marsh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis stated that since Kevin is going to be the zoning officer and work three hours per week as his baseline, Inessa Heisey who is our housing code enforcement officer and has been doing an excellent job, is interested as being our code enforcement officer and this will be discussed at our Administrative meeting this month.

President Mazis stated that he has finally spoken with our point person with DCED in regards to the Flapper Valve grant. We were turned down twice but we need to persevere. Our grant plan and rationale was outstanding, but we failed to be selected by the Commonwealth Funding Authority, which is political body. Mazis is going to meet with Rep. Hickernell and Senator Aument and enlist enthusiastic letters of support, as well as from Congressman Smucker. He is also going to meet with the County Planning Board and the County Commissioners.

Council member Angelo made a motion to apply for the DCED Flood Mitigation Program with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Planning/Zoning/Environmental – Bill Dalzell

Council member Dalzell was absent from the meeting.

President Mazis stated that we need a motion to appoint Freddy States to the Planning Commission, who wishes to continue serving. Council member Shambaugh made the motion with a second by Council member Angelo. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Public Outreach – Louis McKinney

Council member McKinney stated he attended the Fireworks Committee and ask for volunteers. They meet February 9th at 7:00 PM at the fire hall.

Council member McKinney stated that someone would like to bring in a beer garden and hold it in the tennis court. They would bring in a reader to read driver's license. If someone would leave the area then they would have to go through the process again.

Council member McKinney presented Council with a letter that he wrote and asked for a motion to accept the meadow on Furnace Road to build an amphitheater. President Mazis stated that the offer has been on the table for the past year, but we are in the middle of the grant with DCNR to plan on our park updates and integrations. Before there are any concrete

plans, the Borough will host a public meeting with the citizens of the Borough to get their input on proposed ideas. Before we accept the land, we need to do an application letter to the County asking for the land and present what we plan on using the ground for.

Solicitor Harter stated that we need to be aware of the statute that governs that parcel of land because you may not be able to sell it later and need to be aware of stipulations.

President Mazis asked what happened at the HUB meeting of local municipalities dealing with issues of poverty and Council member McKinney stated that he failed to attend again.

Public Safety – Robert Shambaugh

Council member Shambaugh stated that they met and spoke about the hit and runs in Marietta and how to improve traffic safety. They are going to bring this up to the police and see what ideas that they have. They also spoke about the water pipes that are sticking up in the sidewalks and who's responsible. They also spoke about the blind spot at the bottom of Clay and suggested mounting a mirror.

Public Works – Freddy States

Council member States stated that they painted the "slow" side on the road at the S bend. Hopefully this will help. They would like to paint the crosswalk in on East Market Street and place a pedestrian sign at this location. He would like to mark parking spaces throughout town. They went over the transportation needs and will fill that form out for February 1. They also went out and shopped mowers and found one for \$4,198.00 with a bagger. Council member Marsh made a motion to purchase the Graveley mower for \$4,198.00 with a second by Council member Angelo. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote. They have scheduled street sweeping for April 22 and 23 and they would also like to look into installing a 220 line to use the arc welder at the shop. They are going to get estimates to do this.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY – Jeffery Marsh – Nothing to report at this time.

NWRT Committee – Glen Mazis – Nothing new to report at this time.

C2P2 Committee – Glen Mazis – Nothing new to report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

President Mazis asked whether everyone has looked over the expectations of Council members given out last month. It is a policy and guidelines for Council members that covers their need to attend committee meetings, Borough events, read Council materials prior to the meeting and other duties. Council member Shambaugh made a motion to accept the policy of Expectations of Council with a second by Council member Angelo. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis stated that in regards to the sidewalk compliance policy that had been discussed now by the appropriate committees, that it still needs to go to our new zoning officer for his review and this can be passed next month.

President Mazis stated that he needs a motion to amend the fee schedule for events permits. All the events permits seem to involve groups that are non-profit group that wants to help our Borough. Instead of waiving the fee every month we need to eliminate the special event fee. Council member McKinney made the motion to eliminate the special event fee with a second by Council member Shambaugh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Council member McKinney would like to see if the Borough building could have the bricks repointed and the building fixed up. This is our Borough office and it needs serious work.

Council member States asked with Longtrail coming in, do they have their own license to have the beer garden and are they making the money on this. Rich Kushner stated he would look into this. Rae Ann Schatz asked if the drinkers would be staying in the tennis court. She just worries about having alcohol with trying to bring the kids and family into the park during the fireworks.

President Mazis stated that these are discussions that need to take place outside of here.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

President Mazis closed the public comment session.

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion by Council member Marsh with a second by Council member Shambaugh the meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick
Secretary/Treasurer