

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

President Hannold with Council members Kulman, Nagle, Sargen, Mazis, 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.

**APPOINT NEW COUNCIL MEMBER**

President Hannold stated that we received one letter of interest from Fredrick States. Council member Nagle made a nomination of Fred States for Council with a second by Council member Mazis. No other nominations were made. Nomination carries with a 5 to 1 vote with a nay from President Hannold.

Mayor Vegso swore in Fredrick States and he took his place at the Council table.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Brandon Harter – Russell, Krafft, & Gruber, LLP – Brandon Harter introduced his team Julie Miller and Aaron Marines along with himself. He gave a brief introduction and described the work that each attorney covers. They have extensive experience working closely with municipalities and authorities. They look forward to working with the Borough.

Robert Hallinger – Appel & Yost, LLP – He introduced himself and stated he was filling in for David Cassidy, Jr who had to be at a meeting this evening. He used to work for Barley Snyder. He is very familiar with the attorneys that are all here this evening and we have a good representation and he would say take a good hard look at the price.

Sean Fields – CGA Law Firm – The competition is a good thing and the Borough is well represented this evening. Council needs to decide what the best fit is for council. Before he joined CGA Law firm he was with Pennsylvania School Board Association. He is the solicitor for Wrightsville Borough. He is well equipped to handle Borough issues. His firm is one of the largest firms in Central Pennsylvania and they represent a number of municipalities. Certainly look at price and incidental charges when making a choice and he hopes that council gives their firm an opportunity.

President Hannold stated that she loves to read old meeting minutes and it wasn't long ago that the solicitor was always at the meetings. She believes that having a solicitor at the meeting would benefit this council and future councils. She asked the solicitors present if they would be able to come to our meetings in the future. Each solicitor stated that they would be able to attend future meetings.

Linda Ross – Fairview Avenue – Gave a brief report on the meeting that was held at the Pioneer Fire Company on Sunday for the Marietta Placemaking Committee. Since the meeting they have had hundreds of hits on the OurMarietta.org website. We will need to look at how to drive this thing forward and formalizing all this information into an action plan. Stay tuned.

No other public comments.

President Hannold closed the public comment session.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

President Hannold stated the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held November 14, 2017 were presented. Council member Mazis made the motion with a second by Council member Nagle to approve the minutes. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Hannold stated that we have a few announcements. There is one opening on the Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board, Housing Hearing Board and the Vacancy Chair. Please submit your letter of interest.

Good news, Marietta Borough was awarded the C2P2 DCNR grant in the amount of \$33,000.00. Council has already committed a match for that.

## **REPORTS**

**Fire Police/EMA – Steve Bailey** – For the month of November they ran a total of fourteen (14) calls, thirty-four (34) officers for a total of one-hundred, five (105) hours on duty.

They held their election of officers on 12/11/17 for the next two (2) year term. President is Gene Nagel, Captain Steve Bailey, 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant Ernie Lehman, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant Larry Piersol, and Sargent Doug Hoey.

**Pioneer Fire Company – Brandon Smith** – For the month of November they ran eleven (11) fire calls and fourteen (14) QRS calls for a total of twenty-five (25) calls. They had a total of one-hundred, nine and a half (109.5) hours on calls and training.

**Sewer –Steve Foreman** – Report dated November, 2017. The sewer fund has a savings account balance of \$156,625.92 and a checking account balance of \$113,297.15. 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** – Report that the Borough recycled 58,360 lbs. during November 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 December 12, 2017. The total general fund accounts are \$787,924.03. 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** – Last month council asked me to look into the course of inspecting playground equipment and if there would be a discount on our insurance. There is no discount and the class that Bill has taken gives him a certification that he is certified to inspect the borough's playground equipment. If he would inspect playground equipment for others it would become a liability on the borough and our insurance would go up.

**Mayor's Report - Mayor Ray Vegso** – Mayor presented a proclamation to Steve Bailey for the work that he performs with the Marietta Fire Police and as Emergency Management Coordinator. The police report is in the back and everything is running normal. He would like an executive session at the end of the meeting. The Our Marietta project even though he will be out as the mayor he will continue to try and serve on this committee. They are building momentum to move forward.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

President Hannold stated that we need a motion to adopt the following amendment to the personnel policy: Amend Appendix "B" 4 weeks of vacation earned after 15 years to after 12 years. Council member Mazis made the motion with a second by Council member Foreman. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Hannold stated that we need a motion to amend Article VII section "J" by adding Dental, Vision, short and long term disability insurance benefits. Motion was made by Council member Foremen with a second by Council member Kulman. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Hannold stated that we need a motion to adopt the amended zoning policy adding the mission statement at the beginning. Motion was made by Council member Mazis and a second by Council member Kulman. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Hannold asked if there is a motion to adopt the office policy statement. Sharon read the statement. No motion was made.

President Hannold presented a records request policy for council to review.

President Hannold asked for a motion to move the unused compensated absences to the assigned fund balance. Council member Foreman made the motion with a second by Council member Nagle. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

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

Council member Mazis stated that on the 24<sup>th</sup> of November we had our latest NFWF meeting and we will be presenting to council three projects on our stormwater runoff. It was a great meeting. His committee meeting was short and brief and they discussed looking at ways to tweak the zoning ordinance to allow ways to allow more parking and doing a business overlay. They passed this on to the Planning Commission and they will be taking a look at it next month.

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

Council member Nagle stated that she had a really good meeting. She tried to get into the Marietta Traveler with our newsletter and that didn't work out and so she wants to go back to our original plan where we email it out and put on our borough website. They also spoke about having a place on the server for the mayor and anyone to place documents that they can make changes to and for further council. Leah also presented an exit survey for council to look over. Leah made a motion to accept the exit survey with a second by council member Kulman. A discussion followed about the first two questions on the survey and that they should be removed since they involved Borough staff. Leah withdrew her motion on the table and made a new motion to adopt the Marietta Borough exit survey with questions number one and two removed with a second by Council member Sargen. Motion carries with a 6 to 1 vote the nay being from President Hannold.

President Hannold stated that this is a good example of what council strived to put in place this last year that the committee vets all these questions and then gives council enough time to look through it and think of questions and concerns.

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

Council member Kulman stated that there are attempts to make Route 441 a safer road. They spoke about Route 23 to Chickies Creek. They met with East Donegal, West Hempfield and County Parks. They reached a point to get the Department of Transportation to do something with the roads. To move ahead we need a traffic engineer to do a traffic study. The state will not look at us unless we do a traffic survey of the area. The problem is the cost of this study could run between twenty and thirty thousand dollars. If we could have \$10,000 committed for this program it would help us all move along.

Council member Sargen stated that East Donegal and West Hempfield interest is not as high as ours and they want us to do the heavy lifting. The \$30,000 is to do that corridor from Chickies to the Route 23 red

light. We need to put up or shut up and how serious are we? We have put a lot of time and effort in this. Marietta's portion of the study and planning for the control of the Route 441 and Route 23 red light cost was \$17,000. We just want to study our segment. This effort needs to move forward and is important to Marietta.

Council member Kulman made a motion to commit \$10,000 from our general fund for a traffic study on Rt. 441 to get this project done with a second by Council member Sargen. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

**Public Works – Council member Steve Foreman**

Council member Foreman stated we received our bids for the East Market Street project and Pennsy Supply was the lowest bid. He made the motion to award the bid to Pennsy Supply with a second by Council member Sargen. Motion carries with a 6 to 1 vote with the nay from Council member Nagle.

Mayor Vegso stated that he saw the documents for Furnace Road and that estimate was ten times this. Close to a million dollars to pave Furnace Road and Donegal Place. This is unbelievable.

Council member Mazis stated that he spoke with DCNR and the Lancaster Conservancy to look at how we're applying for this. We aren't taking into account that this is a green area and maybe we can get a more appropriate project to fit that landscape better. One of his plans for the year is for the planning commission to look at putting together a better application.

Council member Foreman stated that he would like to un-commit \$3,000 for the alley project with a second by Council member Nagle. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Marietta Placemaking Committee – James Sargen**

Nothing at this time.

**NWRT Committee – Council member Glen Mazis**

There was no meeting. The trail has the paving finished and the stone along the edge is completed. The bollards were ordered and should be coming in and they will be stored at the pole barn until they can put them in.

**OLD BUSINESS**

President Hannold asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-06 adopting the Fire Tax. Council member Nagle made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-06 adopting the Fire Tax with a second by Council member Kulman. A roll call vote was taken.

Fred States – aye	Leah Nagle – aye	Glen Mazis – aye
Harold Kulman – aye	James Sargen – nay	Steve Foreman – aye
Bridey Hannold – aye		

Motion carries.

President Hannold asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-07 adopting the Sewer classification. Council member Foreman made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2017-07 adopting the Sewer classifications with a second by Council member Sargen A roll call vote was taken.

Leah Nagle – aye  
Steve Foreman – aye  
Glen Mazis – aye

Harold Kulman – aye  
Bridey Hannold – aye

James Sargen – aye  
Fred States – aye

Motion carries.

President Hannold asked for a motion to adopt the 2018 budget. Council member Nagle made the motion with a second by Council member Mazis. Motion carries with a 6 to 1 vote with nay from Council member Sargen.

President Hannold asked for a motion to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with the Pioneer Fire Company. Council member Foreman made the motion with a second by Council member Mazis.

Mayor Vegso stated that the Memorandum of Understanding implies that this agreement is for some unfounded period of time. It should say that it is subject to revision anytime by the two parties involved. Other thing to keep in mind is this council cannot bind the next council.

President Hannold stated that it is like any other agreement. If the parties want to amend it they get together and amend it. They are certainly allowed. This protects both parties. She stated she is going to vote for the MOU, but she just wanted to say that she is disappointed that council did not take the solicitor's wording that was also the recommendation of our auditor as well. It is very important to take what our professionals are saying.

Council member Mazis stated that we did follow their advice we saw their objection. We can never know how much we are going to collect in a year so you can't promise a definite amount of money, but you can prioritize when you do get a certain amount of money in which order that it is going to be allocated. We did follow what the auditor and the lawyer said, but we wanted to make sure that the voter's desire that the truck fund be given priority.

Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Hannold asked for a motion to adopt Ordinance 2018-01 fixing the tax rate for 2018 at 5.9 mils. Council member Mazis made the motion with a second by Council member Kulman. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Hannold asked for a motion to adopt resolution 2017-16 Fee Schedule. Council member Foreman made the motion with a second by Council member Mazis. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Hannold asked for a motion to adopt resolution 2017-17 Modification to the budget. Council member Nagle made the motion with a second by Council member Sargen.

Mayor Vegso asked if council can make modifications to the budget anytime throughout the year. Sharon stated that the new council coming on can open the budget. She also stated that yes you can make adjustments throughout the year but most municipalities make all the adjustments at the end of the year. Sharon went over the adjustments that are being made to the budget that were in the resolution. Mayor Vegso just wanted the new council coming on to know that this is something that we can do.

Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

President Hannold welcomed the new council members and presented them with the council packets

that were made up for each of them.

Each council member went around the table and spoke on the projects that they were working on. President Hannold asked the new council if they had any questions.

Bill Dalzell asked council if there were any goals that you had when you first came on council that you were unable to address. Council member Foreman stated that he wanted to have movie night and not have it cost the tax payers any money, but no one from the community wanted to take lead on this. A lot of communities are asking the government to pay for things, but this is your community to get involved in. Leah Nagle stated getting a borough manager. James Sargen stated that they should not be afraid of challenges, embrace them and there are going to be disappointments and victories. They should be patient and be honest.

Louis McKinney commented that he hopes to have a better relationship and let's bring Marietta back.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Linda Ross – Fairview Avenue – She never noticed the television before and hopefully going forward the new council can use this to put documents up that are being discussed. She commented on Mayor Vegso and all the work that he puts in behind the scenes. He has been a great ambassador to us and people at the state and county know who we are now and it is because of all the effort that Ray has been doing for this Borough.

Carl Jones – West Market Street – Stated that we preach safety so we should live it. During the candlelight tour on the S bend the pavement is raised up and had leaves on it and it was unsafe but no one is doing anything about having them cleaned up. Another thing all he is hearing is computer, computer, computer; he don't have one and on end don't want one. The meeting at the Firehouse no one knew about because he don't have a computer and don't care to have one. Was told that there was a meeting but to him this is just hear say. I hope the new people get these streets cleaned up.

Mayor Vegso stated that he was surprised that the survey asked what the primary is or first way to get information and it showed that most people rely on the Marietta Traveler.

Glenn Orr – 45 West Fairview Avenue – Pleasure working with the council and look forward to working with the new council coming in. Stop by the shop and take a look around and if you have any questions come out to the shop and check us out.

Brandon Smith – Pioneer Fire Company – Thanked the council for all the hard work and feels our relationship with council has improved and looks forward to working with the new council.

President Hannold closed the public comment session.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Council went into an executive session for personnel matters.

Council adjourned at 9:15 pm  
Council re-adjourned at 9:37 pm

President Hannold brought the meeting back to order. They discussed several personnel issues and no vote was taken.

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion by Council member Kulman with a second by Council member Nagle the meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick  
Secretary/Treasurer