

Marietta Borough Council
Minutes of Meeting held March 10, 2020
113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA

President Mazis with Council members Marsh, Carroll-Baltozer, States, Dalzell, Hudson, McKinney and Mayor Kulman and Solicitor Harter present called the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Marietta Borough Council to order at 7:07 PM. The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing held from 7:00 PM and ended 7:07 PM in regard to the modifying certain uses in the zoning ordinance as permitted by special exception and also with conditions. Also, changes were proposed to alter certain dimensional regulations and uses within the trail/rail/river zoning district, modifying parking and driveway standards and to provide for the expansion of non-conforming impervious surface coverage.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Aument – 119 N. Gay Street - He has lived here since 1986 and would like to know when the alley beside him is going to be paved. He would like to know if there is any timetable to pave this alley. Council member States stated that they are looking at milling this whole alley and then sealing it in June. He said it was top priority.

Ed Huddle – 117 N. Gay Street – He lives on the other side of the alley. His problem is that he is getting water in his yard and there needs to be some kind of edging on the road to stop the water. States replied that the road crew would investigate solutions.

Charles Shireman – E. Market Street – He gave an update on the Hometown Heroes banners. They have received seventeen and they put in for another fifteen.

President Mazis closed public comment.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Mazis stated he has no official announcements.

REPORTS

Fire Police/EMA – Steve Bailey – They had a total for February of 14 calls, 32 officers, and 85.5 duty hours. On February 27th at the safety committee meeting they discussed the role of the Borough Council during a state of emergency within the Borough. Later this year there will be a full drill involving all the emergency services with a rehearsal of actions during an emergency. On March 10th he attended a training class at the County Training School on how to use and call for crisis response dog teams. He is receiving daily updates from the County on the Coronavirus,

which he passes on to the mayor and the safety committee. He will post a link to the County web page (www.health.pa.gov) where the public can get updates. What we can do for ourselves is to wash your hands regularly, keep them out of your mouth and maintain six feet physical distance.

Pioneer Fire Company – Brandon Smith – They ran eight (8) fire calls and thirteen (13) QRS calls for a total of twenty-one (21) calls for February. The fire company will put up smoke detectors for residents, but they do not have any to distribute to the public.

Pioneer Fire Company Financial Statement – Jeffery Marsh – Council Marsh stated that the balance as of February 24, 2020 was \$16,591.13. Council member Marsh 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 February 2020. The sewer fund has a savings account balance of \$286,823.33 and a checking account balance of \$2,258.74. 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 – Council member States reported that the Borough recycled 22,880 lbs. during January 2020 and 17,000 lbs. during February 2020. Council member States motioned to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Marsh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Treasurer – Sharon Bradnick – The General Fund Monthly Breakdown dated March 10, 2020. The total general fund accounts are \$871,162.82. 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 February. At the end of February, we show that we have an income of negative \$23,451.41 for the month. January through February we have an income of negative 75,742.59. Last week she went to a meeting in East Donegal Township for the Places 2040. Discussed at that meeting was for the Northwest Planning Area and the existing preserved Ag Lands. They had a representative from the quarries in the area and he stated that it is hard for them with all the preserved land because the quarries that are open only have a life of about fifteen years left. The quarries will need to expand if possible or locate a new area to start a new quarry. They also discussed the Stormwater requirements for municipalities and being able to work together to reduce the sediment load to the river. The discussion was to identify areas of great priority for water quality and stormwater projects, and recommend how the places 2020 catalytic tools can facilitate these projects, to increase their effectiveness. A representative from DEP was there and he stated that there was no right or wrong way but we need to do something to deal with the sediment. Bradnick related that Marietta Borough is at the end of the line of stream water runoff and up against the river. We are a small town and the runoff is come into our Borough. Being as small as we are there is only so much that we can do to mitigate the situation. It would be helpful if we could work with other municipalities which we are currently with East Donegal Township on Evans Run and that we all get credit for this work towards our requirements.

Zoning Report – Tom Arnold – He sent out several courtesy letters and warning letters for February. He met with Steve Kaufhold with Lancaster County and did a drive through Marietta in regards to the adoption of the property maintenance code and the quick ticket program to see how they do it. He placed two condemnations: one on a garage and one on the

apartment that had the fire. Council member Dalzell asked what is different about the Place of Assembly inspections versus the inspection of occupancies.

Mayor's Report - Harold Kulman – Mayor Kulman stated that he received a letter from the District Attorney of Lancaster County in recognition of the money that we gave for the Drug Task Force. He has been busy since he has been back from vacation. He went to the pre-bid meeting on 2/18, worked at the Food Bank on 2/19, and attended the Administrative meeting 2/20. He went to the fire company meeting on 2/22 and they had an excellent speaker on the obstacles that fire companies face today. He went to the Town Talk meeting on 2/23. They had an engineer come in speak on the architecture in Marietta. The speaker was very impressed over the great architecture that we have in Marietta. The police department did not have a meeting on March 3rd because the chief is on a cruise. The meeting will be held on 3/17. They hired a part-time officer and his name is Kurt Caldwell. We have an officer that is on medical leave and one that will be gone three months for his military reserves.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative – President Mazis

President Mazis stated we had a brief meeting. The fire company was to get the audit done in January. They did get estimates on the cost, that were around \$10,000 and they feel they can spend that money in a better way. The committee feels that it is their obligation to have the audit done so the taxpayers are assured that the tax money is being spent properly. Solicitor Harter proposed an alternative action. The Borough can let them do an Admin review, or they can do a short audit, to which the Borough can contribute funds, postpone the audit, or we can waive the requirement. Council member Carroll stated that the estimated cost is not a bad price. Council member Marsh stated that it is our fiduciary responsibility to have the audit done. Council agreed to have the Solicitor write a letter to the fire company letting them know that the Council agrees that the audit needs to be completed. We voted last month to take the land from the county and there was a discrepancy with the deed. Instead of being one parcel there are two parcels on the deed. We need a motion to take the two parcels.

Council member Carroll made a motion to accept the whole deeded properties from Lancaster County with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis stated that we need to write a letter of support/commitment for the G3 Implementation Grant. Our contribution would be the \$200,000 that we have saved to do the roads. We are going for another \$100,000 through DCNR to do the tree planting, stormwater management, do the rain gardens and green infrastructure for the run-off. This is all these little pieces coming together to apply to Chesapeake Bay Trust. President Mazis asked for a motion to do the letter.

Council member Dalzell made the motion with a second by Council member States. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Planning/Zoning/Environmental – Bill Dalzell

Council member Dalzell stated they did not have a meeting and he has no report to give. We did receive the Bike Grant from the Lancaster Bicycle Club for the meter hitches. We need to decide on the color. We received a grant for 10 and he would like to see uniform black for these. Council discussed the colors and Council decided that we would have a variety of colors. Council member Dalzell made a motion to get a rainbow of colors with a second by

Council member States. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Council member Dalzell made a motion to accept Ordinance 2020-02 for the zoning changes that were presented at the public hearing earlier with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Public Outreach – Rebecca Carroll-Baltozer

Council member Carroll-Baltozer stated that they did not have a meeting and this month she will be out of town and there will not be a meeting this month.

Council member Carroll-Baltozer made a motion to accept the special event permit for Marietta Day pending proof of insurance with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Council member Carroll-Baltozer made a motion to accept the special event permit for DBSA Baseball pending proof of insurance with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Council member Carroll-Baltozer made a motion to accept the special event permit for New Hope Church us Flanagan Park for their Easter morning service with a second by Council member States. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Council member Carroll-Baltozer stated that here committee would like to work with the Waldorf School with their municipal drain on earth day in front of their school. Make them more artsy. We will need to take pictures while they are doing it to be part of our MS4 requirement. It would be a fun outreach day to have the fire extinguisher company to come out and set up and people in the community can come out and have their fire extinguishers filled for \$4.00.

Sharon Bradnick stated that she set up the summer recreation program with GEARS to run the program this year. The new application is out online and she sent out 18 letters for contributions.

Public Safety – Jeffery Marsh

Council member Marsh stated they met on February 27th and we had fifteen appointed and elected officials that attended. Steve Bailey did the presentation on what our duties and responsibilities are in the event of an emergency. It was very informative. One thing that was suggested is that all council members get badges to wear during an emergency.

Council member McKinney stated that he was in York with a representative with the Department of Agriculture about the vultures that we have. He gave a nice ten-page paper on how to get rid of them. Copies are in the office.

Public Works – Freddy States

Council member States stated he would like to make a motion to accept the low bid for the Flapper Value Project. We received a \$400,000 grant and the low bid was from Farhat Excavating LLC at \$384,750.00 with a second by Council member Marsh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Council member States stated that Richard Heisey owns private land off Chestnut Street and he was a big part of the trail by giving the Borough an easement through his property. We put up

raspberry bushes in along the border of his land and the bushes are not coming in like he would have liked and he would like the Borough to put up a ranch style fence. LCSWMA is going to get some prices for us to consider. We don't need to do anything tonight. The sink hole repair on West Market and Biddle Street is completed. They talked about the white parking lines and States saw them implemented when he was in Gettysburg yesterday. He handed out pictures on what Gettysburg did on their roads. We did get a bid before to have the parking spaces throughout town and the cost was \$12,790. This is something that our guys will be able to do. We can start in Market Central. He would like to look into getting a new mower with all the mowing that we need to do, and with the payment from the school board for a mower. We received from Messicks a price for a mower for \$12,275.90 but he is going to check with LEPCO's to see what they can give us a lower price for a mower.

He would like to thank the Legion for the Hometown Heroes program that this is awesome and looks forward to seeing them up around town.

Council member States stated that we need to look at possibly turning East Front back into a two-way street. We are doing work on Front Street and planning a park on Front Street and we want to make it easier for people to get to the park. He doesn't know why we don't have stop signs at each end of Front Street. We will contact our engineer to look into getting a warrant for the stop signs at each end of Front Street.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY – Jeffery Marsh – Things are running smoothly with the sewer authority. They are still looking for someone to take the trailer out on Front Street.

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

C2P2 Committee – Glen Mazis – Nothing scheduled as of yet.

G3 Grant Phase II Committee – Glen Mazis – This was already discussed.

Shade Tree Commission – Bill Dalzell – First meeting is Thursday, March 19th. He has already been approached to have trees planted in the empty wells in front of the old theater. Sharon stated that the commission needs to work on the Appendix A, B, and C.

OLD BUSINESS

Bill Dalzell stated that the person that was helping him with the Borough seal has left the company so he is looking for a new graphic designer.

NEW BUSINESS

PUBLIC COMMENT

Harold Altland – 26 S. Locust Street – Does everyone know what rainbow colors represent? President Mazis stated that the bike hitches will not be rainbow color; it will be ten assorted colors not one combined rainbow color.

Carl Jones – W. Market Street – In order to fix Evans Run it sounds like we are trying to get grant money and most of the area is East Donegal Township so they should pay the most money. Sharon stated that East Donegal Township is going for the grant and each of the municipalities

will have to put in their portion of the match. The area is from Rt. 441 to the North Waterford Avenue Bridge. Also Mr. Jones pointed out that you want these trees and they go to the sewer lines. Council member States stated that it depends on the type of tree that you plant. They will be looking into the appropriate tree list.

Harold Altland – 26 S. Locust Street – Part of the wall is falling in behind his place and he was told that this is the property owner's responsibility. Sharon stated that the Borough does not own Evans Run, but rather the homeowners own to the middle of the creek. Altland stated then if you have the property maintenance code then the Borough should look into having people fix their walls. The solicitor stated that this needs to be looked into.

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 8:56 PM.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick
Secretary/Treasurer