

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

President Mazis with Council members Shambaugh, McKinney, States, Dalzell, Marsh, Angelo, Mayor Kulman and Solicitor Harter present called the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Marietta Borough Council to order at 7:03 PM. The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Ross stated that from the Susquehanna Riverlands grant the Our Marietta has formed a committee to bring information of updated activities that are going on in the borough to the public by coming to the council meetings. From now on as part of the "Public Comment" session, Our Marietta will request a "Marietta Moment" and one organization active in the Borough will report on its activities. The first to present is Ann Smedley.

Ann Smedley stated that "Our Marietta is working towards the improvement of our town and are represented by the Lions Club, Community House, Marietta Area Business Association, Planning Commission, Susquehanna Stage Company, Marietta Fireworks, Marietta Restoration Association and other concerned citizens. One group each month will come to Council to show-case upcoming events. The Lions Club will be hanging the Christmas lights this Saturday and also lighting the Christmas tree. Santa Claus will be coming to town on November 24th.

President Mazis closed public comment at 7:10 PM

President Mazis opened the regularly scheduled meeting.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

President Mazis asked for a motion to approve the October council meeting minutes. Council member Shambaugh made a motion to approve the October council minutes with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Mazis stated the Lancaster County Magazine named the Northwest Lancaster County River Trail as the best biking, hiking, jogging trail in Lancaster County.

President Mazis stated that we are working on the safety policy for sidewalks and hope to have it completed in the near future.

President Mazis stated that the Borough's signs are up on the trail and we are waiting for the MABA signs to be put up, but they are almost ready. They should be up by the end of the month.

President Mazis stated that we had a park grant meeting and we are still gathering information on possible park improvements and assets, and should have public meetings soon to present to the citizens possible park projects. The Green Streets Grant we are just getting started on and are about to have the initial meeting to form a committee and get started on designing a plan for Furnace Road and Front Street and the trail area that traverses those streets.

REPORTS

Fire Police/EMA – Steve Bailey – For October they ran twenty-three (23) calls, sixty (60) officers for a total of one hundred thirty-seven (137) hours on duty. On trick or treat night they placed traffic cones on Market Street and drivers did slow down. This may work to put out traffic cones when we have a major event going on in the Borough. They had a report of a raccoon that was chasing people on the trail. Later that evening it also attacked a resident in their backyard patio. He kept County in the loop on what was happening with the raccoon. There were two different searches conducted for the raccoon, but it was not apprehended.

Pioneer Fire Company – Michael Emig – For October they ran thirteen (13) QRS calls and nineteen (19) fire calls for a total of thirty-two (32) calls. They had one-hundred, seventy-three (173) hours on calls and training. The first three Saturday's in December the fire company will be taking Santa Claus around town starting at 6:00 pm.

Pioneer Fire Company Financial Statement – Robert Shambaugh – Report dated October 23, 2018. The fire company had a balance of \$22,714.60.

Sewer –Freddy States – Report dated October 2018. The sewer fund has a savings account balance of \$265,443.38 and a checking account balance of \$10,777.50. Council member Shambaugh motioned to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Angelo. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Recycling –Freddy States – Reported that the Borough recycled 20,920 lbs. during October 2018. Council member Shambaugh motioned to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote. President Mazis noted that since the stricter restrictions have been put in place for what can be recycled, there has been a significant drop in recycled materials, which will have a cost to the Borough.

Treasurer – Sharon Bradnick - The General Fund Monthly Breakdown dated November 13, 2018. The total general fund accounts are \$840,628.88. Council member Shambaugh motioned to approve the report as presented with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Secretary – Sharon Bradnick – Everyone received their profit and loss statements for the month of October. At the end of October, we show that we have a loss of \$61,059.53 for the month. January through October we show income of \$133,864.59.

Mayor's Report - Harold Kulman – Mayor Kulman attended the veteran's ceremony and it was very nice. The community house is selling bricks; you can have your name placed in it and these bricks are being used in the walkway. The Ambulance Association reached out to him and would like a donation from the Borough. All of the ambulance services are having budgetary problems, especially due to the drug epidemic where they run calls and are not paid for services. To help them not go bankrupt, the Borough will look into this and work this into our budget for 2020.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session for personnel matters.
Entered session at 7:38 pm.
Reconvened the meeting at 7:56 pm.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative – President Mazis

President Mazis stated that the administrative committee would like to propose hiring Kevin Hertzog as our zoning officer. As chair of the administrative committee, Mazis made the motion to hire Kevin as our zoning officer starting after we appoint him at our January council meeting with a second by council member Angelo. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote. President Mazis mentioned that Hertzog came highly recommended, has eight years of experience as Zoning Officer and will cost less than half of the hourly rate of the current zoning officer (supplied by ARRO), and will require less hours to do the job. He is also available to meet during an evening with residents who need his advice.

President Mazis stated that the administrative committee would like to give the staff a 2% raise except for Bill Haldeman and they would like to take him up to \$18.25, as he turned down a comparable offer from another Township to stay with us. This is a recommendation from the administrative committee with a second by Council member Marsh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote. This comes effective January 1, 2019.

President Mazis stated that we were waiting on rates from Blue Cross in order to decide on our insurance carrier, because Aetna dropped us. They came in higher, so he asked for a motion to accept Highmark as our insurance carrier. Council member Angelo made the motion to have Highmark as our insurance carrier with a second by Council member Marsh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis stated that the present fee schedule you have in your packet is a draft fee schedule for council to look over and will revisit this next month.

Planning/Zoning/Environmental – Bill Dalzell

Council member Dalzell stated the committee will be reviewing the Borough's zoning ordinance over the next several months. They also discussed the possibility of street tree commission and reviewed Columbia's street tree ordinance with using that as a preliminary guide. They also looked into having a double yellow line down Market Street and they found that this would increase the speed of drivers as presented in several scientific studies supplied by Ken Gall. Since this is the opposite effect that was desired, the idea was rejected.

Public Outreach – Louis McKinney

Council member McKinney stated they opened with a moment of silence for the victims of the mass shootings in California. They also discussed recent incidents of vehicles passing school buses. They need to still work on better communications between the borough and our residents. He would like to see Marietta events placed in the Where and When magazine.

President Mazis stated that his committee should check into the Ambulance Association on what we can do to help them and help with the drug problem. It is important to join the intercommunity committee to look into the drug problem locally.

Public Safety – Robert Shambaugh

Council member Shambaugh stated that they discussed the rabid raccoon on the trail. They also discussed bicycle accidents in the borough. Officer Sosnoski commented that the number one cause of bicycle accidents is bikes running into opened parked car doors. They also

discussed making East Front Street from one-way to two-way. Route 23 bridge is open now and the engineers will start the traffic study up again, and the anticipated finish time is November.

Public Works – Freddy States

Council member States stated that one of the main things that got accomplished was having East Petersburg come in and they got the drain boxes cleaned out in lieu of sweeping. On East Front Street they repaired two drain boxes. They had a sink hole on West Market on a property and it was our storm drain. It was dug up and the pipe was repaired. The bottom of Evans Run the pipe came apart and this was repaired. The sewer repair and clean out project for Basin F will start December 3rd. They talked about the project at 421 W. Market Street and if they would be willing to repave Bridge Street as part of that project. Ken Gall brought to our attention was a lot of studies on double yellow lines that creates speeding, and instead suggested that we paint the parking spaces and put a "T" on the end of the line that comes out a little further to slow traffic down. He would like to stencil "Slow" going into the "S" bend and coming out of the "S" bend.

Council member States make a motion to stencil "slow" coming into and going through the "S" bend with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY – Bridey Hannold – They are still waiting on the permits for the replacement of the force main sewer line.

NWRT Committee – Glen Mazis – Nothing new to report.

C2P2 Committee – Glen Mazis – Nothing new to report, other than the monthly meeting that this time inventoried activities that have been held in the parks and projected future possibilities for expanded activities.

OLD BUSINESS

Council member Dalzell made a motion to advertise fixing the tax rate for 2019 at 5.9 mils with a second by Council member Shambaugh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote. This would maintain the current tax rate noted President Mazis

Council member Dalzell made a motion to advertise the 2019 proposed budget with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis stated that we did some research in regard to tree removal when asking residents to put in sidewalks, and that a previous Council set this precedent, and he would like to have Council reconsider reimbursing Steve Foreman for his \$720 for removing his tree to place a new sidewalk on his property as requested by the Borough. Council member Dalzell made a motion to reimburse Steve for the \$720 with a second by Council member McKinney. This would only be for people that do not have sidewalks and the borough is asking them to install a sidewalk. This is not for people that already have an existing sidewalk that needs repaired. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Council received a letter from Fred Gabriel asking to be reappointed for the Zoning Hearing Board. He would need to be reappointed next month for the early January Zoning Hearing

Board meeting, so take the time to look over his application.

Mayor Kulman asked for guidance on the agreement between the Susquehanna Regional Police and the Susquehanna Regional Police Commission. They would like to make a change that was presented to the attorney to look at and he asked whether we are in agreement. Solicitor Harter stated that the changes they are proposing are relatively minor. They are asking to add a term agreement until the end of December 31, 2019 in respect to the merger agreement among the municipalities while they are considering whether any revisions are needed. Council was in agreement that they are comfortable with the language as proposed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Ross – Fairview Avenue – if you have a tree taken down, we should have a provision to replace with another.

Rae Ann Schatz – 24 Fairview Avenue – she feels that council needs to make sure that the tree is in the way of the sidewalk that needs to be put in before you pay for a tree. It was explained again that this provision only applies when the Borough requires a resident to add a new sidewalk and the tree is preventing this.

President Mazis closed the public comment session.

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion by Council member Shambaugh with a second by Council member Angelo the meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick
Secretary/Treasurer