

Marietta Borough Council
Minutes of Meeting held May 14, 2019
113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA

President Mazis with Council members States, Marsh, Dalzell, McKinney, Shambaugh, 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. President Mazis stated that we went over budget by \$5,660 due to extra payment on medical insurance payments taken from Aetna in December when we switched insurance carriers and the new carrier wanted the payment at the end of the month instead of the beginning, necessitating an unexpected extra payment in December.

Bill Gianarras – ARRO Consulting, Inc. – Bill stated that the new MS4 requirements for the new permit went into effect May 15, 2018 through May 15, 2023. The annual report period is from July 30, 2018 to July 30, 2019. This was submitted 30 days before the due date. The 2019 reporting period is due by August. ARRO has not been notified about any issues.

David Haneman – Rivertowns - He was asked to come and give a brief description on what Rivertowns is doing. They were established in 2002 and is a 501(3)(c) organization. Rivertowns includes Wrightsville, Columbia, and Marietta. They restored the Musselman Vesta Building. They also did the lights on the Wrightsville Bridge. Both of these projects received preservation awards. On Marietta Day, you may have noticed a display from honor students from Elizabethtown College that did research on the history of businesses and homes in Marietta. They will be coming back next year to continue doing historical research. They give walking tours of the Vesta Furnace ruins. They are working on historic panels for people's homes and businesses. If anyone is interested in these panels they need to contact him or Linda Ross.

Phyllis Stellfox – 270 West Front Street – Thanked the public works department for the street sweeping that was done. She also thanked Council for holding the public meeting on April 23 that allowed them to meet the consulting team on the Green Streets and Parks grants. She was wondering if there was any outcome from this meeting. She hopes that Council comes up with some way to recognize the students from Elizabethtown College for their hard work and research they done in Marietta.

Oliver Overlander – 450 East Front Street – He asked Freddy States what his take was from the meeting held on April 23. Freddy stated that his take is that the bike lane does not fit. We need to share the road because it is not wide enough. The green streets and the trees can still be done without making a giant change. He believes the ladies listened and heard what everyone was saying. States stated that the fourth “bump out” option had the most backing from citizens. Oliver asked if they accepted the bid for the sewer work that is going to be done. This has not been voted on by the Sewer Authority yet. Also, the Borough is going for a flapper valve grant. President Mazis stated that yes; this is the third time that we are going for the grant. Oliver stated that this would be a good thing to get. If we had this we probably won't have had the damage from the 2011 flood. Oliver felt that the governor came to town and is promising money that he will not get from “Restore PA”, since it won't be passed. President Mazis stated that he had a long discussion with the Governor about the grant and the steps that could be taken to alleviate

flooding in Marietta. Yes, the governor had his agenda, but we also have our agenda and hopefully the governor will go back and let his people know that this is a good project. President Mazis also stated that the most popular input from the April 23 meeting was that we can still have the bump outs and the trees on the resident's side of the street, but not radically reconfigure the road.

Jack Rice – 624 W. Market Street – He asked if anyone has driven the alleys and have taken notice to all the brush in people's yard. Is the Borough going to have a place to take the brush? Council member States stated that you can take them every 2nd Saturday to 254 Blue Lane from 8:00 AM to 12:00 Noon. This is in Columbia and everyone can take their brush there. The Borough is not having anything when there are places close by that people can take their brush.

President Mazis closed public comment.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

President Mazis asked for a motion to approve the April council meeting minutes. Council member Dalzell made a motion to approve the April council minutes with a second by Council member Marsh. Council member Dalzell stated that we need to add the word "has" on page 4 under the Safety Committee portion, last sentence. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote with the correction to be made.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Mazis stated that it was a good meeting on April 23 and would like to thank the citizens that showed up. The Chesapeake Bay Foundation director was very impressed that we had about 100 citizens show up. Her last words were "to keep the grants coming". The governor's visit was on April 17 and was very successful. This allowed him to hear about our needs and also having him hear about our grant proposal. Mazis agrees with the previous speakers that he probably won't get his funding for his Restore PA program. If he does, he acknowledged the need for a pumping station and the gates on the underpasses and would be open to using funds for that. He seemed to be sympathetic to our needs. It was also a very successful Marietta Day Mazis and he thanked everyone involved with that. The Zoning Hearing Board on May 7 did not grant the variances to the Lancaster Redevelopment Authority project for the pocket park, parking lot and rain garden.

REPORTS

Fire Police/EMA – Steve Bailey – Steve was not present. Sharon Bradnick read the report. For April they ran eight (8) calls, twenty-nine (29) officers for a total of eighty and a half (80.5) hours on duty. In April Steve had training at the County in finding long term housing for people after disasters and homeless people. On May 15 he will be meeting with the County to discuss the Borough EMA plan. May 16 he will be attending a radio expo at the County training center.

Pioneer Fire Company – Bryan Smith – For April they ran sixteen (9) QRS calls and fifteen (15) fire calls for a total of twenty-four (24) calls. They are holding a chicken BBQ on Saturday. Wayne Bridgham introduced himself as the new president of the Fire Company. He also would like to let Council know that the Fire Company is in support of allowing the Borough employees to respond to fire calls within the Borough. They need that extra help.

Pioneer Fire Company Financial Statement – Robert Shambaugh – Council Shambaugh stated that the balance as of April 22, 2019 was \$6,368.97. Council member Dalzell made the motion to

accept the report as presented with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Sewer –Freddy States – Report dated April 2019. The sewer fund has a savings account balance of \$265,455.30 and a checking account balance of \$18,064.75. Council member States motioned to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Recycling –Freddy States – Reported that the Borough recycled 13,900 lbs. during April 2019. Council member McKinney motioned to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Shambaugh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Treasurer – Sharon Bradnick - The General Fund Monthly Breakdown dated May 14, 2019. The total general fund accounts are \$729,722.30. Council member Dalzell motioned to approve the report as presented with a second by Council member Shambaugh. 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 an income of \$117,424.04 for the month. January through April we show a loss in the amount of \$17,413.88. We have received a \$400,000 tax payment yesterday. She went to the Northwest EMS meeting and she will go over this in the administrative meeting.

Mayor’s Report - Harold Kulman – Mayor Kulman stated he wanted to let everyone know what he did for the month. He spoke with the Governor and found that he was very down to earth. He went to the safety meeting on April 25 and spoke about the traffic survey. He went to the Community House 100th celebration on April 27th. He went to the auditor meeting on May 2. On May 8 he received a call from the Mayor of Mount Joy and asked if he would like to have lunch with seven (7) Russian lawyers and they don’t speak English. They had a very good lunch. They had a great relationship with them. On May 7 they had a meeting with the police commission, and we have an agreement. The agreement will be turned over soon for our attorney to look over. Marietta Day was great, the sun was out and they did a great job. He approached people during Marietta Day that had dogs to make sure that they cleaned up after their pets.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session for legal matters.
Entered session at 8:06 pm.
Reconvened the meeting at 8:31 pm.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative – President Mazis

President Mazis stated the committee had a lengthy discussion on the personnel policy to allow the road crew to assist with fires. They did not come to any conclusions. They are still working on a document with regards to the fire policy with the solicitor.

President Mazis asked for a motion to accept the audit and to advertise. Motion was made by Council member Dalzell with a second by Council member Shambaugh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis stated that our fund balance is around 60% and we may want to commit those extra funds for things later in the year. Examples would be our match for the flapper valves, which would be around \$60,000, for stormwater management, increase our capital reserve which is low or pay down more on our debt. Our auditor suggested that we put together a 5 year capital plan. We may want to also transfer some of our funds to another bank so that it is FDIC insured. They also spoke about sharing equipment in regards to the fire company but we don't need to face this right away. These are comments from the auditor that he wanted to share.

President Mazis asked for a motion to accept the changes to the MOU from Lancaster County Conservation District. Council member Dalzell made the motion to accept the changes to the MOU with a second by Council member Shambaugh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis asked for an appointment to the voting delegate for the PSAB conference. Council member Dalzell stated he could go. Council member Shambaugh made the motion to have Council member Dalzell as our voting delegate with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote. Council member Marsh made a motion to have President Mazis as the alternate voting delegate with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Planning/Zoning/Environmental – Bill Dalzell

Council member Dalzell stated that they completed their long review of the allowed zoning uses. These will be passed onto the Planning Commission for their review. Over the last couple of months Dalzell has been taking some webinars on "Complete Streets." When we design streets, it needs to be for all pedestrians, and other users, not for just cars. You want to keep streets narrow to keep people from speeding, and we need to keep this in mind when we are designing Front Street.

Public Outreach – Louis McKinney

Council member McKinney stated he was the only one that was at the meeting. There are a lot of things being said on Facebook. He cannot control the cats. He placed his envelopes and complaint forms in the office, if you have any complaints or concerns please fill them out. He also questioned the ordinance for the dumpsters on the streets. There is a dumpster on East Market Street that does not have orange cones in the front corners, and it has been there for 6 months.

Council member Dalzell stated that he did not make the Donegal Hub. They were meeting with the Lancaster County Homeless Committee.

Council member Dalzell presented the new Borough Website for Councils review. Council had a lengthy discussion on the website design. The website design is going back to committee to make adjustments. It was generally agreed that it was not very attractively designed, even if it had a lot of information.

Council member McKinney stated that the Zion United Church of Christ would like to use War Memorial Park for a covered dish cookout for the church. He made the motion to allow them to use the park with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Council member Dalzell stated that he dropped the ball on the Borough Seal and he will reach out to a designer and take it to committee.

Public Safety – Robert Shambaugh

Council member Shambaugh stated that there was an accident in front of the fire company. They would like to discuss putting up flashing lights/signs when leaving the firehouse. President Mazis stated that he likes the second idea better about putting a sign up on both sides of the street stating that vehicles must stop at the line for emergency vehicles. Council member Shambaugh stated that he does not want to do overkill here and he feels that the fire truck drivers have a responsibility also. We will look into what we need to do such as an ordinance to put the signs up and the cost of the signs. The complaint on the loose dog they decided that the residents will need to contact the police department when the dog is loose. The traffic study showed that we are not the top 10 in fatalities. The study showed that we can do nothing, put in a left turning lane on Route 441, or put no turning left signs at Furnace Road and at Hazel Avenue. So what do we want to do? The cost would fall on Marietta Borough. The solicitor stated that you cannot disrupt the flow of traffic on a PENNDOT road without getting permission from PENNDOT. This is not likely given that the area does not have an above average accident rate.

Public Works – Freddy States

Council member States stated he spoke with both baseball and softball organizations. They have both grown and they need all the fields. They are looking at adding another field. Strickly Kleen gave us a price to clean the front of the building. The cost would be at the most \$2,000, which was lower than other estimates, and he would like to make a motion to accept the bid to have the front of the building cleaned with a second by Council member Shambaugh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Council member States stated that if the complete streets are going to take a long time then we need to look into what we need to do on Furnace Road to get this paved. We need to also put in the budget for crack sealing for next year. We want to look at doing street cleaning sooner next year. We will also need to budget for this mowing that we will need to do. They spoke about looking into leasing equipment to mow the meadow and park.

Council member States made a motion to pay for the oil/chip and fog seal project from liquid fuels with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY – Jeffery Marsh – They are in the final stages of hiring an office manager. They did not have a quorum last month. The bid for the project went out and they will be approving that next month.

NWRT Committee – Glen Mazis – Nothing to report Mazis and Bradnick were unable to attend, since it was the same night as the “town meeting” for the green street and park grants, April 23rd.

C2P2 Committee – Glen Mazis – Nothing more to report.

OLD BUSINESS

The Susquehanna Stage handicap parking was tabled last month. They need to have handicap access into the building before we grant them a handicap space. Council member Dalzell made a motion to deny Susquehanna Stage handicap parking space on Market Street with a second by Council member Shambaugh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote. Mazis reported that he had spoken with the stage manager of the theater and she understood that they could not apply for a handicap space when they still had not provided an ADA access ramp to the front of the building. She was going to pursue that need first. She had also explained that a handicap space in the rear parking lot would be of no use because of the stairs leading from the lot to the theater.

NEW BUSINESS

President Mazis presented a resolution in support of Restore Pennsylvania. This will help the Governor and hopefully, he will also help us. Sixty-five other municipalities have passed this resolution for supporting Governor Wolfe's plan to invest \$4.5 billion in technology, development and infrastructure over the next four-years. Council member Dalzell made a motion to pass Resolution 14-2019 in support of the Restore Pennsylvania improvement plan with a second by Council member McKinney. Dalzell stated that part of our responsibility as council members is to help advocate for legislative bills that will help in Marietta. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jack Rice – 624 West Market Street – Some years ago we took out a loan to do Fairview Avenue and he would like to know the status of that loan. Sharon stated that the original loan was for \$800,000, but that much was not used, only \$600,000 and the loan was set up for thirty years. Council set up payments with the intention that to pay it off in 5 years. The amount of loan still remaining is around \$202,000. We have budgeted \$50,000 towards the principal payment and that payment comes out in May. In November just an interest payment comes out.

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion by Council member Dalzell with a second by Council member McKinney the meeting adjourned at 10:06 PM.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick
Secretary/Treasurer