

**Marietta Borough Council  
Minutes of Meeting held June 11, 2019  
113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA**

President Mazis with Council members States by video, 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**

Phyllis Stellfox – 270 West Front Street – Phyllis stated that she appreciated the meeting of April 23<sup>rd</sup> soliciting public input on the green street and park grants. She saw that we are receiving from the Chesapeake Bay Trust a new grant in the amount of \$29,995. President Mazis explained that this was for the next step in the process; to get an engineering design of the green street. Phyllis further asked about what come out of the Plan from the public meeting that was held on April 23 meeting. President Mazis told her that the alternative with the bump outs and current traffic support had the most support. With the bump outs she is concerned that they will contribute to the water table being further raised in floods. Mazis explained they would not be passive drains, but have suction that conducted right into the outflow pipes, not discharged into the soil. She also asked whether there was a front street stakeholder meeting? Mazis reported the agencies had not yet got back to them for a meeting, but there would be one tomorrow.

Oliver Overlander – 450 East Front Street – He asked has the force main been granted. Council member Marsh stated that it was awarded to HRI out of Statesville and the work is to start in October or November. He feels that this is a stupid time to start a project, because it won't be completed in time to be repaved before winter and will remain in disrepair for months. Mazis agreed and asked Marsh to raise this concern at the next meeting.

Ed Stellfox – 270 West Front Street – He asked whether the work that is being done on Front Street is this mandated by the state. Mazis replied it is not mandated per se, but is part of our MS4 required plans to control runoff. Stellfox asked if plans can be put on our website or notify the people on Front Street so they can know what is going on. Mazis agreed to do this.

Oliver Overlander – 450 East Front Street – Asked what is the execute session about and will there be a vote? President Mazis stated that it is a personnel issue and a vote will be taken when they come out.

President Mazis closed public comment.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Mazis stated one we have a response to the Fire Company in regard to the road crew working fires which we will come to later. Two that on July 2<sup>nd</sup> from 11 AM – 1 PM the Chesapeake Bay Foundation would hold their ceremony announcing the 20 grants they are

awarding and each grantee will make a brief presentation about their grant. The public is invited to attend. Three, Bill Dalzell represented the Borough in the Marietta Memorial Day Parade. Four, a camera is being placed on the Marietta section of the trail to apprehend those who are vandalizing benches, gates and tables, as well as observe other unwanted behaviors. Five, On June 17<sup>th</sup> the Hope Church will send 25 volunteers, mostly kids, to help do MS4 tasks for the Borough. Six, a committee is almost done going over the International Maintenance Code to ascertain what sections we should adopt.

## REPORTS

**Fire Police/EMA – Steve Bailey** – For May they ran fourteen (14) calls, forty-six (46) officers for a total of one-hundred, sixty-one and a half (161.5) hours on duty. All the fire police were recertified in the state required hazmat awareness class. The fire police vehicle participated in the Make-a-Wish truck convoy for the third year on Mother's Day.

**Pioneer Fire Company – Bryan Smith** – No one was present. No report given.

**Pioneer Fire Company Financial Statement – Robert Shambaugh** – Council Shambaugh stated that the balance as of May 20, 2019 was \$14,887.10. Council member Dalzell made the motion to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Marsh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

**Sewer –Freddy States** – Council member Dalzell report dated May 2019. The sewer fund has a savings account balance of \$326,181.55 and a checking account balance of \$13,332.99. Council member Marsh motioned to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Shambaugh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

**Recycling –Freddy States** – Council member Dalzell reported that the Borough recycled 26,100 lbs. during May 2019. Council member Marsh motioned to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

**Treasurer – Sharon Bradnick** - The General Fund Monthly Breakdown dated June 11, 2019. The total general fund accounts are \$1,142,475.11. Council member McKinney motioned to approve the report as presented with a second by Council member Marsh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

**Secretary – Sharon Bradnick** – Everyone received their profit and loss statements for the month of May. At the end of May, we show that we have an income of \$351,461.83 for the month. January through May we show income in the amount of \$334,047.95.

**Mayor's Report - Harold Kulman** – Mayor Kulman stated he went to Columbia to the Heritage meeting and there were over 100 people that attended. He wishes more people from Marietta would attend. He also went to the International maintenance meeting. They received the contract for the police. Our attorney looked over this and had some comments. This will be given to council to look over and vote on for next month. The contract is for seven years.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session for personnel matters.  
Entered session at 7:38 pm.  
Reconvened the meeting at 7:47 pm.

Council member Shambaugh made a motion to accept the resignation from Kevin Hertzog our Zoning Officer with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Council member Marsh made a motion to appoint Tom Arnold as our new Zoning officer, Deputy Housing officer and Deputy Code officer with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis introduced Tom Arnold. Tom stated he was excited to work for Marietta and looked forward to working with everyone and he would be available during the day for office hours, as well as in the evenings if needed by residents and even on the weekends, if the need arises.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Administrative – President Mazis**

President Mazis stated the committee discussed the policy for our road crew to assist with fires. The solicitor suggested they sign out and later be given a bonus equal to the amount of pay lost, if they are helping to fight a fire within the Borough. This allows them to be covered on the Fire Company's insurance at the fire and also to help within the Borough when needed without losing pay. They discussed changing banks from BB&T to Northwest. They also discussed transferring money to a Prime Plgit account. It was decided as the committee's motion that we invest \$600,000 of our funds into the Prime account with Plgit for a better percentage return – 2.49% vs. 1.0%. They discussed appointing a committee to come up with a five-year capital plan. They also discussed writing a letter to PSECU to urge them to look at the old Susquehanna Bank Building on Route 441. President Mazis asked for a motion to write the letter to PSECU. Council member Shambaugh made the motion to write the letter and it was seconded by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis asked for a motion for Resolution 16-19 to change banks from BB&T to Northwest. Council member Marsh made the motion to change from BB&T to Northwest Bank with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis asked for a motion that the President, Vice-President, Admin. Assistant (Ronda), and Secretary-Treasurer (Sharon) are signors on the bank accounts. Council member Marsh made the motion with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries by voice vote.

President Mazis asked for a motion that the Secretary/Treasurer is responsible to open/close, move money within the bank accounts. Council member Dalzell made the motion with a second by Council member Marsh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis asked for a motion to open the Prime Account with Plgit and move \$600,000 from the General Fund to the Prime Account. Council member Dalzell made the motion with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis asked for a motion to change our credit card from BB&T to Muni-pay. We will not have to deal with the fees associated with the credit cards and BB&T currently is overcharging us for fees. Council member Marsh made the motion with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

### **Planning/Zoning/Environmental – Bill Dalzell**

Council member Dalzell stated that they are continuing to work on the zoning changes and the street trees ordinance and was passing onto Brandon our attorney for some clarification. They also discussed the short-term rental policy. This is still being looked at. They want to try and have rules and regulations that would allow them to work within our community. He went to the PSAB Conference and enjoyed that. He got to speak with a lot of vendors and brought back information that he is going to make copies of and share with Council.

#### **Public Outreach – Louis McKinney**

Council member McKinney stated he needs the community to be is eyes for these kids that are going into residents swimming pools. If they see them to let him know and he will look into it. He has been looking at Facebook and he cannot do anything about the feral cats. Fred Gabriel stated that the person on Facebook is actually in East Donegal Township, so not to worry about it. Fred also stated that if he catches the kids in his pool, he is going to make a citizen arrest.

Council member Dalzell stated that the Donegal Hub did not meet this month. He met with Steve Ulrich to finalize the website and will present that at the July meeting.

#### **Public Safety – Robert Shambaugh**

Council member Shambaugh stated that he did not hold a meeting and he had nothing to report at this time.

#### **Public Works – Freddy States**

Council member States was on video and he did not have his public works meeting this evening and he had nothing new to report.

#### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY – Jeffery Marsh** – They awarded to sewer main project to HRI. They also hired an office manager and her name is Judy Carrier.

**NWRT Committee – Glen Mazis** – Nothing to report.

**C2P2 Committee – Glen Mazis** – Nothing more to report.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business to report.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

President Mazis stated that Nickolaus & Hohenadel presented copies of the Petition to vacate a portion of Jones Street and an unnamed alley on the property of the Rail Trail Partners LP at 421 West Market Street property. President Mazis stated that we need a motion to advertise to vacate S. Jones from Hazel Avenue to the railroad tracks and the unnamed alley on the 421 W. Market Street property. Council member Dalzell made the motion to advertise with a second by Council member Shambaugh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Glenn Orr – 45 W. Fairview Avenue – He wanted to let everyone know that they paved the South Decatur Street trail entrance and it turned out nice. They also installed picnic tables in which they anchored into the ground at the Chestnut Street crossing. We ordered three bollards to be placed on the trail in place of the gates at Chestnut Street and Decatur Street.

Jack Rice – 624 West Market Street – Asked for more clarification on the loan that was taken out for the Fairview Avenue project. Sharon stated that the loan was for \$600,000 and was set for thirty years. It went from 2.88% interest to approximately 2.135 and the term stayed the same for the thirty years. We still owe around \$202,000. Jack stated that we have always been debt free and this is the only debt that this Borough has. He would like to see this paid off. President Mazis responded that paying more off on the loan is one of the options the Council is considering for later in the year, since the General Fund is at 62% of the budget in the recent audit. We will be using some of those funds after we hear about grant obligations and putting some more money in the Capital Reserve Fund.

Fred Gabriel – 546 W. market Street – If the planning commission is looking at changing or adding new ordinances in regards to air Bnb's. Won't they come to the zoning hearing board to ask for their recommendations? The solicitor stated that it is for the planning commission to create the ordinances, to then be passed by Council, and the zoning hearing board to interpret them. They are welcome to come to the planning commission meetings on the third Tuesday at 7:00 PM.

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion by Council member Marsh with a second by Council member McKinney the meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick  
Secretary/Treasurer