

Marietta Borough Council
Minutes of Meeting held April 11, 2017
113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Charles Shireman, Sr. – 345 East Market Street – Invited council to participate in the Memorial Day Parade.

James Sargen – 644 East Market Street – James stated that a couple of years ago Marietta Borough entered into a partnership with East Donegal Township to deal with the traffic congestion around Furnace Road and would like to know the progress on that project. President Hannold replied that signage was placed along Rt. 441 to have the traffic moved forward and turn at the red light. Mayor Vegso stated that they had a meeting and there were limited things that they could do. The most recent problem is the parking up on Chiques Hill. PennDot does not want to add any more signs. The Safety Committee is going to continue to look into the situation. President Hannold asked Officer Kime's to look into how many accidents have taken place on Rt. 441 and Furnace Road.

President Hannold closed the public comment session.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

President Hannold stated the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held March 21, 2017 were presented. Council member Kulman made the motion with a second by Council member Foreman to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Hannold made the announcement that April is PA 811 Safe Digging Month. PA One is celebrating its forty-fifth year of continuous service to the Commonwealth. The Rotary Club of Mount Joy is holding a shredding and electronics event on Saturday, May 6, 2017 in the Gathering Place parking lot in Mount Joy starting at 9:00 AM. Also, she was contacted by the Donegal School Board and they are seeking nominations for the Donegal Memorial Monument Nomination Forms are in the back. The Liquor Control Board will be holding a public hearing at the Marietta Borough office on April 20th at 10:00 AM. This is for the petition to have our local police enforce the noise ordinance for the next year.

REPORTS

Fire Police/EMA – Steve Bailey – Reported for the Fire Police that they had a total of ten (10) calls with (27) officers for a total of (68) sixty-eight hours on duty. He announced that Gene Nagel has gone on the inactive list and will not be responding to calls. On the Emergency Management report, there was a power outage on the east end of town in early March due to a strong thunderstorm. Between March 13 and March 17 there was a major snowfall and Mayor Vegso declared a state of snow emergency. Between April 6 and April 9 he has been monitoring the river closely.

Pioneer Fire Company – Brandon Smith – For the month of March they ran eighteen (18) fire calls and fourteen (14) QRS calls. They had a total of thirty-two (32) calls for the month. They had a total of two-hundred, thirty-six (236) hours on fire calls and one-hundred, twenty-six (126) hours on training.

Sewer – Steve Foreman - Report dated March, 2017 the sewer fund has a savings account balance of \$212,653.29 and a checking account balance of \$1,494.12. Council member Foreman made a motion to

accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Mazis. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Vegso asked about the article in Sunday's newspaper in regards to Marietta Borough being in debt for the sewer plant in the amount of \$4 million dollars. Charles Shireman, Jr. addressed the Mayor's question that this loan was taken out by the Donegal-Marietta Joint Sewer Authority. There was a thirty year loan taken out in 2005 to do upgrades to the sewer plant. The loan was refinanced and they were able to reduce \$20,000 a year off that loan. This savings has been passed along by paying down on the principal. This action was taken due to mandates from the federal government. The original loan was around \$5.7 million.

Recycling – Steve Foreman – The Borough recycled 30,040 lbs. during March 2017. Council member Foreman made a motion to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Mazis. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote. Sharon Bradnick stated that we will be receiving a hauler rebate in the amount of \$1,893.02.

Treasurer – Sharon Bradnick - The General Fund Monthly Breakdown dated March 14, 2017. The total general fund accounts are \$640,596.59. Council member Foreman made the motion to approve the report as presented with a second by Council member Mazis. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Secretary – Sharon Bradnick – announced the registration forms for Summer Playground are in the back and also in the office. GEAR'S will be supplying the schools with the application. We have received a \$1000 donation from Susquehanna Beneficial Association and a \$1000 donation from Marietta Beneficial Association. It is a great pleasure to announce that she put in a grant application to the Eater Foundation and Miriam Fletcher presented the borough with a check in the amount of \$40,000 from the Eater Foundation. Ms. Fletcher voiced her concern with recognizing Gene Eater Herchelroth for the money that he has donated. Sharon stated that this was voted on at a previous council meeting to have a plaque in his honor placed on the trail, either on the boardwalk or the bridge. Oliver Overlander represented the Eater Foundation and thanked council for the recognition of Gene. Overall, he has given over a million dollars to date to the community.

Mayor's - Mayor Ray Vegso – He announced that he performed a marriage at Breezy Point Outlook, Autumn Stacey and George Smith. It was very nice. He placed in everyone's mail box facts that the borough has plenty of money for a borough manager, and these numbers will help when we address the board for a borough manager. He encourages everyone to look at the audit to see what monies we have. The police minutes are in the back and they are still in a state of uncertainty with regard to Conoy Township and if they are staying in the agreement. They had hoped to start the merger agreement at the last meeting but are waiting to see what Conoy is doing. There is a continuing problem with heroin and there are different organizations trying to deal with this. They have a Mayor's task group to try and deal with this and have spoken on this topic. He brought up at the last meeting the question whether council would like to donate to the drug task force. They are requesting a \$1 per citizen donation to help fund the drug task force. He would like to see support be directed towards programs for prevention. He would like to check into the Donegal Substance Abuse Alliance Board that may bring awareness to citizens.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative – President Bridey Hannold

President Hannold stated we have a change order for the codification project to incorporate the flood ordinance and the stormwater ordinance into the codification project. The project was budgeted and this would be an extra cost, in the amount of \$2,796.00. Council member Mazis made the motion to approve the change order to General Code and to commit the \$2,796.00 with a second by Council member Foreman. Motion carries by voice vote. Once we fax the change form over to General Code

we will have a draft by the end of the month.

President Hannold stated that Justin Eby reached out in regards to the Land Bank Committee and would like some people to be on the board. Council recommended Sharon Bradnick, Bridey Hannold, and Glen Mazis. These names will be forwarded to Justin for the Land Bank Committee.

President Hannold stated that one of the things our personnel policy is lacking is a severe weather policy. The committee looked into several policies and they picked this one because it offered so much detail and broke down who are essential personnel and non-essential personnel. It also deals with a travel authorization letter. The Fire Fighting Policy was already voted on before and this is just to have it placed in the personnel policy. These are for everyone to look over, and it can be voted on next month.

President Hannold stated that Inessa Heisey was appointed last month to be our Zoning Officer, but she would like to just be the Housing Officer at this time. Council member Mazis made a motion to appoint William Giannaras with ARRO as our Zoning Officer and Deputy Housing Officer with a second by Council member Foreman. Motion carries by voice vote.

President Hannold stated that she has heard repeatedly that we need representation at community meetings, Sharon Bradnick has been attending some of the meetings anyway. The Administrative Committee would like to add to Sharon's job duties different meetings to attend. Examples would be MABA, LCBA, NWRT, Land Bank. Council should look at this and we can vote on this next month.

Mayor Vegso stated that this is just a backdoor approach to not have a Borough Manager. Glen Mazis replied that Sharon Bradnick is the Chief Executive Officer of the Borough as part of her job description and does already function as a Borough Manager under a different title. He also mentioned how Lori Yeich of DCNR and Fritz Schroeder of the Lancaster Conservancy applauded giving more Borough manager duties to Sharon Bradnick as having someone learn more and take on more responsibility "from within" as they both like to see in Boroughs.

Planning/Zoning/Environmental – Council member Glen Mazis

Council member Mazis stated that the committee worked on revising the Heritage Plan and has the version ready to forward to the Planning Commission. Sharon Bradnick and Mazis are working together on the C2P2 Grant. It is from DCNR, and it can be used with our NFWF Grant that we received earlier in the year in the amount of \$46,000. We can use this amount toward our match for this DCNR grant. This will get us a plan for our parks and working on runoff possibilities in green spaces and will allow us to get further grants for our parks. Mazis negotiated limiting the scope of work to fit our Borough, and the Borough would need to put in a low amount of \$2900 or a high amount of \$7000 to complete the match in addition to the \$46,000 from the other grant. He pointed out the Borough is getting at least \$60,000 in services for approximately \$5,000 expenditure (the average of the estimates). Council member Mazis made a motion to move forward by submitting the application and apply for the C2P2 grant with a second by Council member Foreman. Motion carries by voice vote.

Council member Mazis made a motion to commit funds to not exceed \$7000 for a match with a second by Council member Kulman. Motion carries by voice vote.

Public Outreach – Council member Leah Nagle

Council member Nagle was absent from the meeting and Sharon Bradnick presented the National Trails Day Event for June 3. Everything was submitted and the closing of the entrance to Furnace Road from Rt. 441 has been set up with the fire police to take care of. Council member Mazis made the motion to accept the National Trails Day Event with a second by Council member Foreman. Motion carries by voice vote.

Sharon Bradnick presented the Historic Marietta Bike Race for July 8 and they will need to submit their

proof of insurance. Council member Foreman made the motion to accept the Historic Marietta Bike Race with a second by Council member Kulman. Motion carries by voice vote.

Public Safety – Council member Harold Kulman

Council member Kulman stated that they had the discussion on the Act 172 tax credit. The Lancaster County Borough Association is having a meeting in Columbia on April 26 and this is an item on their agenda. They are going to wait for more information. He is doing some deed searches to the land for the trail to work with the railroad on where the trail is exactly going. They are speaking to other municipalities in regards to the parking on Chiques Hill. He has spoken to Chief Haugh concerning the bikers on Front Street going the wrong way on the one-way section. However, it was discussed that police need to monitor the situation and perhaps signs could be put up to indicate to bicyclists that they need to follow the same traffic laws as motorists. They don't want to discourage the bikers by giving them tickets. They also discussed the pros and cons of a fire tax.

Public Works – Council member Steve Foreman

Council member Foreman stated we would like to develop the bid package for East Market Street. Council member Foreman made the motion to have ARRO develop the bid package for East Market Street between Bank Street and Route 441 with a second by Council member Mazis. Motion carries by voice vote.

Council member Foreman recommends that we submit a letter of interest for Furnace Road for the Smart Growth Transportation Grant. Council President Hannold will be going to the meeting on this on April 12 and will bring the details back. Council can vote on this next month.

Steve Shireman asked that if the borough does any work on Furnace Road that we inform him earlier in the process because the sewer main runs under that road.

Mayor Vegso asked if the sewer authority had any intentions of putting the homes on Furnace Road onto the sewer system.

Council member Foreman stated we placed two yield to pedestrian signs at the square and can budget for two more signs for next year.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marietta Placemaking Committee – Council member Sharon Renninger

Council member Renninger was absent from meeting and on behalf of Sharon, Linda Ross spoke that postcards and surveys will be going out. The trail survey will be the first survey to go out and it can be completed on-line or dropped in boxes that will be placed throughout town. They will also have a box that they will be placing in the borough office for completed resident's surveys.

NWRT Committee – Council member Glen Mazis

Council member Mazis stated that he went to a meeting on March 28th and there was a presentation by the National 9/11 Memorial Trail. Trail will connect Washington D.C. to New York City to Shanksville, PA and our trail would be part of the National Memorial Trail. They would like to connect our trail up in Conoy Township to the Conewago Trail. This will take several years to complete. The etiquette signs are moving forward for the trail. During the National Trail Day event there will be several people throughout the trail giving demonstrations. The next meeting is May 2. There is one group that are night time riders and would like to use the trail after dusk. They are a trained and equipped group of serious riders who need a place for rides after work in the winter months. This is going to be discussed to see if the different

municipalities are willing to allow this use.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

President Hannold presented Resolution 2017-04 which shows our support to PSAB's petition to allow our police officers to use radar. Council member Mazis made a motion to pass Resolution 2017-04 with a second by Council member Foreman. Motion carries by voice vote.

President Hannold presented Resolution 2017-05 which shows our support of PSAB's petition to allow the prize limits for small games of chance to increase. Right now the limit is \$35,000. The letter of support would say that they would be able to give out more than \$35,000 in a seven day period. Council member Mazis made a motion to pass Resolution 2017-05 with a second by Council member Kulman. Motion carries by voice vote.

Council member Kulman would like to know if we have any ordinances that deal with residents that have fires so we can get the things cleaned up. President Hannold stated that we have an ordinance on the books that they are not allowed to have garbage laying around. We need to talk to the owner and the borough could offer assistance in getting the garbage hauled away. We can have the police cite them for the trash. The building though is where it gets tricky. Even if we have a property maintenance code in place it is very difficult. When people are actively working it could take well over a year to rebuild.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Officer Kime with Susquehanna Regional Police spoke on being proactive on heroin. He has relatives that are involved with this. It is hard and there is a lot of information and help through The United Way. In 2012 they received a lot of complaints on open drug dealing in Marietta. They actively pursued arrests and then that summer was quiet. Now they are dealing with heroin. They have some dealers that are dealing narcan. The drug task force deals with mid to high level dealers and Marietta Borough does not have mid to high level dealers. We have people that deal at a low level. What they see is the people that are using are also dealing. They are trying to get the dealers. They are trying to be as proactive as they can. The pressure needs to come from the community. It would be great if we could hand out resource books to educate the community.

Judith Kennedy – 264 West Front Street – Wanted clarification on if the officer meant that you need community pressure to arrest. Are those that are arrested go to drug court? Officer Kime's stated that they adopted a new drug court so the officers don't normally have to show up and it has a high impact. This area Judge Albert is a huge advocate for heroin rehabilitation.

Glen Orr – Roadmaster – stated that they cleaned up the river trail and placed picnic tables at the Chestnut Street Park and Decatur Street trail head.

President Hannold closed the 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 9:08 PM.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick
Secretary/Treasurer