

Marietta Borough Council
Minutes of Meeting held April 10, 2018
113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA

President Mazis with Council members Angelo, Shambaugh, McKinney, States, Dalzell, Hannold Mayor Kulman and Solicitor Harter 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 HEARING

President Mazis opened the public hearing for the Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Basin F Improvements. This public hearing is for Council to apply for a CDBG Grant. Every time you apply for a CDBG Grant you need to have a public hearing to hear the public's feedback and to inform the public.

Darrell Becker, Engineer with ARRO Consulting, presented a plan and stated that this is the same as several previous sanitary sewer renovations that we applied for. This is Basin F; the cost of the whole project would be approximately \$450,000.00 and we are doing 40% of the project which would be around \$240,000.00. We have pared the project back to do part of Basin F and then complete the rest of Basin F next year. This runs up West Hazel Avenue from Jones Street to Morris Street and part of Decatur Street and West Market Street. The work entails cleaning existing sewer main lines and replacing about 135 linear feet of line that is sagging. They will cut protruding laterals and reinstate existing service laterals. It will include 8" lines and 15" lines. They will also televise existing sewer lines in this area and install lining of the existing sewer main. The application is due on Monday, April 16th.

Carl Jones – West Market Street – These have been done in the past and do you remember which ones have been previously done? Part of the area where he lives has been done. There is a sewer manhole in his yard. They need to check his manhole out in his yard. It was explained that this was a different line, not the sewer.

Ray Vegso – Pine Street – Asked when this work will occur. His concern is when they excavate that they restore the road properly when they are finished. They tend not to compact the areas enough and then we have issues later.

Council member Hannold asked if this is the whole Basin. Darrell responded that it is not it is only around 40%.

No other comments the public hearing was closed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Catherine Tucker – 258 Fairview Avenue – She has two problems. People behind her house in the alley go through her yard. There is stone and junk in the alley and tree limbs that cars avoid by going on her property. Can anything be done with this alley? Also, across the street from her is a pile of brush in the cemetery and it is a habitat for groundhogs. They come across the street and get in her trash.

President Mazis stated that we will look into this.

Charles Shireman - 345 East Market Street – The Memorial Day Parade is coming up and we had

representation of Borough Council last year in the parade and he would like to know if Borough Council will be in the parade this year. Let him know within the week.

Brandon Tennis – 546 East Market Street – Spoke with Council last month with his concerns of the fireworks. He went to East Donegal and received a copy of the permit that was issued. They did not award a permit for the launching of the fireworks on East Donegal property. The launching site is on Marietta Borough property and he is just looking for answers.

Council member Shambaugh stated that he is correct. The fireworks are being launched in Marietta Borough. The only reason a permit was issued by East Donegal Township is because they are concerned about debris landing on their property buildings. He has done research and in all the years that the Borough has been doing the fireworks they have never been required to have a permit from the Borough. There is an application for an event but it is not the same thing as a permit. There was a certificate of liability that was secured. He also checked with ATF and they require that municipalities must obtain a federal explosive permit from ATF for the activity. Schaefer would need to obtain this permit. The Borough needs to check to make sure that all these permits were obtained. The Fire Company and Fire Police over the years doing this event have done an outstanding job. They are stationed throughout town and follow embers to make sure that everyone is safe. In the future if the Borough wants to require a permit, then this is a discussion that the Borough needs to follow up on.

Council member Hannold stated that we have a special event application and the Council is approving the use of our facilities and use of ground. She supports that when this event application is submitted and approved, then a permit is issued. This would have to be established by ordinance. She has drafted an ordinance if council would like to review it.

Steve Bailey – EMA Coordinator – stated that he wanted to expand on the conversation. As far as an event like this, the only time that we would have to adhere to federal emergency management guidelines is if we have ten thousand or more are attending the event. Which we won't have, but when the event is set up, they still use the guidelines.

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

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

President Mazis asked for a motion to approve the March council meeting minutes. Council member Dalzell motioned to approve the March council meeting minutes with a correction on page two, change the word "in" to "of" on the third line. This was seconded by Council member Angelo. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Mazis stated that LCSWMA has organized a spring cleanup on the trail on Sunday, April 22, 2018 at 9:00 AM at the River Front Park.

REPORTS

Fire Police/EMA – Steve Bailey – For March they ran nineteen (19) calls, sixty-three (63) officers for a total of one-hundred, fifty-six and a half (156.5) hours on duty.

Emergency Management Report for March, they monitored the weather reports of incoming spring snow storm and passed the information on to council and emergency personnel.

Pioneer Fire Company – Brandon Smith – For March they ran twenty-one (21) fire calls and seventeen (17) QRS calls for a total of thirty-eight (38) calls. They had three-hundred, seventeen (317) hours on calls and training.

Pioneer Fire Company Financial Statement – Robert Shambaugh – No report given.

Sewer –Bridey Hannold – Report dated March 2018. The sewer fund has a savings account balance of \$167,231.33 and a checking account balance of \$6,565.56. Council member Hannold motioned to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Shambaugh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Recycling –Bridey Hannold – Reported that the Borough recycled 25,160 lbs. during March 2018. Council member Hannold motioned to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Angelo. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Council member Hannold stated that at the last Authority meeting the personnel policy was sent to the solicitor. The engineer submitted his cost for the force main on Front Street and this was approved. The work may be completed this year.

Treasurer – Sharon Bradnick - The General Fund Monthly Breakdown dated April 10, 2018. The total general fund accounts are \$611,579.84. Council member McKinney motioned to approve the report as presented with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Secretary – Sharon Bradnick – Everyone received their profit and loss statements for the month of March. At the end of March, we are still in the hole in the amount of \$38,103.54. Look at the first quarter report and this is showing that we are \$80,832.81 in the rear. Once the tax payments start to come in this will offset this. Lancaster County Redevelopment Authority sent out an application for the Vacant Property Reinvestment Board Property referral form. This is for blighted properties that we would turn over to them. Currently, our housing code ordinance has areas that we can use to send out to homeowners to keep their homes in safe conditions.

Mayor’s Report - Harold Kulman – He took a course in supervision and oversight of municipal police departments in Coatesville. He asked for reimbursement for this class. He gave a brief explanation on what the course covered. He mentioned at the last meeting that Conoy was not going to drop out of the regional police contract. He does not think that they are going to drop out, but they feel that they are paying too much money, and they want \$100,000 decrease. They want Marietta to pick up this cost. We are currently under contract negotiations. The police contract will most likely increase. President Mazis explained that we have been paying our fair share under the contract agreement.

Council member Shambaugh stated that the main issue is that back in 1996 when the merger agreement was made, they decided on how they were going to do cost allocations. They based it on three things; square mileage, number of calls, and population. Conoy’s beef is that they feel Marietta has more police calls than they do. He looked at other police agreements and some do not use police calls. Other township merger agreements base their variables on population, square miles, tax base, medium family income, per capita income. These variables are constant. We need to do what is best for the communities and the police department. We are currently still doing our research. Other townships have offered their help.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative – President Mazis

President Mazis stated that we are looking at the personnel policy and had a lengthy conversation, and would like our solicitor to look at some things in the policy. This is going to take some time.

The C2P2 study committee has been formed. The people that we have at this time are Glen Mazis, Sharon Bradnick, Glenn Orr, Louis McKinney, Rich Kushner, Fritz Schroeder, and Regina Bautista.

Planning/Zoning/Environmental – Bill Dalzell

Council member Dalzell stated that they discussed the rental codes at great length and did not feel that they applied, but since the attorney stated that there is one key provision that does apply, we will go back and look at these again. The parking ordinances were sent to Lancaster County Planning and they are waiting for their feedback. They revisited the discussion on the zoning map in changing the zoning area for Market Central.

Council member Hannold stated that last June she gathered up questions from the old zoning officer, zoning hearing board solicitor, and staff that are possible zoning amendments that need to be reviewed. These were forwarded to the Planning Commission to look over and discuss because there may be some very important things that we may need to do. Planning Commission ignored this list and never discussed any of these items. Amending an ordinance is expensive and we should incorporate all changes to be cost effective. The big cost will be the map because we have several different sizes of it. One thing they may want to correct on the map is that the streets that were vacated are removed. When she looked at the extension that they want to make on the map to expand the Market Central District, they are moving it not only into Market East, but also into the Residential A zone which is a big step. Council needs to be aware of this and look into the changes that this will cause.

President Mazis stated that we want the County's feedback before we discuss it any further and we want to make this area the entrance way into town. Planning Commission does not see that there would be a stampede of commercial ventures in this area. The parking was not changed because of the zoning. The parking was changed because of concerns about residents having access to parking. All of these issues need to be discussed. We do not want to do one or two tweaks. We want to get everything included when we make changes to the zoning. We are not up to making any decisions at this time.

Public Outreach – Louis McKinney

Council member McKinney made a motion for the Historic Marietta Bike Race on July 7th with a second by Council member Shambaugh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Council member McKinney made a motion for the Annual PA Hero Walk/Ride on the trail on June 2nd with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Public Safety – Robert Shambaugh

Council member Shambaugh stated they did not meet this month because he was ill. They did have a meeting on April 3 with PennDot, East Donegal Township Supervisor, Susquehanna Regional Police Chief, West Hempfield Township Supervisor, West Hempfield Township Police Chief, House Representative Hickernell, Mayor, and Laura Ahlskog with Lancaster Planning Traffic Safety. They discussed Route 441 and Furnace Road. There was a study back in September last

year and they gave recommendations and no one followed through on this. The result was to implement a turning lane which would be expanding the road and it would cost \$100,000 which would be charged to Marietta. Idea was to close Furnace Road entrance and use Hazel Avenue, but Hazel Avenue would need to be widened. He did research and he would like to go with Mark Henise with ELA Group to do a traffic study. He asked him to expand his study to Hazel Avenue. It will be less than \$10,000 and this will be Marietta's expense.

Council member Hannold asked if they are going to incorporate Long Lane at all in the study.

Council member Shambaugh stated that the previous study that was done, coming down Chickies is okay as far as sight distance. Council member Shambaugh made a motion to proceed with ELA Group to do the traffic study with a second by Council member Angelo. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Council member Shambaugh stated that it has come to his attention that the Fire Company put in a grant application to the Eater Foundation to receive \$20,000. They did not receive the \$20,000 and only received \$1,000. The MOU states that if the Fire Company cannot make its payments that they can come back and reach out to the Borough. He addressed the letter that the Fire Company received from the Eater Foundation. The Fire Company cannot make the May \$20,000 payment and is reaching out to the Borough. Council member Hannold made a motion to give the Fire Company an advance payment in the amount of \$20,000 and details of the repayment to come, with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Public Works – Freddy States

Council member States stated that they are looking at fixing the fountain at Flanagan Park. April 23 is when East Market Street is going to get paved. They are going to mill and patch South Waterford Avenue. He is going to look at the list of streets and see where we are to move forward. They spoke about the rail trail courtesy signs. They discussed some ideas for Donegal Place. He brought up last month about street sweeping at \$6500 for the year. Council member Angelo would like to know what the cost is for our men to do it and what it is to have someone come in. This will be looked into. They discussed the speed of traffic coming into the Borough on Market Street.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

NWRT Committee – Glen Mazis - Nothing to report.

OLD BUSINESS

President Mazis asked for a motion for Resolution 20-18. Council member Hannold made a motion to approve Resolution 20-18 to apply for the CDBG Grant for Basin F with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis asked for a motion for Resolution 21-18. Council member Dalzell made a motion to adopt Resolution 21-18 authorizing the Flood Mitigation Grant and have Glen Mazis and Sharon be the agents to execute the documents with a second by Council member Hannold. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

President Mazis stated the street signs that we are now replacing have been the object of interest by people who would like to purchase the old signs. Would Council like to sell these signs? Solicitor Harter stated that we need to get fair market value for the signs. One way to do it is to have people submit private bids and advertise that you are taking bids. Council agreed to sell the signs.

Council member Hannold stated that she handed out a sheet of paper that shows the make-up of the Marietta-Donegal Joint Authority. She is saying this because her house is sold and she will be moving to East Donegal Township. She is appointed to the sewer authority for the remainder of this year. There is a member of the sewer authority that does not live in East Donegal but still serves on the authority and she had asked how that can be. She was told that he lives in a municipality where the sewer lines run through so he is still eligible to serve. She would like to continue to fill out her term.

President Mazis stated that we need to appoint a representative to attend the 2018 PSAB Annual Conference. Council member Hannold made a motion to have Glen Mazis be our representative at the PSAB Conference with a second by Council member Angelo. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis stated that everyone needs to go out and check out Marietta Borough's website. We need to have this redesigned. We are getting a price from Steve Ulrich to redesign it for next month. Council member Hannold stated that we don't need a whole new website, that we just may need a new home page.

President Mazis stated that we need a motion to extend a three (3) month extension to MRA for the Land Development Plans for Old Town Hall, Union Meeting House and Parking area. Council member Dalzell made a motion to allow the three (3) month extension with a second by Council member Angelo. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis stated that he would like to reconstitute the Flood Committee which has not met for several years, and stated he would like Bill Dalzell and Jim Sargen as members. Council member Hannold stated that we should keep the mayor on.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Seeing no public 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 Angelo the meeting adjourned at 9:17 PM.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick
Secretary/Treasurer