

Marietta Borough Council
Minutes of Meeting held December 10, 2019
113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carl Jones – West Market St. – Inquired on the increases on the sewer and trash is this not advertised ahead of time. In the paper there was an advertisement on increasing the taxes. How much is that going up? Why was it in the paper before it was voted on? President Mazis stated that we need to advertise ahead of time before we vote and that we always do this, which Council is going to be voting on this this evening.

Bev Kreider – 103 West Walnut St. – She explained that it was impossible to get a parking place in the downtown area. From the middle of November something has changed. Secretary Bradnick stated that from Thanksgiving through January 1 people don't have to feed the meters. Bev stated that the meters are filled by 4 o'clock in the afternoon. There are cars that are parking for more than 48 hours. She is just asking Council to observe. President Mazis stated that Planning is looking into having some kind of incentive for parking in areas in the Borough that could be opened for parking behind buildings or on alleys or by sharing and leasing existing lots that are largely unused.

Carl Jones – West Market St. – So how are these cars being monitored by the police. So how do the police know if these cars have been moved? We need to tighten down on this police department.

President Mazis closed public comment.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Mazis stated that in response to Mary Jo Hughes' comments made last month that; we are looking into brighter lights in certain areas of the Borough. In November we had the public parks grant town meeting to go over the suggestions for park upgrades, which was not very well attended. The outcome was that we really need to form a parks and recreation committee. War Memorial is going to need a master plan. We will need to go for grants. When we have the reorganizational meeting we will consider adding the parks to the Outreach committee's responsibilities. We worked with the Fire Company with their budget items and priorities for the end of year expenditures, which was very helpful.

REPORTS

Fire Police/EMA – Steve Bailey – They had a total for November of 16 calls, 42 officers, and 109

duty hours. They held their election of officers for the next two years. Elected were Gene Nagel as President, Bill Perkins as Vice President, Ernie Lehman as Secretary, Trish Reis, Treasurer, Steve Bailey as Captain, 1st Lt. Ernie Lehman, 2nd Lt. Larry Piersol, Sgt. Larry Smeal.

Pioneer Fire Company – Bryan Smith – They ran eleven (11) fire calls and eleven (11) QRS calls for a total of twenty-two (22) calls for November. They have Christmas trees for sale and on New Year's Eve they will be holding a New Year's Eve Bingo. Doors open at 4:00 pm.

Pioneer Fire Company Financial Statement – Robert Shambaugh – Council Shambaugh stated that the balance as of November 25, 2019 was \$26,130.25. Council member Shambaugh made the motion to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Sewer –Freddy States – Council member States report was dated November 2019. The sewer fund has a savings account balance of \$160,993.98 and a checking account balance of \$3,142.92. Council member States motioned to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Recycling –Freddy States – No report was presented due to office did not receive the information.

Treasurer – Sharon Bradnick - The General Fund Monthly Breakdown dated December 10, 2019. The total general fund accounts are \$973,286.46. Council member Dalzell 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 November. At the end of November, we show that we have a negative income of \$47,294.09 for the month. January through November we show income in the amount of \$191,494.61. Bradnick will be doing a resolution to adjust some line items in the budget for grant money that was received and expenses for the year. Monday, January 6th is the reorganization meeting at 7:00 PM

Mayor's Report - Harold Kulman – Mayor Kulman stated that on November 18th he attended the Community House for their 100th year drop in party. The Community House looks great and is in top shape. He attended the retired police organization at the Country Table. On December 1st he was on the tour bus for the Candlelight Tour and they had a great turn out even with the rainy weather. The police commissioners are getting ready to sign the police contract and Conoy will be signing the agreement this Thursday. He had a meeting today to review the procedures on how they put in their time in each municipality. In October, it was approximately 22% and in November it was 19%. This time will go up and down and it sort of evens out. He will keep after this to make sure we get the proper hours. The Mayor referenced the letter from the Drug Task Force regarding the funds available for the Drug Task Force use. The Drug Task Force would like to get a dollar per capita from the municipalities. There was a letter from Representative Hickernell thanking the Borough for the support expressed in the Resolution that the Borough urging the passage of Bill 607, giving municipalities police radar guns to handle speeders. It is going before the House for a vote.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative – President Mazis

President Mazis stated the committee discussed issues in regard to the event permits in relationship to what happened at the Halloween event that was unexpectedly attended by so many people. We will need to monitor this for next year. He reminded the Fire Company that they will need to supply the Borough with an audit in January/February 2020. They discussed the zoning officer having enough hours during the winter. The housing officer quit, so the problem resolved itself. The zoning officer will take over these duties. There was an issue raised about the fire company's having an audit to insure that they are following proper procedures. This was requested by a concerned citizen (such as proper training procedures and the right amount of people are on the calls). He is going to investigate this and will get back to them. Bryan Smith stated that anyone getting on a Fire Truck needs to have Hazmat Certification every year and every two years you need to have CPR/First Aid training. These are the only two things that are required by NFPA. If these are not done then you are not legal to run.

Mazis asked for a motion to commit \$68,000.00 from the Fund balance for the flap valve grant to cover the 15% match of the grant. Council member McKinney made the motion with a second by Council member Marsh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Mazis asked for a motion to commit \$25,000.00 from the Fund balance for the DCNR grant for the pocket park on S. Bridge Street, so that the Borough would have some investment in the \$400,000 ultimately needed for the entire project in order that the granting agencies see we are working with them. Council member Dalzell made the motion with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Mazis asked for a motion to commit \$10,000.00 from the Fund balance for the G3 Grant Engineer Design, and explained that in response to the public meeting last Spring the project had been relocated from Front Street to the Furnace Road/Donegal Place area and it was a larger square footage and required some more funding. The Borough will approach the granting agency first to see if we can get more funds from them.. Council member Dalzell made the motion with a second by Council member Marsh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Mazis asked for a motion to adopt the 2020 Budget. Council member Dalzell made the motion with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Mazis asked for a motion to move the unused compensated absences to the assigned fund balance. Bradnick explained what the unused compensated absences are and where you would find these items in the budget. Council member Dalzell made the motion to move the unused compensated absences to the fund balance with a second by Council member Shambaugh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Mazis asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-20, Modification to the 2019 Budget. Bradnick read the resolution and explained what these modifications covered. Council member Dalzell made the motion to approve Resolution 2019-20 with a second by Council member Marsh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Mazis asked for a motion to approve Ordinance 2020-01, fixing the tax rate at 6.90 mils, this would be 6.15 mils for general Borough purposes and .75 mils for Fire Services. Council member Dalzell made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2020 setting the tax rate at 6.90 with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Mazis asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2019-22 Fee Schedule correcting the event application fee from \$20 to \$0. It was explained that almost all of our event permits are from civic organizations doing work to help the Borough. Council member Dalzell made a motion to

adopt Resolution 2019-22 removing the fee for event applications with a second by Council member Marsh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Planning/Zoning/Environmental – Bill Dalzell

Council member Dalzell stated they been working on a 5-year plan. They had a presentation from the Lancaster County Redevelopment Authority. There are some discrepancies with our SALDO and our zoning ordinances and the Planning Commission is taking a look at those changes and working those up to go before the Lancaster County Planning Commission before we take any further action. Mazis explained that they are changes that would be needed for any development or redevelopment project to go forward in the Borough.

Council member Dalzell made a motion to adopt Resolution 23-2019 to appoint Ken Gall to the Planning Commission with a second by Council member Shambaugh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Council member Dalzell made a motion to adopt Resolution 24-2019 to appoint Linda Ross to the Planning Commission with a second by Council member Shambaugh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Public Outreach – Louis McKinney

Council member McKinney stated he did not have a committee meeting. His health is back to normal. He is able to drive now. He is going to get with the lady at Donegal Hub to see when the meeting will be next month.

Public Safety – Robert Shambaugh

Council member Shambaugh stated they had no meeting because it fell on Thanksgiving.

Public Works – Freddy States

Council member States stated there meeting was also cancelled last month. A lot has happened. Glenn and Bill along with the water company fixed the damage to the bridge on Front Street. There was a water leak which created a blow out under the bridge. They had to build a form and put concrete in and then repave the road. Also, Glenn is out with open heart surgery and he will be out for about twelve weeks. We reached out to East Donegal Township and also reached out to Conoy Township, and they are willing to help with snow removal. The water company also reached out to us, if we are in need of help for plowing to give them a call.

Council member States made a motion to commit \$10,000.00 from contracted services for sidewalks to use for next year with a second by Council member Shambaugh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Council member States made a motion to appoint Karen Sullivan to the Marietta-Donegal Joint Sewer Authority for a 3-year term with a second by Council member Shambaugh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY – Jeffery Marsh – The force main project is complete and again everyone did a nice job. There are some personnel matters to be resolved. The business manager was taken sick and hospitalized and not sure when she will return. Currently the

accounting firm is handling things for them.

NWRT Committee – Glen Mazis – There was no meeting last month.

C2P2 Committee – Glen Mazis – This was already discussed and we should start thinking about recruiting some people for the parks and recreation commission.

G3 Grant – Glen Mazis – We are waiting for the bids to come in that we have out to six different firms. They are due in by December 18th.

OLD BUSINESS

There is a petition to vacate the portion of South New Haven Street that runs through the Marietta Boat Club to the river. Solicitor Harter stated that we should have a preliminary discussion before we go through the process of advertising and doing a title search for the property to make sure we know where all the easements are. He has some concerns with how the petition is drafted. He does not feel the information is accurate. It is a public used street and there is not any clarification in the document on what easements exist currently to the river. We don't need to make a positive decision on this matter this evening. If the Council is interested in going down this road, then we need to ask the Boat Club to reimburse for legal and engineering expenses. Lester Pottinger stated that he is president of the Boat Club and they would be willing to reimburse for the legal fees. They have no intention of putting a gate across the property but merely want to have the means to not permit people to loiter on the street as part of the property. Council had a long discussion on vacating South New Haven Street during which gratitude for the Boat Club's cooperation with the Borough in the past few years was expressed, but also the sentiment that the Borough should not give away any of its access points to the river as they were important to citizens. Council member McKinney made a motion to accept the petition. There was no second, the petition failed.

Bradnick stated that we passed earlier to put handicap signs at St. Joh Episcopal Church and at AME Bethel Church and council agreed to have them put specific time on the signs. The police are unable to legally enforce these signs; the time needs to be removed from these signs. Council member Shambaugh made a motion to remove the time on the handicap signs at these two locations with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Ross – Fairview Avenue – She asked for clarification on the G3 grant on which area that this grant will be covering. President Mazis and Secretary Bradnick explained the scope of the work.

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

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick
Secretary/Treasurer