

**Marietta Borough Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held September 12, 2017**  
**113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Eric Marsh – 157 West Front Street - He was here tonight along with Freddy States representing Riverbend Development. He described the work that is to be completed at 101-105 West Market Street. Recumbent Cycles will be renting the first floor and apartments are to occupy the second and third floors. They would like council to accept the waiver of the Land Development Plan and submit a Stormwater Management Plan instead with additional requirements as detailed by the Borough Engineer.

Paul Myers – 30 Lumber Avenue – Came to council to thank council for having Lumber Avenue paved, they did a nice job.

Freddy States – 281 West Market Street – He would like to see if there is a way to sit down and discuss items with the zoning officer. He would be glad to pay a fee to help offset costs.

President Hannold stated that there are three (3) ways to get in touch with our zoning officer. We added an extension on the phone system for zoning. You can leave a message if he is not in for him to get back in touch with you. We have also set him up with a zoning email which is [zoning@boroughofmarietta.com](mailto:zoning@boroughofmarietta.com) and he also comes in on Thursday mornings from 9 to 11. Mazis added that he is going to propose to make a motion during zoning part to add a sentence to our policy that we passed last year that makes it clear that the zoning officer is available for questions.

Sharon Renninger – 122 West Front Street – She would like to ask the treasurer what the total cost that we are paying ARRO for zoning purposes.

President Hannold stated that it was around \$1000 last month. Sharon/Treasurer stated that we spent last month \$4,397.32 in engineering work and out of that it was around \$1000. President Hannold stated we will have a separate line item in the budget going forward to separate the zoning officer out.

President Hannold closed the public comment session.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

President Hannold stated the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held August 8, 2017 were presented. Council member Snow made the motion with a second by Council member Mazis to approve the minutes. Mayor Vegso asked that the secretary add the wording health care in front of the word retirement when he was speaking about the police retirement money. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote with the wording health care being added.

President Hannold stated the minutes of the Budget Meeting held on September 7, 2017 were presented. Council member Kulman made the motion with a second by Council member Sargen to approve the minutes. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Hannold stated that there will be a Grand re-opening for the old TNT Building which will be

renamed the Community Care Center (CCC) from 9:00-12:00 Noon on Saturday, September 23, 2017.

President Hannold stated the fire company fund raiser cash blow out is this Saturday, September 16, 2017, dinner is at 6:00 pm. See Brandon, they still have some tickets left.

President Hannold stated that you should write to the PUC in regards to the rate increase that is being proposed by the Columbia Water Company and Sharon will touch base more on this later under her report.

Council member Mazis stated that on October 17<sup>th</sup>, Chris Brown who is a city planner and landscape architect will be doing a walk around Marietta at 5:45 and then doing a presentation at 7:00 at the Planning Commission meeting and has a new approach to municipal planning that is based on creating a place, an environment, and respecting its history and not being overly dictated by a strictly engineering approach.

Council member Snow stated that the Pig Iron Fest will be Sunday, September 24, 2017 from 9:00 – 3:00 pm at the Furnace Road County Park.

## **REPORTS**

**Fire Police/EMA – Steve Bailey** – For the month of August they ran a total of fourteen (14) calls, fifty-nine officers for a total of one-hundred, thirty-nine (139) hours on duty.

He and Sharon went over the EMA Plan to turn into the County and we added one thing to it. This was on how we would handle oil trains.

He was contacted by the National Weather Service to see if he would be an ice watcher again this year and he has been doing this for twenty (20) years now. The National Weather Service will be adding a service which will be called Snow Squall's. This will be white out conditions.

**Pioneer Fire Company – Brandon Smith** – For the month of August they ran eighteen (18) fire calls and thirteen (13) QRS calls for a total of thirty-one (31) calls. They held three (3) separate trainings, they had a total of one-hundred, forty-three (143) hours on calls and training.

**Sewer – Steve Foreman** – Steve Foreman was absent, Council member Snow gave the report dated August, 2017. The sewer fund has a savings account balance of \$141,250.43 and a checking account balance of \$7,600.09. Council member Nagle made a motion to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Mazis. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

**Recycling – Steve Foreman** – Steve Foreman was absent, Council member Snow gave the report that the Borough recycled 35,020 lbs. during August 2017. Council member Snow made a motion to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Nagle. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

**Treasurer – Sharon Bradnick** - The General Fund Monthly Breakdown dated September 12, 2017. The total general fund accounts are \$951,493.61. Council member Mazis made the motion to approve the report as presented with a second by Council member Sargen. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

**Secretary – Sharon Bradnick** – Stated that she gave council their profit and loss report for the year and also for August and asked if there are any questions on this. Also, if you take notice we are in the hole for August. Most of our money has come in for the year and she will be transferring money from the savings account to the checking to cover bills for the rest of the year. Also, the PUC contacted us to use our council chamber to hold public input hearings on Wednesday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm & 6:00 pm. She also needs to borrow a podium from someone to use for this hearing. Council member Kulman stated that he has one that we would be able to use.

**Mayor's - Mayor Ray Vegso** – The police department ran its numbers through for the budget showing a 8% increase but there will be changes within the budget and they will be getting a little bit of money back for the resource officer at the schools and some refunds for health insurance because the officers have been healthy. There were several officers on sick leave and off duty and our income has dropped because everyone is healthy. Our cost for Marietta should be going up around 4%. They have also had some discussions with the Chief in regards to safety issues on Route 441 that the safety committee has concerns with.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Planning/Zoning/Environmental – Council member Glen Mazis**

Council member Mazis made a motion to allow Riverbend Development to proceed with their project at 101-105 West Market Street with the Stormwater Management Plan instead of the SALDO as meeting all the points that were addressed in the letter submitted by ARRO on September 5, 2017 with a second by Council member Snow. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Council member Mazis stated that his committee and the Planning Commission would like to look into the parking requirements in the zoning. The areas that the Borough would like to see developed may have to modify and lessen parking requirements since Marietta is so "built in." He put in everyone's packet information from Lititz Borough and Lancaster City that have recently relaxed parking requirements in their zoning ordinances to allow new businesses to open. This is just to look at to start discussions and to ask the Planning, Zoning Environmental committee and the Planning Commission to prepare proposals for council to consider. Secondly, the zoning ordinance has been in effect for over a year and council needs to move forward with reviewing the ordinance and making some tweaks, and again Mazis asked the Council to have the Planning, Zoning, Environmental committee and Planning Commission review possible amendments to zoning in the next months.

Council member Mazis would like to propose to admin committee and then to Council that the zoning officer policy add a sentence. "The Zoning Officer will be available to answer any questions about zoning issues at any point prior to and in the process of enforcement of zoning regulations, and try to work with residents in planning how to address these issues and make a schedule of proposed steps to meet zoning requirements." We are public servants and should be able to explain regulations to people and help them meet the requirements.

President Hannold asked Council member Mazis if his committee tweaked the zoning permit for the Heritage Plan. Council member Mazis stated that he has those changes and will submit the language to have it placed on the permit.

### **Administrative – President Bridey Hannold**

President Hannold stated that our Pro-tem position was never refilled and she opened the floor for nominations. Council member Snow nominated Council member Mazis. No other nominations were made. Nomination carries.

President Hannold stated that the By Laws and Rules of Order are in your packet to look over; it can be passed next month.

President Hannold stated that there is a list for new council members and mayor packets. These items will be put together for new members. Sharon/Secretary/Treasurer stated that the Zoning Ordinance, the SALDO Ordinance, and the, Marietta Borough Code Book will be passed soon and all these are out on our website for their review, and also in the Council members library in the back room. Why do we need to make them each a paper copy when the resources are available to them? Changes were made to the list that the Secretary will ask members if they want a paper copy of these items. President Hannold

directed the Secretary to use the Assistant Secretary for help in preparing the packets.

Council member Mazis stated that he would like to propose another policy on the conduct of business in the Marietta Borough office that would read: "The staff of the Marietta Borough office shall provide all citizens who request information by phone or in person with any needed explanation to help with understanding the roles and procedures that concern any adoption of ordinances and policies that are governed by the citizens of the borough. We the council recognize that some procedures, rules and technicalities can be confusing and try to serve the public by being as available as possible and help our citizens use these tools as easily as possible to make life in the borough better for all." This will be typed up and brought to council to vote on.

Council member Mazis stated that when they passed the personnel policy some things got by him and in Appendix B under number 3 which says that after two years employment they receive two weeks and then not three weeks' vacation until after seven years of service, before staff used to receive on extra day a year. One day a year does not sound like a lot but when you are working you need that extra day.

President Hannold stated that this can go back to committee if council would like to do that and she has all the documentation from before and she can pull the documents. Council agreed to take this back to committee.

#### **Public Outreach – Council member Leah Nagle**

Council member Nagle stated at her committee meeting that they spoke about having a Facebook page for the borough. It is a good communication tool. She spoke about what they would post. She spoke to David deVity about posting on his Facebook site. She spoke with the office and they prefer to use what we already have in place. The Facebook page would just be a tool that would post items like there is a paving project.

Mayor Vegso stated that Columbia has a website and it just posts things like a meeting is coming up and the website page is very nice. The most important thing is the website. He is skeptical of the Facebook page and once Leah is gone it will fade away.

Council member Nagle stated that we should try it and see how it goes. President Hannold stated that Leah should have her committee work on the polices and get the first couple scheduled posts.

#### **Public Safety – Council member Harold Kulman**

Council member Kulman stated Rebecca Denlinger came to the safety meeting and told them about the trail. She shared some of the results of the survey. She felt one of the biggest concerns was the fire siren and we should find an alternative. The Act 172 was put on hold. He has a meeting coming up with different municipalities in regards to Route 441. They also discussed the Memorandum of Understanding with the fire company and there are some things that they need to iron out on this.

#### **Public Works – Council member Steve Foreman**

Council member Foreman was absent from the meeting and President Hannold stated we need to take action on paying for the North Waterford paving project from the capital reserve account in the amount of \$127,466.35. Motion was made by Council member Snow to pay the balance from the capital reserve account with a second by Council member Mazis. Motion carries.

President Hannold presented Resolution 2017-11 this is sidewalk and curb guidelines that was updated. One of the changes has to address MS4 issues that down spouts can no longer drain through the sidewalk into the streets. If you change your sidewalk or put in down spouts, these would need to be changed that the water runs into the homeowner's property. Bridey will ask Mark on how other municipalities are

dealing with this.

President Hannold stated that she received a request from the Community Bible Church for their TNT building for their celebration and have requested twelve (12) meters be bagged. Council member Mazis made a motion to allow CBC to have twelve (12) meters bagged for their event with a second by Council member Snow. Motion carries.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Marietta Placemaking Committee –**

President Hannold asked about the Marietta Placemaking Committee and updates.

Linda Ross stated that they are looking at the full picture and have a lot of data that they are sorting through and their next meeting will be September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**NWRT Committee – Council member Glen Mazis**

President Hannold stated that Nick with LCSWMA came back and asked about gates and on which side of the tracks they wanted the gates on. Now Nick has come back and asked about putting bollards in instead of gates on the town side so it looks decorative. The Council agreed that decorative bollards would be preferable to gates.

**OLD BUSINESS**

President Hannold asked for a motion to adopt the codification ordinance. Mayor Vegso stated that he will veto this because he does not agree with the excessive fines and jail time. . Mazis then made the motion to adopt the codification ordinance with a second by Council member Snow. Council member Mazis replied to Vegso that the fines are just tools for the judges to have for very difficult cases and that normally the fines they administer are minimal, but that the judges need the discretion. A roll call vote was taken.

Mazis – aye	Nagel – aye	Kulman – nay
Snow – aye	Sargen – aye	Hannold – aye

A 5 to 1 vote, motion passes.

Mayor Vegso stated that he wanted to officially tell us that he vetoes and he will put that in writing.

President Hannold asked for a motion to advertise Ordinance 2017-05 for the tree trimming in the Borough. Council member Nagle made a motion to advertise the Ordinance with a second by Council member Snow. Mayor Vegso recommends that the borough get bids for work that needs done and then bill the homeowner for their portion because this would be more efficient. A roll call vote was taken.

Nagle – aye	Hannold – aye	Sargen – nay
Kulman – nay	Mazis – aye	Snow – aye

A 4 to 2 vote, motion passes.

President Hannold stated that Ray touched base on this earlier in regards to fixing sidewalks. Whenever repairs have to be made or sidewalks constructed, council adopts it by resolution. She is asking for a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-12. Darrell's report is listed and attached to the resolution. The borough is not exempt. We have repairs that need to be done also. Council member Mazis made a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-12 with a second by Council member Nagle. A roll call vote was taken.

Sargen – aye  
Hannold – aye

Kulman – aye  
Nagle – aye

Snow – aye  
Mazis – aye

Motion passes unanimously.

**NEW BUSINESS**

President Hannold handed out the probable cost for the wall in Evans Run. They will look over this and decide how council would like to proceed. In the meantime we will get what the costs will be for permitting and how long this will take.

Council member Nagle would like know how we can get our recycling up in general. If the borough benefits from the recycling we need to look at our trash contract and possibly make changes so landlords allow for their tenants to recycle.

President Hannold stated that she would look into how other municipalities handle this.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Rae Ann Schatz – 24 Fairview Avenue – The ordinance that was discussed earlier on ramps and curbs. On Fairview Avenue there is a ramp that is always underwater when it rains and how can that happen? Also on Fairview Avenue there is stormwater that lies on the road and does not get to the drain. This is not right. If the sidewalk or this person’s driveway ends up with damage from the water getting under the sidewalk or their driveway then they are going to have to fix something that was not their problem. How can this be?

President Hannold stated that she would have our road crew look into a solution for the two moats, one being the one in front of her house and the other one on Fairview Avenue.

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion by Council member Mazis with a second by Council member Snow the meeting adjourned at 9:42 PM.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick  
Secretary/Treasurer