

Marietta Borough Council
Minutes of Meeting held May 9, 2017
113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA

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

Sager, Swisher and Company, LLP – Michael Reiner, CPA & Alissa Harrison, CPA – Mr. Reiner gave a detailed outline of the audit report for council. There were no significant audit findings and no misstatements.

Rebecca Denlinger – Presented Council with surveys and a post card that is going to be handed out to visitors on the trail, residents and businesses in Marietta. Everything is moving forward with the place making committee. They have a website set up which is www.ourmarietta.com. On the website are links to the different surveys. They will have volunteers on the trail handing out surveys or people can go onto the website to take the survey. There will also be a collection box in the Borough Office for the surveys. The links on the website will be live this evening. On June 25 they will be holding an event on “Our Marietta” at the Community House. Rebecca presented a check from McCleary’s Pub towards the Our Marietta logo and this can be used towards the match. Also Sharon secured a check from Donegal Mutual to help towards the printing cost of the postcards and this can be used towards the match. Everything is moving forward with this project.

Rae Ann Schatz – 24 Fairview Avenue – Asked to give the background on the project that is happening on Waterford Avenue. Will the sidewalks that are being patched be replaced? She felt that the homeowners should have to replace their sidewalks because this is a beautification project and the sidewalks should be addressed.

President Hannold explained the project on the work that is being completed on Waterford Avenue and addressed that the homeowners were sent letters in regards to the work that is being done and sidewalks will need to be addressed once the project is completed.

Carl Jones – 619 West Market Street – Asked if East Donegal Township is going to be putting in sidewalks when they repave their portion of Waterford Avenue.

President Hannold stated that they are going to repave their road but he would have to speak with East Donegal to the work that they are doing.

Tom Goldsborough – 544 East market Street – Asked if we enforce our ordinances that we have. Take the skateboard ordinance, is it going away? You want to take away an ordinance where his vehicles are getting smashed. The skateboard riders are out of control. Who is the borough representing, the majority or a few people?

President Hannold stated that as we are going through the codification project council had a series of questions to answer, if there are any ordinances that we want to repeal. The skateboard ordinance was one that was referred back to committee. That ordinance only deals with skateboards. There are other riding devices, like hover boards, rip sticks, and scooters. If a new ordinance needs to be developed, do we want to encompass these other things? At this time all the ordinances are in place. Council did decide that the skateboard ordinance will be repealed when the codification project is completed. If he has any issues with skateboards, now he should call the police.

President Hannold closed the public comment session.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

President Hannold stated the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held April 11, 2017 were presented. Council member Foreman made the motion with a second by Council member Kulman to approve the minutes. Glen Mazis asked that on page four there is a correction to the date of the NWRT meeting should be June 27 for the next meeting. Minutes were approved with the correction. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No Announcements.

REPORTS

Fire Police/EMA – Steve Bailey – Reported for the Fire Police that they had a total of eleven (11) calls with thirty-four (34) officers for a total of one-hundred, forty-one and a half (141.5) hours on duty for April. They discussed upcoming events. Their vehicle will be in the Make a Wish convoy for Lancaster County. They will also be on standby for Marietta Day and will be in the Marietta Memorial Day Parade and Maytown's Memorial Day Parade.

Pioneer Fire Company – Brandon Smith – For the month of April they ran nineteen (19) fire calls and eleven (11) QRS calls.

Mayor Vegso asked if any of the volunteers get hurt and if it is reported? Brandon stated that this is reported to the office to be turned into workers compensation. There have not been any injuries since August 2016.

Sewer – Steve Foreman - Report dated April, 2017 the sewer fund has a savings account balance of \$77,852.61 and a checking account balance of \$103,141.74. Council member Foreman made a motion to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Nagle. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Recycling – Steve Foreman – The Borough recycled 28,920 lbs. during April 2017. Council member Foreman made a motion to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Snow. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Treasurer – Sharon Bradnick - The General Fund Monthly Breakdown dated May 9, 2017. The total general fund accounts are \$670,904.05. Council member Foreman made the motion to approve the report as presented with a second by Council member Snow. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Secretary – Sharon Bradnick – announced that they have the profit and loss for the month of April and also the profit and loss from January through April. The receipts are high due to the grant that we received from DCNR in the amount of \$169,024 and \$40,000 from the Eater Foundation and we received the \$100,000 from LCSWMA to be used towards the NWRT. The loan payment will be coming out of the money market account on May 15th in the amount of \$52,940.61 which \$48,545.25 is principal and \$4,395.36 is interest. The loan balance before the payment is \$305,233.64. She also met with Lori Yeich, Michelle Marsh, and Nick Kohr on April 18. We walked the trail and looked at the boundaries and looked to see what needed to be done to extend the trail to the Boat Landing Parking lot. She also met with Nikki Brandt with Murray Insurance on April 24th on our insurance coverage. The overall coverage will increase \$465 which will be a 1% increase. Also the auditors this evening brought up that they do not audit our pension plan and the Auditor General will be coming in on May 16th to audit the pension fund.

Mayor's - Mayor Ray Vegso – He announced that the police meeting minutes are in the back. They still have the uncertainty if Conoy is going to stay in the contract or not. There is still uncertainty on the

specific date when the police chief will depart from his current role. On the request for the support for the drug task force he has said that he prefers that money goes for prevention. He has not been able to find a non-profit that would be helpful to us. His other thought on this would be to have money go to support sports, recreation clubs, Susquehanna Stage, any youth related activities. This might be something to consider.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative – President Bridey Hannold

President Hannold stated that the big news is the draft has arrived for the codification project. She has read the book and there are some small changes that need to be made. Sharon will send out an electronic copy. General Code had a few more questions and Mike Davis our solicitor responded on how to handle those questions. We will look over these and discuss at our next meeting.

Council member Mazis made a motion to accept the audit report with a second by Council member Snow. Motion carries by voice vote.

Council member Mazis made a motion to add the Fire Fighting policy to the Personnel Policy "Appendix E" with a second by Council member Snow. Motion carries by voice vote.

Council member Foreman made a motion to add the Severe Weather policy to Personnel Policy "Appendix F, F1, F2" with a second by Council member Nagle. Motion carries by voice vote.

Council member Foreman made a motion to add the duties to the Secretary/Treasurer's job description with a second by Council member Mazis. Motion carries by voice vote.

Council had a lengthy discussion on adding the duties to the Secretary/Treasurer's job description and paying her to attend these meetings.

Planning/Zoning/Environmental – Council member Glen Mazis

Council member Mazis made a motion to accept the resignation of Pat Shinkosky from the Zoning Hearing Board with a second from Council member Foreman. Motion carries by voice vote.

Council member Mazis announced that there is an opening on the Zoning Hearing Board.

Council member Mazis stated that in everyone's packet is a final draft of the Heritage Plan for everyone's review. The Planning Commission will be voting on it at their meeting this month.

Public Outreach – Council member Leah Nagle

Council member Nagle addressed an event permit that we received for the Donegal Braves Midget Football to use War Memorial Park from August 7 to December 2. She recommends that we approve the application. Council member Nagle made the motion to accept the application with a second by Council member Snow. Motion carries by voice vote.

President Hannold asked where we are at with the newsletter. Leah would like to look into purchasing the software and have it placed on Sharon's computer so going forward it is here in the office or perhaps putting it on a laptop that she would like to purchase for the use of council in the office.

Public Safety – Council member Harold Kulman

Council member Kulman stated he was late and President Hannold lead the meeting.

President Hannold stated that Louis McKinney questioned GPS units directing people up the wrong way on Fairview Avenue. This appears to be a common problem when roads are new or changed because everyone's GPS unit must update their maps. Edit requests were sent out to major GPS companies. They are still working on the tax credit and when she was at the PSAB Conference they stated to just hold off because there are kinks with the procedures.

Council member Kulman stated that after Memorial Day he is going to get together with East Donegal Township, County Park, and West Hempfield to talk more on the traffic on Chickies Rock and the trail traffic.

Council member Kulman presented a handicap application for Mr. Zink that was submitted. He is requesting Council to make a decision on approving the application. Council member Kulman made a motion to approve his application with a second by Council member Mazis. Motion carries by voice vote.

Public Works – Council member Steve Foreman

Council member Foreman stated our engineer is developing the bid package for East Market Street and the Water Company is not going to start their work until July. There are some minor changes for the Waterford Avenue project. Bridey attended the Smart Growth workshop and she encourages Glenn to get more involved and attend workshops and keep his eyes open for opportunities for Marietta. They are obtaining quotes for fog sealing on Pajil, Charles and Essex and this project will be considered for next year.

Mayor Vegso asked if Clay Street was going to be paved and included in the East Market Street project. He suggested that at the end of Clay Street there is a part that sticks out (S-E Corner) and future planning should include removing that part so the street can be widened to make turns easier.

President Hannold stated that this was a road that the Borough was told to keep an eye on and right now it is not in the East Market Street project because of cost. It is going to take all our liquid fuel money to do the work on East Market Street. The water company is going to be doing work and we will keep an eye on this.

Council member Renninger asked if the East Market Street project did the Borough go for a CDBG grant for this project?

President Hannold stated that we did not because we don't know if we are even going to be able to complete the work this year. When you get a CDBG grant the project has to be completed within a certain amount of time. With the water company doing their work we are not sure if we will get the work completed this year and we only had Darrell develop the bid package awhile. Also, the Federal Government is looking to cut the CDBG money.

Council member Foreman made a motion to award the Alley project that the bid came in at \$86,097.45, from Long's paving. This was bid out several times and we only had received one bid. Motion was second by Council member Snow. Motion carries by voice vote.

President Hannold stated that the money to do this project will come from capital reserves or the general fund.

Council member Foreman made a motion to submit the Notice of Intent for the Smart Growth Transportation Program with a second by Council member Nagle. Motion carries by voice vote.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marietta Placemaking Committee – Council member Sharon Renninger

Council member Renninger turned in her letter of resignation from council. She is having some health issues that are zapping her energy and her job has become way more demanding. She has learned that sitting in the decision seat is not easy and you are not always able to do research on everything. She hopes that people that criticize council make an effort to come to the committee meetings. It is the best place to ask questions and to participate. She is very disappointed in the direction that council is going on hiring a borough manager. The borough would benefit from a borough manager with expertise and experience especially in this time of opportunity for growth and economic development. Marietta could benefit economically, constructional, environmentally with a borough manager. There are things that could have been handled better by having a borough manager. These would be the refinancing of the borough loan, better timing on the Waterford Avenue project, some of the sidewalk issues could have been better planned out. The little free libraries on the way it went over with the citizens, also someone with legal experience and engineering. She appreciates the experience for being on council and has gotten to know a lot of people. Some of the good things that council has done and are doing is revision of the zoning ordinance, the flood ordinance, establishing and working on the subdivision and land development ordinance, council taking on codifying the borough code, also council encouraging educational opportunities for council and employees. Better communication tools for the public like our updated website. She applauded Ms. Hannold for all the time and research that she puts in for this job.

President Hannold asked if there was a motion to accept this resignation. No motion was made.

President Hannold stated that this will be put on the agenda next month.

NWRT Committee – Council member Glen Mazis

Council member Mazis stated he had nothing new.

OLD BUSINESS

Council member Mazis stated that we are working on a grant through DCED in the amount of \$400,000 which would cost the borough around \$60,000. Glen made the motion to pass the Resolution 2017-06 to go for the Flood Mitigation Grant through the Commonwealth Financing Authority with a second by Council member Snow. Nay votes from Council member Renninger and Kulman. Motion carries by voice vote 5 to 2.

This grant also ties into the NFWF grant.

NEW BUSINESS

President Hannold stated that at the Safety committee meeting, Steve Bailey came and voiced his concern on West Front Street where it narrows around Council member Renninger's residence. The road narrows down to 27 ½ feet. Would council like to do a study and put no parking signs up in this area to see what happens? They are hesitant in putting up no parking signs because there is limited parking in that area. The area between Church and Mulberry is an inadequate width for two travel lanes and two parking lanes. Council decided to put no parking up on the railroad side of West Front Street between Church and Mulberry to do a study to see if this area needs addressed further.

President Hannold stated that she has read the code book from front to back and she noticed that there was no ordinance that sets the salary for the mayor. She has sent correspondence to the solicitor. He stated to keep digging and if we can't find it we should put one in place before the end of the year. What was found was an ordinance from 1957 for \$200 and then we found an ordinance from 1984 that council is to be paid \$25 per month. We are waiting for recommendations from the solicitor. Anytime you increase or take away pay for the mayor or council it must be done by ordinance.

President Hannold gave a brief summary of her day at the PSAB conference and what she learned.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

President Hannold closed the public comment session.

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 10:00 PM.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick
Secretary/Treasurer