

Marietta Borough Council
Minutes of Meeting held June 13, 2017
113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Glenn Orr – 45 West Fairview Avenue – Glenn passed out his reports on work that is to be done and work that has been completed. The paving on the trail at Decatur Street will stop short of the railroad bridge. The grant does not cover paving the road. He got a price to pave from the bridge out to the asphalt on Decatur Street in the amount of \$3,303.75 for blacktop. This will be for twelve (12) feet wide and 3 inches thick. He would like to make the Cullet Lot a parking lot. He has milling chips that can be used and water will filter through it. If council has anything that the road crew needs to do please go through the office and they will give them a work order.

Carl Jones – 619 West Market Street – The restaurant opened up and there are not any meters out here and why is that? Why do we even have parking meters? This costs the borough money to collect the money and have the police go out to give tickets and there are no businesses in the downtown area.

President Hannold stated that we removed the meters by ordinance in December 2015.

Bill Dalzell – 251 West Market Street – He has been involved with a group called Fair Districts PA, they have been lobbying to get legislation to amend the Pennsylvania Constitution with the goal of ending gerrymandering. He handed out to council information on this. Senate Bill 22 and House Bill 722 would amend the Pennsylvania constitution to assign the process of redrawing the Commonwealth's legislative and congressional districts to an impartial and independent redistricting commission. He would be happy to come back to council and discuss this further.

Linda Ross – 67 Fairview Avenue – She is the spokesperson for "Our Marietta" and on Sunday, June 25th from 1-5 pm people are to come to the event at the Community House. You will be broken down into groups and there will be questions for you to answer. There will be a tour of the town to see what visitors see. Hopefully it will be very constructive and there will be a discussion later.

Dave White – 220 West Front Street – President of Marietta Restoration Associates, he is here to encourage the Borough Council to support the Planning Commission's decision of the stormwater management plan for the Community Meeting House and he appreciates the council's support.

Justin Chimics – 440 East Market Street – He is also at council to support the Marietta Restoration Associates' stormwater management plan.

President Hannold closed the public comment session.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

President Hannold stated the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held May 9, 2017 were presented. Council member Mazis made the motion with a second by Council member Kulman to approve the minutes. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Hannold announced that there is a new area code coming which will be 223 that will start

August 26, 2017. You will need to dial 717 or 223 when dialing your telephone numbers. We are still seeking someone to serve on the Zoning Hearing Board so please consider. The good news came in last night that the Donegal Softball team is going to the state championship. Let's wish them luck.

REPORTS

Fire Police/EMA – Steve Bailey – Steve Bailey was not present, Harold Kulman gave the report. The Fire Police had a total of twenty-one (21) calls for a total of forty-nine hours on duty for the month of May. They discussed upcoming events. Their vehicle was in the Make a Wish convoy for Lancaster County and traveled over sixty-one (61) miles.

Pioneer Fire Company – Brandon Smith – For the month of May they ran eight (8) fire calls and seventeen (17) QRS calls for a total of twenty-five (25) calls. Spent eight (8) hours on training, they had a total of one-hundred, thirty-eight hours on calls and training.

Sewer – Steve Foreman - Report dated May, 2017. The sewer fund has a savings account balance of \$135,417.66 and a checking account balance of \$1,291.36. 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.

Recycling – Steve Foreman – The Borough recycled 31,440 lbs. during May 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 June 13, 2017. The total general fund accounts are \$964,636.76. Council member Mazis made the motion to approve the report as presented with a second by Council member Foreman. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Secretary – Sharon Bradnick – announced that they have the profit and loss for the month of May and also the profit and loss from January through May. The month of May we received \$476,565.36. This was a payment for taxes. If you look at the report from January through May it shows that we received \$1,143,290.72. Expenses were \$578,867.24, and we have net income of \$564,423.48. We don't anticipate much more revenue to come in so this will be for paying bills for the rest of the year.

On June 5th I had Murray Insurance come in and look at our buildings and parks to give us suggestions or anything that they might see that might need repaired. We received an outstanding report. The only thing that they suggested was that in the concession stand there were two missing breakers in the box and we should have blank ones put in to cover the holes and Glenn Orr our roadmaster has already taken care of this.

The Auditor General was in and finished up on the audit on the pension. We need to send back \$4,384.19 because I accidentally put Bill Haldeman on our 2016 AG385 report. This report was for the prior year.

This morning the State was in to audit the Liquid fuels account. Everything went well and it didn't take long because we didn't have any activity in that account last year.

Mayor's - Mayor Ray Vegso – He announced that the police meeting minutes are in the back. The police department has gotten away from the shift rotation which is bad for your health. Congratulations to the community for Marietta Day, Trail Day, Memorial Day Parade, lots of things going on and of course a lot of it involves volunteers and this reflects on the community and we need to thank and support the volunteers. He performed a wedding Sarah Jeffrey and Brian Hurst. There are people that are in this community that have no air conditioning and they are likely older people. The fire company has air conditioning and if this heat continues that possibly these people can go to the fire company for relief. When he got elected he brought up about a sprinkler in the park. If we could just have a hose and water

in the park for the kids to cool off. We should be able to develop a specific way to accomplish that. A waterpark would be great but right now a hose would be fine.

Council member Mazis asked if there was any more discussion on giving to the Drug Task Force.

Mayor Vegso stated that he would like to give to the prevention, but it is up to Council. The Mayor's group participates in sponsoring some Community meetings and almost everyone knows someone that has died from drug overdoses.

Mayor Vegso thanks Sharon Renninger for serving on Borough Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning/Zoning/Environmental – Council member Glen Mazis

Ken Gall – Planning Commission asked Council to make a motion to approve the Land Development plan pending Item 5 which is the filtration test.

President Hannold stated that what has happened is MRA submitted their plans, our engineer reviewed them and there were some comments from the engineer. RGS and MRA have addressed a lot of the comments. The second submission of that plan has come back with the responses from RGS. Our engineer stated that comment 2 has been addressed, but comment 5 still needs to be addressed. These are required documents per the ordinance. MRA is building a parking lot on their property.

Adam Byler – RGS Associates – Adam explained the plan that they are building a parking lot beside the Union Meeting House and putting in ramps at the Union Meeting House. The lower area of the lot will be for overflow parking. ARRO questioned the use but this was an existing use because they came in under the old zoning ordinance. Council addressed several questions on the project in regards to lighting, sidewalks and the parking lot.

Council member Mazis made a motion that Borough Council pass MRA's Land Development Plan for the Union Meeting House and surrounding areas pending comment number 5 being addressed and including the 4 waivers with a second by Council member Snow. Motion carries by voice vote.

Council member Mazis made a motion to authorize the advertisement of the public comment for the period for the Pollution Reduction Program for the MS4 permit with a second by Council member Snow. Motion carries by voice vote.

Council and Mayor had a discussion on the process and procedures that we will need to do to move forward with the Pollution Reduction Program and the cost. Council member Mazis explained that we have certain MS4 plans that have to be drawn up this year by federal mandate, and which projects we end up pursuing will be decided later, with possible funding coming from grants. Public comment and discussion will be coming in the meeting in August.

Council member Mazis made a motion to award the bid for the construction of the boardwalk to Frank Wile in the amount of \$93,000 for the Northwest River Trail pending review of the documents with a second by Council member Snow. Motion carries by voice vote.

Administrative – President Bridey Hannold

President Hannold asked for a motion to accept the resignation of Sharon Renninger. Council member Snow made the motion to accept the resignation with a second by Council member Mazis. Motion carries by voice vote.

President Hannold stated that she had given everyone an amended agreement for the Uniform Construction Code. They are still working on some updates. She read over the agreement and each municipality is to have a representative appointed by their council by motion. Council member Snow made a motion to have Bridey Hannold as our representative for the UCC agreement with a second by Council member Mazis. Motion carries by voice vote.

Council member Mazis made a motion to have Sharon Bradnick as the alternate representative for the UCC agreement with a second by Council member Foreman. Motion carries by voice vote.

President Hannold stated that last month we found two ordinances for compensation for the mayor and council. Mike Davis said we need to clean this up. He said we can send these in and run this through our codification project as long as we adopt it as one ordinance because it will all be advertised when we move to accept it. The Mayor's ordinance will need to be changed to reflect the pay that he is receiving. To change compensation requires a change of the ordinance.

Council member Mazis stated that he does not want Council members to be compensated but would like to have people serve as a public service. He stated the same should be true of the Mayor.

Council member Snow made a motion to repeal the ordinance for compensation to council with a second by Council member Foreman. Motion carries by voice vote with a 4 to 1 vote with the nay from President Hannold.

Council member Snow made a motion to repeal the ordinance for the mayor's salary with a second by Council member Mazis. Motion carries by voice vote with a 4 to 1 vote with the nay from President Hannold.

Council member Kulman inquired about cutting grass and shoveling snow. If he doesn't shovel his snow and we send someone in to shovel his walks it's because the public uses his sidewalks. When you send someone in to cut my grass then he feels that you are in a different legal territory. People have a certain right to privacy. If you have high grass would you want someone to come in and cut your grass?

President Hannold stated that the borough does not want to go on private property and cut grass. That is not the intent. The intent is to give notice to please cut your grass. There are cases in the borough when we do have to mow and it is usually vacant property. The only one that can order the grass to be cut is the mayor. You have to have an ordinance in place to give us the authority to have the grass cut.

Mayor Vegso questioned the codification project and the fines that are established when they are violated. He feels the fines are outrageous raising the fines from \$600 to \$1000 and then imprisonment. He feels that none of these ordinances warrant anyone to spend one day in jail and, this is outrageous. It was explained to the Mayor that the offences had to be summary offences to be enforced by the police and that the actual fine is determined by the judge and these are just upper limits of possible fines.

Council member Snow made a motion to send the codification project to General Code for final publication with a second by Council member Foreman. Motion carries by voice vote.

Public Outreach – Council member Leah Nagle

Council member Nagle was absent from the meeting and Council member Snow presented the Special Event permits.

Council member Snow made a motion to accept the Pig Iron Pedal Special Event pending submission of the insurance with a second by Council member Foreman. Motion carries by voice vote.

Council Snow made a motion to accept the Marietta Garden Tour Special Event with a second by

Council member Mazis. Motion carries by voice vote.

Council member Snow made a motion to accept the Susquehanna Waldorf School Special Event to use War Memorial Park for a picnic with a second by Council member Mazis. Motion carries by voice vote.

Public Safety – Council member Harold Kulman

Council member Kulman stated that we talked about the traffic on Front Street. Possibly making it one way or parking on one side. We talk about the fire company doing fund driving and they would like to do this quarterly. The problem is that the guys get disinterested when they are doing several projects. They talked about the hydrant tax and maybe we can do something with that. They talked about the tax credit but no one is doing anything with that. The fire company did a fund raiser and thirteen (13) people on Front Street gave them money out of how many houses. He thought that maybe we could give them an increase. He is in favor of a fire tax.

Council member Snow stated that we have talked about this before on how to subsidize the fire company. He is in favor of turning the fire company into fire reserves so you're not paying full time and you're able to call out bigger forces.

Council had a discussion to donate to the drug task force and how much to give.

Council member Kulman stated that older people have trouble getting across the street. From the S bend it takes approximately six seconds to get to New Haven Street and he would like to see the borough place a pedestrian sign at New Haven Street.

President Hannold stated that these signs are to be placed in wide reflective, and highly visible cross walks. The costs of the signs are high in price and we will budget for more next year.

Council agreed to add a crosswalk and sign at East Market and New Haven in front of the Borough Office

Mayor Vegso stated that to remind you that we have Liquid Fuels money that can be used for signs.

Council member Kulman stated that they also discussed giving the fire chief money towards his phone bill or putting him on the borough plan, but then he would have two phones. This will be discussed more later.

Public Works – Council member Steve Foreman

Council member Foreman stated that we need to advertise the bid package for East Market Street repaving project now or wait until the fall. The water company has not completed their work yet and this work has been pushed back. Council decided to wait till the fall to bid this out for a spring project.

Council member Foreman stated that we are doing the study on Front Street with the cones to see how the flow of traffic is and do we want to continue the study and place the cones on the other side of the street which would be the north side?

President Hannold stated that she spoke with our engineer and he suggested that we don't turn it to one way, but we need to make it one way or eliminate parking on one side to correct the problem. Every study allows for (90) days.

Mayor Vegso stated that we need to realize how serious this problem is. You could anticipate things but if the fire truck needs to get down there, they are able to. There are other ways to get in and they will be able to get their equipment in. You could also put in a different type of curb which would warrant some

investigation or you could park compact cars only.

Council continued to have a long discussion on how to address the narrowing of Front Street between Church Avenue and Mulberry Avenue.

Council member Snow made a motion to move the parking cones to the North side to continue studying the optimal traffic patterns on Front Street with a second by Council member Foreman. Motion carries with a voice vote of 3 to 2 with the nay being from Council member Kulman and President Hannold.

Council member Foreman stated that they would like to purchase a speed/radar sign and they are approximately \$2,300. Council was all in agreement to purchase the sign.

Council member Foreman stated that we made it through the Smart Growth Transportation Notice of Intent process and now we can submit the application. The application is due by July 13th. Council member Foreman made a motion to submit the application for the Smart Growth Transportation funding with a second by Council member Snow.

President Hannold stated that the project may be phased by adding in Donegal Place. The total project has a cost of \$937,000. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marietta Placemaking Committee –

Mayor Vegso stated that Rebecca Denlinger is to come to the next meeting to give an update.

NWRT Committee – Council member Glen Mazis

Council member Mazis stated the next meeting is June 27th at 7:00 pm. He would also like to bring up to the committee about putting up balusters on the trail at the cross roads so people don't drive on the trail. Concerns from council were that people don't drive over the railroad tracks and if they do, they would then get stuck on the tracks and can't turn around. President Hannold stated that we could not put balusters on the beginning of the cross-overs. Sharon was going to check with the solicitor to get his opinion on the placement of the balusters.

OLD BUSINESS

Council member Foreman made a motion to commit \$40,000 from the fund balance for the 2017 alley project which consists of Lumber Avenue, East Prospect between Locust and Chestnut and Locust Street with a second by Council member Snow. Motion carries by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

President Hannold stated that Glenn Orr spoke about turning Cullet Lot into a parking lot and we need to do some more checking on this. She was just checking to see if council is interested in even pursuing the idea of making this a parking lot.

Mayor Vegso stated that we should not piecemeal and that we should put a plan together for a total project for Front Street to address different issues.

Council does not want to look into it too hard, get some measurements, put a plan or drawing on paper. If it's going to cost a lot of money they will leave it the way it is.

PUBLIC COMMENT

James Sargen – 644 East Front Street - For the love of pete would council please make a motion to donate to the drug task force. Getting drug dealers off the street is the start of drug prevention. Please donate the \$2,500. He's tired of hearing about it for the last four months.

President Hannold closed the public comment session.

Council member Kulman made a motion to give the drug task force \$2500 with a second by Council member Mazis. Motion carries by voice vote with a 4 to 1 vote with a nay from President Hannold.

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion by Council member Mazis with a second by Council member Foreman the meeting adjourned at 10:22 PM.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick
Secretary/Treasurer