

Marietta Borough Council
Minutes of Meeting held February 13, 2018
113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA

President Mazis with Council members Hannold, Shambaugh, McKinney, States, Dalzell, and Solicitor Harter 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 Angelo and Mayor Kulman. The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Freddy States – 281 W. Market Street – There is nothing to report at this time for Riverbend Development but there may be something next month.

Barbara Herr – 143 W. Market Street – She attended the Planning Commission meeting and they are working on a proposal to amend the Marietta Zoning Ordinance to permit certain off-street parking and special provisions for parking across property lines. She noted that when similar changes were made requirements for setbacks and greenways have been added. She wanted to make sure that if Council is proposing this that the provisions are needed like every other section. President Mazis stated that is the proposed changes to the Marietta Zoning Ordinance are being handed out this evening and will not be addressed until next month. Solicitor Harter will compare the proposed revisions to existing setback and greenway requirements.

Jack Rice – 624 W. Market Street – He knows that people raised the taxes and put a fire tax in. Did anyone ever tell us what percentage is the fire tax and was it advertised? Council member Hannold stated that the millage rate was adjusted and then the fire tax was added. The fire tax takes a certain percentage and guarantee's that money for fire protection services. Did the tax rate go up? Yes it did. The ordinance states that .75 mil go to the fire protection services and the rest goes to general services. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) spells out how this money will be distributed.

Carl Jones – 619 W. Market Street – When did this fire tax go into place? Where was it advertised? I thought we needed to vote on this. On Front Street when the river used to come up, we used to take our stove and refrigerator to a place it won't get wet from the flooding. Do we have a plan in place to help out the people on Front Street? President Mazis stated that we have no plan in place and that it is up to the homeowner.

No other comments, President Mazis closed the public comment session.

Council member Hannold called for a point of order requesting clarification on the role of the Council President in the absence of the Mayor. She expressed that she believed when the Mayor is absent for a significant time period, the Council President must act in his or her stead as the Mayor. When the President is acting Mayor, the Vice President would move into the role of acting President and preside over the meeting. Solicitor Harter disagreed expressing that he did not believe the Council President was required to replace the Mayor at a meeting (such as tonight's meeting) when the Mayor does not have to be in attendance. He stated the President may "wear both hats" as long as he doesn't vote on the same subject.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

President Mazis asked for a motion to approve the December council meeting minutes. Council member Hannold motioned to approve the December council meeting minutes with the

change that on page 5, paragraph 5 the word "there" be changed to "their" and the word "advise" be changed to "advice." This was seconded by Council member Shambaugh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the Organization Meeting held on January 2, 2018. Council member Hannold motioned with a second by Council member Dalzell to approve the minutes. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes held on January 9, 2018. Council member Hannold motioned with a second by Council member McKinney to approve the minutes. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis asked for a motion to approve the meeting minutes held on January 30, 2018. Council member Shambaugh motioned with a second by Council member McKinney to approve the minutes. Motion carries with a nay from Council member Hannold.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sharon Bradnick, Secretary/Treasurer let the public know that the Borough received a clock from PSAB as a thank you for our continued business and it was placed in the Council Chamber.

REPORTS

Fire Police/EMA – Steve Bailey – For January they ran twenty-two (22) calls, sixty-one (61) officers for a total of one-hundred, sixteen and a half (116 1/2) hours on duty.

Emergency Management Report he was very busy for the month. In January he made forty-seven (47) trips to the river, took 190 photos, 15 videos, and estimated sixty (60) hours on duty, and estimated one-hundred vehicle miles without leaving the Borough. He attended a meeting with the County on the Hazard Mitigation Plan and this is done every five (5) years. Sharon and he worked on this a few months back and submitted it. In Lancaster County, thirty-six (36) municipalities did not turn in their paperwork. Marietta Borough completed theirs in both 2014 and 2018. He will be attending a future meeting to look over the information and look at the areas of Marietta to be worked on. He wanted to let people know that forty-four (44) feet is action stage and 49 feet is flood stage but we do not see water on Front Street until it is fifty-three (53) feet.

Pioneer Fire Company – Brandon Smith – For January they ran eighteen (18) fire calls and nineteen (19) QRS calls for a total of thirty-seven (37) calls. They had two hundred, thirty-three (233) hours on calls and training.

Pioneer Fire Company Financial Statement – Robert Shambaugh - For the year of 2017, there was a beginning balance of \$2,433.61 in their checking account and the balance as of December 19, 2017, was a balance of \$10,169.23. Council member Hannold stated these statements were for 2017. The Fire Company will be handing these in monthly. They are reports that do not need approved, they are just informing Council.

Sewer –Bridley Hannold – Report dated January 2018. The sewer fund has a savings account balance of \$211,780.41 and a checking account balance of \$10,351.27. Council member Hannold motioned to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Shambaugh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote. Council member Hannold stated that Steve Shireman was appointed as the chairmen and Karen Sullivan was appointed as the

secretary of the MDJSA. They are working on revising their personnel policy.

Recycling –Bridey Hannold – Reported that the Borough recycled 31,100 lbs. during January 2018. Council member Hannold motioned to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote. Attached to the report are other reports that Ronda supplied Council regarding how Marietta is doing in recycling. People recycling will continue to recycle, but we must educate the people that are not recycling. She will personally go around and give out recycle bins to people without them.

Treasurer – Sharon Bradnick - The General Fund Monthly Breakdown dated February 13, 2018. The total general fund accounts are \$664,856.81. Council member Shambaugh motioned to approve the report as presented with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Secretary Bradnick asked that council motion to transfer \$15,000 from the General Fund to the Northwest River trail Account to pay for some bills coming in. This will be a bridge loan until the last payment from DCNR comes in. Council member Dalzell motioned to transfer the \$15,000 with a second by Council member Shambaugh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Secretary – Sharon Bradnick – She had a meeting with GEARS. The summer recreation program will run between June 18 and July 27. Would council like to keep the prices the same? Does council want to allow the summer recreation to be free for borough residents? Council member McKinney stated that he used to work in Parks. If we must continue to finance the program, then we must do that. There is not enough in the borough for the kids to do so the least we can do is to get donations and keep the program running.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative – President Mazis

President Mazis stated there was no meeting.

Planning/Zoning/Environmental – Bill Dalzell

Council member Dalzell briefly summarized each of the proposed modifications to the Marietta Zoning Ordinance proposed by the Planning Commission. First were changes that would allow a property owner to satisfy parking requirements by using a space on an adjacent property she or he also owns. Council member Hannold asked whether the intent was to address required off street parking, or the construction of parking lots? She expressed concern that as written it would apply to parking lots.

The second proposed change creates a requirement and incentive to designate spaces for bicycle parking. Council member Hannold asked if this will be a requirement. Council member Dalzell stated that no this would encourage them to put in bicycle parking and would go towards a credit.

The third proposed change would allow patio and outdoor facilities to extend to an adjacent property with shared ownership. Council member Hannold asked if the Planning Commission has a copy of an ordinance where this is already allowed. She would like to see an example to reference.

Council member Dalzell also noted there is a fourth proposed change still under consideration

by the Planning Commission.

Public Outreach – Louis McKinney

Council member McKinney stated that the children that live on the West side of town must go to the East side to play in any parks. We need a park on the West side. Secretary Bradnick stated that we discussed this and the Borough owns no land on the West side of town to have a park on that side.

Council member McKinney stated that he has six special event permits. The first being the Lions club, Council member Hannold motioned to approve the Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Council member Hannold motioned to approve the Marietta Memorial Day Parade application with the Borough carrying the insurance for that event, with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Council member Hannold motioned to approve the Donegal Braves Football event with a second by Council member Shambaugh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Council member McKinney motioned for the annual Marietta Day event with a second by Council member Shambaugh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Council member McKinney motioned for the Fire Works event with a second by Council member Shambaugh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Council member Hannold motioned for the Donegal Softball Organization permit with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Public Safety – Robert Shambaugh

Nothing to report. The first meeting will be this month.

Public Works – Freddy States

Council member States stated that they held their first meeting this evening and was brought up to date from Glenn on what is in the works. They want to look into renting a street sweeper verse the cost for the road crew manually doing it.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

Marietta Placemaking Committee – No report.

NWRT Committee – Glen Mazis - Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Council member Hannold stated that she was contacted by Lisa Boyd with Lancaster County

Boroughs' Association. She was looking for someone to host the meeting for February and she put her in contact with Council member States. They will be utilizing the Railroad House for the meeting. She brought this up because there are a lot of new Council members here. It is in the Borough and we will be listed as the host borough. These meetings are very important and she wants to make sure that Council members attend so that Marietta is represented.

Secretary Bradnick stated that she contacted Council's Outreach Committee on the newsletter. She did not want to step on any one's toes because Leah did this before while on Council, but it is in her job description to do the newsletter. She contacted the Marietta Traveler to allow us to place a newsletter in it. This quarter is four (4) pages. Not all quarters will have four (4) pages but possibly one page. The committee or anyone on council can ask to have placed in the newsletter going forward. Council member Hannold asked that the \$200,000 sewer grant and \$150,000 Waterford Avenue CDBG grant be added.

President Mazis stated that with the NFWF and the C2P2 grant, these grants follow each other. The grant we are interested in is Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns Grant Program. The part we are interested in is at the end of the NFWF grant they have identified places we can improve the runoff in the Borough. This is to apply for this Conceptual plan to do a couple of things. Furnace Road is hard to get grants for and they feel they can come up with a green plan for this area. We may be able to involve the County in the area and a Conceptual plan for Front Street. LandStudies will not charge us to write the grant if we give them the work if we get the grant. We can use this plan to help us with grants for Furnace Road. The grant is due March 16th. He noted that while Council would ordinarily delay for a month before considering such an option, we need a motion and approval tonight to meet the grant application deadlines. Council member Dalzell motioned to have LandStudies write the grant for Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns, with a second by Council member Shambaugh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Council member Hannold motioned to commit \$15,000 towards the Green Streets, Green Jobs, Green Towns Grant Program with a second by Council member Shambaugh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Council member Dalzell motioned to amend is earlier motion with a cap of \$15,000 in the contract with a second by Council member Hannold. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Shireman – 218 W. Market Street – American Legion asked for naming rights and years ago the money was to go to the MYAA. It was about \$5,000 every five (5) years they put money into the ball fields. He asked about how to get authorization from Council for such projects. Solicitor Harter stated that Council must sign off on it, and they should fill out an events application so Council knows who is doing the work.

Jack Rice – 624 W. Market Street – asked if we are still putting money into the flood control plans. President Mazis stated that we put no money aside this year, but we applied for a \$400,000 flapper value grant and we did not get it. We were encouraged to reapply. We are going to reapply.

William Dalzell – stated at 6:30 pm on Monday, February 19th at the Milanof-Schock Library will be holding an informational session about the gerrymandering.

Brandon Smith – Fire Chief – he wanted to make sure the money from last year was transferred over to the saving account. Secretary Bradnick stated that when she gets the journal entries from the auditor this would be done.

Carl Jones – 619 W. Market Street – In 1996 they took out the storm drain in front of his driveway and since then he has had water in front of his house. So how does he place a storm drain back in front of his house? Council member States indicated he would look into it.

Bridey Hannold – 552 E. Market Street – she has asked the road crew to fix the moat in front of her house and she has filed pictures and complaints and they assure her it will be fixed. Council member States also indicated he would look into this issue.

Seeing no other comments, President Mazis closed the public comment session.

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion by Council member Hannold with a second by Council member McKinney the meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick
Secretary/Treasurer