

Marietta Borough Council
Minutes of Meeting held May 8, 2018
113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA

President Mazis with Council members 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. Absent from the meeting was Council member Angelo. The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sager, Swisher and Company, LLP – Michael Reiner, CPA & Alissa Harrison, CPA – Mr. Reiner gave a detailed outline of the audit report for council. There were no significant audit findings and no misstatements.

Mike Swift – 575 West Hazel Avenue – There is a decline in the roadway at 573 West Hazel Avenue. It puddles up on West Hazel in front of this location. The water runs off of 563 West Market Street and is now causing mosquitos. He would like council to look into having this water laying on West Hazel taken care of.

President Mazis stated that we will look into it and get back to him.

Bev Kreider – 103 West Walnut Street – Bev stated that she was getting water in her basement and she thinks that they disconnected the laterals and maybe this is Mike's problem.

Carl Jones – 619 West Market Street – They have big trucks making right turns on Market Street and cannot make the turn and they are running up over the curbs. When they redid the road in front of his house they took the drain out. He would like the drain put back in front of his house.

Nancy Barton – 19 South Locust Street – She does not like to come to council to complain. She has been having issues with someone setting off fireworks. They are on edge all the time. Is there some kind of course of action they can take? She phoned the police and gave them the address. They stated that they cannot prove that they were launched from that address. The police did not do anything.

Council member Shambaugh stated that he reached out to the police chief and he stated that he turned it over to Lieutenant Hall. He received an email back from Lieutenant Hall that contradicts her story and is very disconcerting. This will be addressed at the next police commission meeting.

Steve Rullo – 4 Charles Drive – No one stops at the stop sign on Charles and Essex Street. He has children and does not want to see anyone get hurt. Also there are potholes on Charles that need to be addressed. Council member States said he was looking into this.

Mike Swift – 575 West Hazel Avenue – He had a problem over the weekend with the police with the people that bought the house on the corner of Decatur Street and West Market. They built a large fire pit and have been burning limbs, branches and the smell is annoying. The police drove away and they are still burning.

Liz Grogan – 573 W. Market Street – They are the people that purchased the property above Mike Swift. They are being harassed by him. They called into the office and spoke with Ronda in regards to the fire ordinance. They were told that the fire pit was in compliance. They are not

trying to start problems.

President Mazis stated that we have both sides of the story and Council member Shambaugh will take it up with the police.

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

President Mazis asked for a motion to accept the audit as presented. Council member Dalzell made a motion to accept the audit with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

President Mazis asked for a motion to approve the April council meeting minutes. Council member Hannold motioned to approve the April council with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Mazis stated that the River fest is Saturday, June 2, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. They are having things on the trail, kayaks on the river and live music at John Wright's restaurant. Also, on the trail will be the PA Hero's Walk and the brochures are in the lobby.

President Mazis stated that in regards to citizens' concerns and complaints, that last meeting the borough decided to resume the borough sweep twice a year and look for various violations, whether it's vehicles, wood piles, or whatever; and, there are many violations and letters that will be going out shortly.

Also, going forward, he is going to quickly report at each month's Council meeting from now on what was done to address people's concerns from last month. People complained about the gates on the trail that they were running into them, and we have painted them yellow. Mrs. Tucker came to complain about the pile of branches in the cemetery and a letter is going out to address it. Also the alley behind her house there are trees that need addressed and a letter is going out to those people. People complained about Furnace Road. In the long term we are applying for a grant to address Furnace Road, but in the meantime the men have gone down and done some milling work on Furnace Road.

REPORTS

Fire Police/EMA – Steve Bailey – For April they ran seventeen (17) calls, forty-six (46) officers for a total of one-hundred, sixty (160) hours on duty.

Emergency Management Report for April, during the recent theft of explosives from a construction site they were called to provide security at the scene while ATF agents recovered the items.

Pioneer Fire Company – Brandon Smith – For April they ran sixteen (16) fire calls and seventeen (17) QRS calls for a total of thirty-three (33) calls. They had two-hundred, twenty-four (224) hours on calls and training.

Pioneer Fire Company Financial Statement – Robert Shambaugh – Report dated April 2018. The fire company had a balance of \$8,876.32.

Sewer –Bridey Hannold – Report dated April 2018. The sewer fund has a savings account balance of \$226,110.72 and a checking account balance of \$13,793.46. Council member Hannold motioned to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Recycling –Bridey Hannold – Reported that the Borough recycled 27,380 lbs. during April 2018. Council member Hannold motioned to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Council member Hannold stated that at the last Authority meeting the personnel policy was passed and there is already one change in the works to it. They are putting the bid package together for the force main on Front Street.

Treasurer – Sharon Bradnick - The General Fund Monthly Breakdown dated May 8, 2018. The total general fund accounts are \$766,591.81. Council member Hannold 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 April. At the end of April, we show that we have \$87,582.64 to the good. She received an email from Lancaster County Tax office and a payment should be coming in for April. She reached out to Murray Securus to shop our insurance. We try to do this every three years to make sure everything is competitive. They had nine different companies look at pricing it, but the others declined for different reasons: some declined because we were too small or they could not compete with Selective's prices. We are staying with Selective and we will have a 1% increase. That being said, the SWIF portion of the insurance is increasing at a rate of 6% which is through the state and has nothing to do with the other portion of the insurance.

Sharon stated that on April 30th she went to a meeting that was called "Thinking Beyond Boundaries" that addressed long range planning for the county. This was held at the Lancaster Bar Association. There were several municipalities presented along with attorneys and planners. They spoke on reaching out beyond our municipality for services so that we can remain sustainable. Examples are our regional police departments and regional fire companies. You want to make sure when you set up being regional with others that you have everything worked out in the documents so that if it does not work out there is a way to exit the agreement without undue problems. It was a very interesting meeting and she enjoyed it.

Mayor's Report - Harold Kulman – Mayor Kulman presented the Marietta Pioneer Fire Company No. 1 with an EMS Week Proclamation recognizing their organization as providing EMS services to Marietta Borough.

Mayor Kulman stated that they had a meeting at the Theater and the Eater Foundation presented the stage company with a check in the amount of \$500,000 to give the stage company the opportunity to update the theater and make it an operating theater. There will also be other community functions and entertainments at the theater.

Mayor Kulman would like to go to the State Mayor's Association and the price is \$225.00. Council member States made a motion to pay for the State Mayor's Association fee with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Mayor Kulman asked if the Council would accept the percentages of payments for the

Susquehanna Regional Police; Conoy, 22.50%, East Donegal Township, 58.50% and Marietta Borough, 19.00% of the cost. He is looking for council to turn these numbers down.

President Mazis stated that going to meetings he does not agree with these figures. They cannot be negotiated on such an arbitrary basis, but must rather be calculated according to a fair formula that is backed by logical reasons. These numbers are unacceptable right now, and further negotiation will figure out percentages according to the formula in the merger agreement.

There was a lengthy discussion by council on the percentage formula and how the percentages were figured.

Council unanimously agreed to not accept the percentages as stated so far.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative – President Mazis

President Mazis stated that the auditors were at the Administrative meeting and went over the audit which took up most of the time. Council member Shambaugh asked the auditors if we could hire a borough manager and what would that do for the budget and Mike Rineer stated that the Borough would not be able to afford it without a major tax hike. Then, President Mazis asked Mr. Rineer if the amount that we have in the general fund is about right for a borough this size. Mr. Rineer replied that he thought it was right in the correct range for a Borough of our size. The committee also discussed the personnel policy and referred it to the attorney for the comments of the partner who specializes in labor law.

Planning/Zoning/Environmental – Bill Dalzell

Council member Dalzell stated they discussed the housing standards that they looked at last month. They are going to look into the cost of the stormwater management and SALDO. The bulk of the meeting was discussing creating a street tree committee in the borough.

President Mazis stated that Lancaster County Planning looked over our various proposals for off-site parking, bicycle parking, patio facilities, parking reduction and they were very supportive and passed everything. He read from their letter commending the Borough for taking these actions that would help further the county plan and the direction the County Planning commission is hoping to see the municipalities take. We need to go back to the Planning Commission now and look at Council member Hannold's suggestions for editing and make all the tweaks and corrections so we can advertise everything at one time.

Public Outreach – Louis McKinney

Council member McKinney presented an event permit for Chickies Challenge for August 11th. Council member Hannold made a motion to accept the event application for Chickies Challenge conditional on them submitting their insurance with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Council member McKinney presented an event application for United Zion Church of Christ for June 9 for a music concert. Council member Hannold made a motion to accept the Zion Music Concert on condition that they submit their insurance requirements, with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Public Safety – Robert Shambaugh

Council member Shambaugh went over his public safety meeting from April 26th. They would like to work on an ordinance to provide for the permitting of special events. This would formalize the process.

Public Works – Freddy States

Council member States stated that our road crew went down and done some work on Furnace Road. East Market and Roberts alley was completed. Seventy-five percent of Marietta could be repaved. We are putting together a list of priorities and will be working on it. East Petersburg has a street sweeper they charge \$90.00 an hour, which is very reasonable compared to other options. The solicitor asked to see the agreement before we sign it. Council agreed to have the street sweeping done under contracted services.

Council member States stated that we need to put the oil and chip out for bid for Charles, Essex, and Pajil. Council member States made a motion to put Charles, Essex from Decatur Street west and Pajil out for bid with a second by Council member Shambaugh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Council member States stated that he would like to purchase a new skid loader. Purchasing a new skid loader would allow us to do more work like milling. It would save us time and money. The new skid loader would cost us \$26,912.00. The original price is over \$62,000 but after discounts of 35% and receiving \$14,000 for a trade in of our old skid loader. Council member States made a motion to purchase the skid loader from Messick's with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries with a nay from Council member Hannold. President Mazis and Treasure Bradnick also agreed they would check further into other prices of skid loaders, but if it did indeed work out to the lowest price available compared to other vendors, they would go ahead with signing the contract, so we could plan for the streets to be cleaned.

Council member States made a motion to pay \$26,912.30 from the capital reserve account for the payment of the skid loader with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries with a nay from Council member Hannold.

Council member States stated that he is going to take another month to look at the windows in the Borough hall.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

NWRT Committee – Glen Mazis – The Northwest Rivertrail Committee discussed Marietta for over an hour at their meeting. There is an open painting day at the beginning of the trail to paint a mural on the walls. There is going to be a kiosk for climbers at the base of Chickies Rock to educate people about how to climb safely and what equipment is needed. Our resident, Stacey VonStein is going to organize a cleanup for the trail in the fall. Conoy finished their two stream crossings. If anyone can come up with any Eagle Scout project for the trail to let them know, they are desperately looking for projects. There have been so many complaints for not having a sign at Bank Street to guide people to the trail, and Secretary Bradnick explained that signage might be available that she was going to look into.

Council member Dalzell made a motion to paint the bicycle stencil on the downtown trail route

with a second by Council member Shambaugh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote. This will alert cars to share the road with bikes and also bikes to know they must obey the rules of the road.

Council President Mazis stated that the signs on Route 441 that states trail this way and then does not guide them any further. Council member Hannold stated that the signs are there but you may want to look into larger signs. They are also looking into a better procedure for when large events want to use the trail that will be more centralized than needing each municipality to have their own procedures and forms.

OLD BUSINESS

President Mazis stated that the Flood Committee met and came up with a whole series of questions to ask the Department of Community and Economic Development. He spoke with them and was notified that last year's application had received very high rankings for the evaluation of the project itself. There is a second stage that goes to the Commonwealth Financing Authority that is made up of legislative members. We need to get letters of political support for that part of the process and should have a good chance at the grant.

President Mazis stated that they are looking in the sewer authority representative if Council member Hannold can continue to serve as Marietta Borough's representative.

President Mazis stated that he spoke with Steve Ulrich in regards to the website. Steve is willing to do the work for much less money that is normally charged for a website. Using a template, his own work and that of an intern, he would be able to do it for around \$1000 or a little more compared to \$5,000-15,000 most vendors would charge. He sent a sample of a template for a website for all of council to look at. This will be discussed next month.

NEW BUSINESS

President Mazis stated that we are coming up with strategies to meet with the Railroad and offer to close any crossings. This was referred to the Planning, Zoning and Environmental committee to be discussed.

President Mazis stated that we need to look into placing surveillance cameras at Decatur Street parking lot. This was referred to the Public Works committee to be discussed.

President Mazis stated that we would like to hold a trail dedication and get it set up for July and notify our public officials. This was referred to the Public Outreach committee.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Swift – 575 West Hazel Avenue – He would like to know what is going on with the trail parking lot. Will there be screening from the property to the other lots? He would like to be informed when things are happening down in his area. Council member Hannold stated that we have our ordinance and the Borough needs to follow it as well and provide screening.

Seeing no other 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 McKinney the meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick
Secretary/Treasurer