

Marietta Borough Council
Minutes of Meeting held February 11, 2020
113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA

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

APPOINT NEW COUNCIL MEMBER

President Mazis asked for nominations. Council member States nominated Jeffrey Hudson. Council member Carroll-Baltozer nominated Frederick Gabriel. There being no other nominations. Nominations were closed. President Mazis asked for a roll call vote for Jeffrey Hudson.

Carroll – nay	Dalzell – yay	States – yay
Marsh – yay	Mazis – yay	

Vote was 4 to 1 for Jeffrey Hudson. There was no need to do a roll call vote for Frederick Gabriel. Mayor Kulman swore in Jeffrey Hudson and Hudson took his seat. Council member Hudson introduced himself and gave a bio for the public.

President Mazis stated that Resolution 16-20 appoints Jeffrey Hudson as Council member. Resolution carries unanimously by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bill Newcomer – 8 Donegal Place – For twenty-five years we have only gotten temporary patches. There is no storm drains. Everything freezes when the water lays down there. How long will it take to get the grant and how long will it be until the work gets done on Furnace Road and Donegal Place? President Mazis stated that we have applied for a series of grants and we will be speaking about this later. We are in the second one and will be applying for the final one. We have saved our liquid fuel money to apply for this grant and do the work that needs to be done on Furnace Road and Donegal Place. The final grant is due in April and May. Once we hear that we received the grants we will be beginning the work. We hope to accomplish this task this year.

Mary Jo Hughes – 701 East Market Street – In 2019 she had three cars that were run into totaling \$33,000. She would like everyone when they come up by her house to take their hands off the steering wheel and they will run right into her house. She is asking council to keep on it to allow the police to get radar guns and to also everyone in this area are to put in new sidewalks. It looks nice but please keep the motivations moving forward for everyone in town. President Mazis stated that when we do a street in the Borough everyone needs to fix their sidewalks. It is in our ordinance. He also mentioned that the problem on Market seems to be intoxicated drivers.

Charles Hiestand – Donegal Place – Would like to know if the Borough is going to be putting in sidewalks and curbs. The excavating company that is on Furnace Road stated that they will be happy to pave the road and it will just cost the materials. He was concerned that the road would be made into a major thoroughfare. President Mazis went over the plans that are

proposed for Furnace Road and Donegal Place and reassured him that it will be more of a green park space with a road that fits that environment.

Linda Ross – Fairview Avenue – Gregory Scott is going to be speaking on February 23rd at 2:30 PM at the Community House for the Community House Town Talk. He will be speaking on the architecture in Marietta Borough from the 1700's to the 1900's. She encourages everyone to come.

Adam Jenkins – President of Marietta Restoration Association - Like to report on what is happening with the Association. They are working on the exterior lighting at the Old Town Hall and the Union Meeting House. They are getting ready to sign the contracts to finish this work. Another project is at the Union Meeting House there concerns with a pile of tombstones. They have been working with Roth Cemetery Service to put these tombstones back where they belong in the spring. They are going to be doing a fund raiser, which will be selling posters of the doors in Marietta. Hopefully they will be selling these on Marietta Day. They are also working on the Old Town Hall on the top floors. The ceiling is in need of repair on the top floor. There are some artifacts on this top floor. Hopefully they can get it fixed up so that they can open it up to the public.

Oliver Overlander – East Front Street - The council seat that was filled this evening is only a two-year seat? President Mazis stated yes. On the grant for Furnace Road does the work entirely depend on receiving the grants as far as storm drains and redoing the road? President Mazis explained that there is green infrastructure and a storm water plan, but it is going to be an expensive project that will require grant funding to match the money we have saved for the project. We have been working very closely with several agencies.

Charles Shireman – E. Market Street – He attended the public works meeting and he would like to let people know that the American Legion is starting a program to hang banners for Hometown Heroes. They are taking orders for it. They are hoping to have some up before Memorial Day. Mazis and Dalzell expressed enthusiasm for the plan and thanked the legion.

President Mazis closed public comment.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

President Mazis asked for a motion to approve the January council meeting minutes. Council member Dalzell made a motion to approve the January council minutes with a second by Council member States.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Mazis stated that a local artist from Camp Hill did two collage paintings from different houses on Front Street and is going to donate the pictures to the Borough. He asked whether this was in accord with the wishes of the Council and all agreed to accept them.

REPORTS

Fire Police/EMA – Steve Bailey – Steve Bailey was out sick and Secretary Bradnick gave the report. They had a total for January of 15 calls, 33 officers, and 82.5 duty hours.

Pioneer Fire Company – Brandon Smith – They ran thirteen (13) fire calls and thirteen (13) QRS calls for a total of twenty-six (26) calls for January. The fire company will put up smoke detectors

for residents. The resident would need to supply the smoke detector. Also, when you throw out your smoke detector please be sure to take the battery out before disposing.

Pioneer Fire Company Financial Statement – Jeffery Marsh – Council Marsh stated that the balance as of January 27, 2020 was \$13,660.08. Council member States made the motion to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Sewer –Freddy States – Council member States report was dated January 2020. The sewer fund has a savings account balance of \$225,324.38 and a checking account balance of \$7,369.69. Council member States motioned to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Marsh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Recycling –Freddy States – No report was presented due to office did not receive the information.

Treasurer – Sharon Bradnick - The General Fund Monthly Breakdown dated February 11, 2020. The total general fund accounts are \$850,665.58. Council member Dalzell motioned to approve the report as presented with a second by Council member States. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Secretary – Sharon Bradnick – Everyone received their profit and loss statements for the month of January. At the end of January, we show that we have a negative income of \$52,291.18 for the month. The first three months we are in the negative until people start paying their real estate tax. The auditors were in last week for three days to gather all the information. We have no dates set up for the presentation.

Mayor’s Report - Harold Kulman – Mayor Kulman thanked President Mazis for holding down his position while he was gone and Mr. Marsh for holding down the police position while he was gone. He received a report from the District Attorney’s office on the number of high level of fentanyl and methenamine usage. They listed places that have problems with drugs and Marietta was not listed.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative – President Mazis

President Mazis stated we spoke about the fire company. The agency that we had asked them to call only deals with educational seminars. Jeff is going to follow up on this. We spoke about the storm coverage with Glenn being out, and it is arranged. We agreed that cursing and personal attacks during council meetings will not be tolerated. The main thing discussed was concerning General Code and combining the zoning with the rest of our codes. This will cost us \$4,500 to get it codified and then it would not cost that each year. It would also save a lot of staff time spent on this task. President Mazis asked for a motion to have General Code to incorporate the zoning ordinance with the rest of our codes. Council member Dalzell made the motion to have General Code incorporate our zoning ordinance with the rest of our codes with a second by Council member States. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis asked everyone to keep in mind the PSAB Conference is June 7th to June 10th and to think about if you would like to go to the PSAB Conference and let Sharon know.

President Mazis stated the Resolution 15-2020 is for the next phase of the G3 Grant which would be for \$100,000 for the Implementation/Construction. Council member Dalzell made a motion to adopt the Resolution 15-2020 authorizing for the Green Streets, Green Housing, Green Jobs Grant with a second by Council member States. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Planning/Zoning/Environmental – Bill Dalzell

Council member Dalzell stated they spoke on the ordinance changes and the spoke on the Bicycle Grant that we went for last year. We put in the Grant for this year to get some bicycle stands that go over the parking meters. These will not take up any extra space on the sidewalk. They are still working on a five-year plan and this will be continuing for the next couple of months.

Council member Dalzell would like to appoint members to the Shade Tree Commission. Dalzell made a motion to appoint himself, Linda Ross, Rita Hovemyr, and John Enterline as the members of the Shade Tree Commission. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Council member Dalzell stated that he attended the Donegal Hub meeting. It is a local organization that is comprised of schools, churches, other interested groups that work with homeless people in our area. The topic was on the 211 system which is a system for emergency for housing, and mental health issues. You would call 211. If you know anyone that is experiencing these issues, they can call 211.

Council member Dalzell stated he spoke with a student with the school system that will be applying for the Junior Council Member Program.

Public Outreach – Rebecca Carroll-Baltozer

Council member Carroll-Baltozer stated that everything was placed into the traveler in time. Council member Carroll-Baltozer made a motion to adopt the Comprehensive Park Plan with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Council member Carroll-Baltozer presented a Special Event Application for the Easter Egg Hunt at War Memorial Park on April 11th with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Public Safety – Jeffery Marsh

Council member Marsh stated that they discussed having a tabletop drill on what Council members responsibility is when we have an emergency. That was the extent of the meeting. They can hold it at his next committee meeting on February 27th.

Public Works – Freddy States

Council member States stated the spoke about the Hometown Heroes that the Legion is working on. This is a great idea and our men can hang these for them. They are \$250.00 a banner and should last 3 to 5 years. They also discussed the issue that we are having on West Market Street and Biddle Street that we have a stormwater drain that is washed out. We are having this stormdrain cameraed. Until we have it cameraed we won't know what the cost of the repair will be. Street sweeping will be April 27th and 28th before Marietta Days. This is set up with East Petersburg Borough. He would like to get started on white lining the parking spaces on West Market Street. For Prospect Alley we are looking at grading and putting millings in this year and

we hope to get to this in June. The Cherry Trees on Front Street need to be trimmed. He would like to start looking at crosswalk stamping when we do a street. This will make the town look walkable and make it look more coherent.

Zoning Report – Thomas Arnold

He spoke last month that we started the property maintenance code. It has already generated some anger. This gives us the ability to go to the homeowner and let them know that they have to accomplish the needed repairs. We are going to try to implement a quick ticket program. This will allow us to give a ticket for not having the lawn mowed or repairs completed. This program allows us to keep ticketing. If tickets aren't paid then we can go to the District Justice for non payment of tickets. This can only benefit the residents of Marietta. The properties will look nicer and the value of the property will go up. It will also allow the Borough to condemn properties and make use of the Land Bank that we joined. Everything that we are trying to do is to benefit the citizens of Marietta for the value of your properties and the safety of the citizens.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY – Jeffery Marsh – Good News, the Authority has taken ownership of the property at 116 E. Front Street. They will be removing the trailer from the property within the next six months. This will allow us to open up the lot for expansion of the sewer facility, if it should be needed.

NWRT Committee – Glen Mazis – There was no meeting last month.

C2P2 Committee – Glen Mazis – This was already discussed.

G3 Committee – Glen Mazis – This was already discussed.

OLD BUSINESS

President Mazis stated that we need a motion to advertise the Zoning Ordinance amendments. Council member Dalzell made a motion to advertise the Zoning Ordinance amendments with a second by Council member States. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

President Mazis stated that we already spoke about the quick ticket. Solicitor Harter asked if council would like for him to proceed with putting together an ordinance for the quick ticket program. The quick ticket ordinance provides for a faster way for the zoning officer to start incentivizing someone to comply. This will allow the zoning officer to go before the District Justice that the person has not paid the fine. It will be cut and dry and not involve endless series of delays and deferred judgments.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Executive session for to consider purchase of real estate.
Entered session at 8:42 pm.
Reconvened the meeting at 9:06 pm.

Solicitor Harter stated the executive session was solely to discuss the purchase of real estate, no votes or public actions were taken.

Council member States made a motion to have the President of Council to submit a letter of interest to acquire the real estate that was discussed from Lancaster County Parks for \$1., with a second by Council member Dalzell. Solicitor Harter stated that it is parcel number 420-49801-0-0000 registered as 1 Mowrer Drive. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ray Vegso stated that he encourages everyone should go to the PSAB Conference.

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion by Council member Carroll-Baltozer with a second by Council member States the meeting adjourned at 9:08 PM.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick
Secretary/Treasurer