

**Marietta Borough Council
Minutes of Meeting held July 9, 2019
113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA**

President Mazis with Council members Marsh, Dalzell, 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, States, and McKinney. The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Land Studies – Kelly Gutshall – Kelly Gutshall presented the results from the April 23rd meeting. She gave a brief overview on where we are at. She explained the project and the recommendations that came out of that meeting and noted a list of the various resident concerns and ideas. Land Studies looked at what projects would allow the Borough to receive their MS4 permit requirements and what projects that could be done in the watershed that would help the Borough receive their MS4 requirements as well as deal with flooding mitigation. They looked at different ways to implement best management practices in the Borough.

Gutshall explained that the previous NFWF grant located three areas of considerable runoff problems that could be mitigated, but the worst one is in East Donegal. Within the Borough Front Street is a target to help with less pollution going into the river and also to help with runoff flooding. This is where all the stormwater drains within the Borough. The Green Streets, Green Jobs and Green Towns Grant (G3) was given to Marietta Borough for \$15,000 to come up with a Conceptual plan. Listening to the residents' input at the April 23rd meeting, the initial plan was modified from making a portion of Front Street a "complete street" to working with Furnace Road and Donegal Place as a green street with areas of plantings, trees, and green infrastructure, as well as a new street. This is the first phase that will be pursued by the next \$30,000 design grant Marietta just received from the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. This first phase on Furnace Road/ Donegal Place will also include one or two rain garden bump-outs on Front Street, and improved signage. Projecting into the future, projects would have to be decided through future grants and meetings. Phase two projects is to add more rain garden bump outs, to explore a Front Street Gateway at Shenk's Tavern if it were a project the owner liked, and possibly testing a temporary bike lane on Front Street during special events or festivals. In the distant future, there might be a consideration in a Phase three to look at how Front Street could become a "complete street" and whether future citizens still felt about Front Street traffic flow and the issue of segregating bikes from traffic.

Ray Vegso – Curbs on the Railroad side of the street should have "s" curbs which would allow another 6 inches of parking. He just wanted to plant that idea in future planning.

Linda Ross – Are they just looking at doing from Donegal Place to the parking lot on Furnace Road? She hopes they take into consideration the ingress and egress and the danger problems we are having on Furnace Road. President Mazis explained that we had just done a traffic study and investigated this issue, but that PennDOT concluded there was no exceptional risk at this area and the accidents were not above average, and wasn't open to the changes they would have to make.

Ed Stellfox – Most people were against any consideration of a bike lane on Front Street or changing the traffic flow. He would like us to go to every resident on Front Street and ask them what they want. The install permanent bike lane on Front Street should not even be put on the

Phase 3 project and this should be completely removed. President Mazis responded that it was because of citizen input that the plan that was being pursued was moved from those concepts of Front Street to instead working on Furnace Road/Donnegal Place. He emphasized that the citizen input is what drove the change in planning. Mazis also added that in twenty years, future residents might not feel the way the current residents do, and all the document stated was that they should be able to decide for themselves in the distant future. The current work for the next few years is on Furnace Road/Donnegal Place. Mr. Stellfox repeated his statement several times that the citizens weren't being heard and President Mazis repeated several times, the citizens were the ones driving the direction of the project given their input.

Elizabethtown College – John Paul and Kelly – They presented the work that the students done on the history of Marietta in the fall and spring Semester. They presented three historic districts and two maps. Kyle showed how the maps work and the information that you get when you navigate through the maps. They introduced the program “This Place Matters”. This area is part of the State Heritage area and can become part of the National Heritage area. This Place Matters brings awareness to the properties and their rich history. They are trying to create public awareness of the history on who created this community. The community will need to decide what to do with this information. They are presenting in more detail at the Bank Building at 100 West Market Street on Wednesday, July 17th.

Karen Sullivan – asked if the report on each building is only 150 words for each property. Kyle stated that no that is just a description and if you click on another area it will open up and give you pages of information on that property.

Linda Ross – She is very excited that they picked Marietta to do their research. President Mazis added that any way the Borough can help the students will be pursued and thanked them for all their hard and excellent work.

President Mazis closed public comment.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Mazis stated that it was very exciting that the Chesapeake Bay Foundation held the grant awards at the Boat Club on July 2nd. It was the first time they held the grant award in Pennsylvania. He thanked the Boat Club for using their grounds. There were people from DCNR of both Pennsylvania and Maryland and the Head of the Waters Division of the EPA. There were a lot of different granting agencies. Other municipalities that received grants presented their projects and everyone spent some time giving each other ideas and suggestions for future projects.

Mazis stated that citizen had requested that he remind people that Council passed a fireworks ordinance last year that you cannot set off fireworks within 150 feet from a structure and there are not too many places in the Borough that you can set them off.

Mazis stated the treasurer did transfer the \$600,000 to the Pligit Prime account which will allow us to get 1.5% more in interest.

Our new zoning officer, Tom Arnold did go out and begin the sweep and he is in the process of working through this and sending out letters.

REPORTS

Fire Police/EMA – Steve Bailey – For May they ran fourteen (14) calls, forty-two (42) officers for a total of ninety-seven (97) hours on duty. The fire police vehicle was inspected and serviced. It was also stocked with some new equipment.

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

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

Sewer –Freddy States – Council member Marsh report dated June 2019. The sewer fund has a savings account balance of \$118,303.50 and a checking account balance of \$10,852.83. Council member Shambaugh motioned to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Recycling –Freddy States – Council member Marsh reported that the Borough recycled 17,040 lbs. during June 2019. Council member Dalzell 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 July 9, 2019. The total general fund accounts are \$1,090,858.29. 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 June. At the end of June, we show that we have an income of \$18,463.83 for the month. January through June we show income in the amount of \$352,511.78.

Mayor’s Report - Harold Kulman – Mayor Kulman stated we talked about the police agreement and hopefully things will be wrapped up in a couple of weeks. The operation of the department itself some people are happy with having a part-time chief. Supposedly we are saving money with a part-time chief. Kulman believes we need a full-time chief. His problem is that the votes are always 2 to 1. They voted that there is no longer an interim police chief and since there is no active search for a police chief it was recommended and passed that he is no longer the interim police chief but is the permanent police chief and works part-time.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session for potential litigation.

Entered session at 8:07 pm.

Reconvened the meeting at 8:27 pm.

President Mazis stated that there was a potential litigation matter was discussed and no action was taken.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative – President Mazis

President Mazis stated the administrative committee did not meet. President Mazis asked for a motion to adopt the Appendix E Volunteer Emergency Policy. President Mazis made a motion out of committee with a second by Council member Dalzell to adopt the volunteer Emergency Policy. Solicitor Harter explained the policy that allows the road crew to answer fire calls within the Borough, but they must sign out so they are covered by the Fire Co.'s insurance and liability. Later, they will be given a bonus to make up for lost wages if it is significant emergency within the Borough during their working hours. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis asked for a new motion to advertise to vacate part of Jones Street and an unnamed alley on 421 West Market Street. It was to be advertised to vote on this month but the advertisement did not get into the paper. Council member Marsh made the motion to advertise to vacate with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Planning/Zoning/Environmental – Bill Dalzell

Council member Dalzell stated they met and went over a street tree ordinance and the committee is going back to review this more. The idea is to have permits to cut down a street tree, so there are plans to replace it, and to set up a Tree Commission that will help those who voluntarily join with the care of their trees. There was no planning commission meeting.

Public Outreach – Louis McKinney

Council member McKinney was absent and Council member Dalzell stated there was discussion about a new design on the Borough Seal and he is going to reach out to a designer to see if they can put it in a work of art. The also spoke on doing something to thank people of the community that put a lot of their time into making Marietta a better place. They are going to be working on a program that has regular resolution citing people's contributions to the Borough. When he was at the PSAB Conference he learned about the junior council program. He handed out a sample resolution and it can be brought up next month for voting. President Mazis stated he would be willing to go to the schools and also to mentor the students. The website will be presented at next month's meeting.

Public Safety – Robert Shambaugh

Council member Shambaugh stated that he did not hold a meeting. He met with the president of the Fire Company and the fire chief and wanted to talk with him about having a better relationship with the Borough Council and what they can do to have more transparency; this lead to a discussion on how to properly use the tax money. They are not on the same page on what is operating expenses. He told them to come up with their definition of operating expenses and we would come up with our definition. We may need to amend the MOU to put clarification in it.

President Mazis stated that they were allowed to spend their money on those things, but they come to Council that they have a dire need for a tanker and this is their highest priority but yet they spend their money on other things that are not their highest priority. He stated we need to see a budget and also a prioritization of their needs.

Public Works – Freddy States

Council member States was absent, nothing to report.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY – Jeffery Marsh – The force main project the attorney is reviewing the documents and then they will need to have a pre-construction meeting. Our main operator resigned and they are going through the interview process. We are operating with a part-time consultant currently. Things are running smoothly. Mazis reminded Marsh to voice our concerns that if the project is started in the later fall, the street would not be repaired before winter and that would not be acceptable.

NWRT Committee – Glen Mazis – Nothing to report. The next meeting is July 23, 2019.

C2P2 Committee – Glen Mazis – Nothing more to report.

G3 Grant – Glen Mazis – Nothing to add to the report given at the start of the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business to report.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business to report.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Charles Shireman – 345 East Market Street – Why did we stop searching for a full-time chief. Is Chief Haugh retired? Council member Shambaugh stated that he did retire from his full-time position but stated he would act as part-time interim chief until something materialized, but nothing materialized. The commission thinks that they are saving money but Harold and he do not agree with that.

Lester Pottinger – 507 East Market Street – He was wondering if Council was going to discuss vacating the street at the boat club? Council had a discussion in relationship to this street. President Mazis put it back on the public works committee to look into it. Charles Shireman stated that the railroad wanted to gate these roads so you need to be careful that we don't vacate the road and then the railroad company come in and gate the street. President Mazis said we can work on this with the Boat Club

Glenn Orr – Stated to Council that we removed the gates on the trail and put the bollards in and this seems to be working a lot better.

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion by Council member Marsh with a second by Council member Shambaugh the meeting adjourned at 9:11 PM.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick
Secretary/Treasurer