

Marietta Borough Council
Minutes of Meeting held October 10, 2017
113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA

President Hannold with Council members Kulman, Nagle, Sargen, Mazis, Snow, Foreman 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

No public comment.

President Hannold closed the public comment session.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

President Hannold stated the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held September 12, 2017 were presented. Council member Mazis made the motion with a second by Council member Snow to approve the minutes. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Hannold stated the minutes of the Budget Meeting held on October 5, 2017 were presented. Council member Snow made the motion with a second by Council member Mazis to approve the minutes. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements.

REPORTS

Fire Police/EMA – Steve Bailey – For the month of September they ran a total of twenty-five (25) calls, sixty-six officers for a total of one-hundred, ninety-five (195) hours on duty.

They will be holding a Halloween party on October 29 from 2:00 to 5:00 pm at Stanley's trail-side café. They will promote Halloween safety and awareness.

Steve stated that they are in need of members.

Pioneer Fire Company – Brandon Smith – For the month of September they ran sixteen (16) fire calls and twenty-five (25) QRS calls for a total of forty-one (41) calls. They held three (3) separate trainings, they had a total of one-hundred, eighty (180) hours on calls and training.

Sewer – Steve Foreman – Report dated September, 2017. The sewer fund has a savings account balance of \$140,681.29 and a checking account balance of \$11,600.95. 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 – Report that the Borough recycled 26,660 lbs. during September 2017. 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.

Treasurer – Sharon Bradnick - The General Fund Monthly Breakdown dated October 10, 2017. The total general fund accounts are \$879,884.28. Council member Mazis made the motion to approve the report as presented with a second by Council member Kulman. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Vegso stated that we should have around \$630,000 left at the end of the year and this is the point that he has been trying to make that the Borough has money to spend. Sharon tried to explain that we need to hold money for our fund balance policy and at the beginning of the year we do not have the money flow until March. You also need to take out the money that has been committed and assigned.

Council member Mazis stated that the Borough auditor had said that a borough of this size needs at least a 33% reserve in the General Fund and that he thought 40% was ideal for a Borough of Marietta's size. Mazis said that we were just around that figure and that is ideal. Mayor Vegso replied that one shouldn't listen to the auditor.

Secretary – Sharon Bradnick – Stated that she received the MMO money from the state that was \$18,353.01 and this was distributed among the pension funds. Also, the Place Making Committee is holding a meeting on December 10th from 3:00 – 5:00 pm at the fire house and they will be going over the survey results.

Mayor's - Mayor Ray Vegso – The police department's budget was to go up eight (8) percent but they did some finagling and it is going up four (4) percent. Marietta Borough's portion is around 17.3% and most of the costs are related to personnel cost, benefits and insurance.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session for personnel matters.

Entered session at 7:22 pm.

Reconvened the meeting at 8:02 pm.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative – President Bridey Hannold

President Hannold stated so that council is aware of the MMO obligation for 2018 is \$32,390.19. A portion of this is paid by the state.

Planning/Zoning/Environmental – Council member Glen Mazis

Council member Mazis reminded everyone that Chris Brown will be coming to the Planning Commission meeting on October 17th and the walking tour will start at 5:45 and then he will do a presentation at 7:00 pm. Mazis explained that Chris Brown has a different approach to city planning that has less to do with engineer's visions and more to do with preserving a sense of place and history that is a valuable perspective to consider.

His committee along with the Planning Commission will be looking into modifying the parking requirement and putting in a business overlay district. The Borough needs to consider ways of promoting downtown growth while being so "built-in." It has been twelve (12) months since the Zoning Ordinance passed and they want to look at tweaking the zoning ordinance with problems that have been noticed during the year.

Public Outreach – Council member Leah Nagle

Council member Nagle stated she handed out a copy of a newsletter and would like to know council's thoughts. She has four (4) event applications for approval.

1. Candlelight Tour for December 3 at 7:00 pm. Council member Nagle made a motion to accept the application with a second by Council member Snow. Motion carries.
2. Tree Lighting event on November 25th at 5:30 pm. Council member Nagle made a motion to accept the application with a second by Council member Foreman. Motion carries.
3. Plein-aire painting festival on June 23, 2018. Council member Nagle made a motion to accept

the application with a second by Council member Snow. Motion carries. This application will be forwarded to Columbia to the trail committee for approval.

4. Susquehanna Waldorf School Lantern Walk on November 11, 2017 at 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Council member Nagle made the motion to accept the application with a second by Council member Kulman. Motion carries.

President Hannold asked that Leah's committee look into the policies that need to be implemented in having a face book page. There are certain things that need to be in place because of the Right-to-Know laws.

Public Safety – Council member Harold Kulman

Council member Kulman stated that the safety committee spoke on the Route 441 problems. He had a special safety meeting on September 14th with other municipalities in the surrounding area, including the police, along with Lancaster County Parks and Lancaster County Planning Commission. They are going to have a future meeting in regards to their ideas for solutions for Route 441 on October 19th at 7:00 pm.

His committee also went over the Memorandum of Understanding with the firemen. There is some clarification that is needed.

Council member Kulman made a motion to place a gate beside the building at 111 East Market Street so that people are not going down the steps which he feels is unsafe with a second by Council member Mazis. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Public Works – Council member Steve Foreman

Council member Foreman made a motion to advertise for bids to pave East Market Street from Bank Street to Route 441 with a second by Council member Snow. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Council member Foreman made a motion to prepare the permit application and advertise for bids to repair Evan's Run wall with a 60 ft. cast in place repair, with a second by Council member Nagle. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Council member Foreman made a motion to commit \$40,000 from the fund balance for the Evan's Run repair with a second by Council member Nagle. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Council member Foreman made a motion to commit \$6,224.90 from the fund balance for the change order on the 2017 Alley Street Improvement project with a second by Council member Nagle. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Council member Foreman made a motion to pay the 2017 Alley Street Improvement project in the amount of \$48,461.73 from our liquid fuels money with a second by Council member Nagle. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marietta Placemaking Committee –

Council member Nagle stated that they are looking for volunteers to help input the information from the surveys

Council member Sargen stated that the Placemaking meeting that he went to in Columbia was attended by Rebecca Denlinger and she put in a lot of good words for Marietta.

NWRT Committee – Council member Glen Mazis

All the partners were in favor of cameras being installed on the trail and the cost will be investigated further.

OLD BUSINESS

President Hannold asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-05 Trees Overhanging Streets and Sidewalks. Council member Foreman made the motion with a second by Council member Snow. A 5-2 vote. Motion carries. A nay from Council members Kulman and Sargen.

President Hannold asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-11 Sidewalk and Curb Specifications. Council member Foreman made the motion with a second by Council member Nagle. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Hannold asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-13 Marietta Borough Council Rules of Order. Council member Snow made the motion with a second by Council member Sargen. Motion carries with a 6 to 1 vote, with a nay from Council member Nagle.

Mayor Vegso stated that he gave everyone a copy of Robert's Rules of Order regarding the chair's participation in debate and he felt this should be made part of the rules that we are going to operate by.

President Hannold asked for a motion to adopt Resolution 2017-14 establishing Marietta Borough Bylaws. Council member Snow made the motion with a second by Council member Mazis. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Hannold stated that what she needs from council is from our last budget meeting when we spoke about implementing a fire tax. She spoke to the solicitor about it. The reassessment appeals need to be completed and if there is any kind of tax increase for next year it cannot be higher than ten (10) percent. There are a lot of guide lines in place. The fire tax needs to be put in place with an ordinance. The MOU would need to be revised to reflect the tax and reviewed. All of this would accomplish what council wants to do. There are rules on what the fire tax can be used for. We have the responsibility to the tax payers to see that the money is used appropriately. The MOU would need to have the numbers changed and fine-tuned by the solicitor. We were looking at giving the fire company a 1 mil tax, but only raising taxes by 3/4 mil. This will need to be tweaked once we have all the reassessment information. We are going to have to continue these talks. What she needs from the Council members is to send the things to the solicitor for review because in November you would do the advertising and December is when you would do the adopting so everything is in place by January 1st. So is this the avenue that everyone would like to take going with the fire tax? She asked each council member and it was 5 yes's and 2 no's.

NEW BUSINESS

President Hannold handed out a seating reorganization chart that was recommended to her. It is for everyone to look at and bring their input back to council.

Council member Nagle asked where we are at with the codification project. President Hannold stated that it was adopted last month. Mayor Vegso asked if it was adopted per his veto. President Hannold asked the Mayor if he submitted anything to us. The Mayor stated that he submitted an email with his veto. President Hannold stated that the ordinance was sent to him and he needed to return the ordinance to us with why he vetoed it. President Hannold stated that he needed to wait 10 days and submit it at the next meeting along with his reasons on why he was vetoing the ordinance. The Mayor asked that what you are saying is the veto that I made in public in the minutes is not valid? President Hannold stated that this is correct. The Mayor asked the President why she didn't tell him and she stated that it was not her job to tell him. President Hannold asked the Mayor if he was returning the ordinance

tonight. Mayor Vegso stated he was not returning the ordinance and he has made his point.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Brandon Smith – 6 Essex Street – he asked what was going on with Decatur Street with the bridge. Is the fire truck able to get under the bridge now? President Hannold stated that the road crew went up and measured the truck and moved the rocks over and they painted lines on the bridge showing them where they need to keep between the lines. You should not have any problems getting through.

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 9:30 PM.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick
Secretary/Treasurer