

Marietta Borough Council
Minutes of Meeting held December 8, 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 by zoom meeting under Covid-19 limitations, called the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Marietta Borough Council to order at 7:03 PM. The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ann Yost – YSM – Gave a background on the Marietta Borough Comprehensive Recreation Park and Open Space Plan that was funded by DCNR. Her firm put together Master Plans for three parks, Front Street Park, Pennncast (Tot Lot) Park, and Chestnut Street Park. Ann presented the Master Plan for each of these parks along with the cost opinions on the cost to have these parks updated. Briefly, the Pennncast Lot will be updated with walkways, shade coverings, plantings and accommodations for seniors and youngsters, the Front Street Park will have two little pavilions for events, picnic areas, corn hole sites, increased tree planting along the street, etc., and Chestnut Street Park will have a docking area for canoes and kayaks, storage lockers for gear, camping sites and a rest room near the trail, etc.

Council member Dalzell stated that he has concerns with the cost of maintenance and is there a demand for these parks. Ann stated that you could rent these pavilions to offset cost for maintenance. They also recommended that we expand our staff to help keep things updated.

President Mazis stated that when we did the formula for population and park and recreation area and the Borough was way under on the required park acreage and this will help meet that deficiency.

Linda Ross – Fairview Avenue – asked what the bathrooms are going to be like. Ann stated that they could be a unisex bathroom and we could have portable bathrooms in a wooden enclosure or a masonry bathroom, but you have to keep in mind that you are in the flood area.

Brandon Tennis – East Market Street – Asked who owns the open space on the river shore. Bradnick responded by telling him Heisey owns land, the boat club and the railroad all own property on the river shore. He encourages the Borough to move forward improving our open space.

President Mazis stated that the Chestnut Street Park parcel is the only parcel that we own the whole way to the water where we can make a facility for people to be able to come off the river.

Ray Vegso – N. Pine St. – He is in favor of the Chestnut Street Park, but is there anything special they need to do for table and grills in the park design to deal with flooding. Ann stated that there will be lockers that are open mesh to lock up people's kayak and supplies, the tables can be taken out, or chained down. Keep in mind that there will be no electric or utilities on the Chestnut Street site.

Council member Hudson asked if we would require a permit to access the river. Ann stated that you would not need a permit to access the river.

Council member Dalzell asked if we need to look at our ordinances to see if we need to change anything to allow camping. Also, on the Tot Lot, Dalzell asked about the flow of pedestrian traffic between the parks and would like to see a crossing put in the middle of the block. Ann stated that we have them go down to the corner because it is so close to the intersection it is better to control traffic at the intersection.

Steve Bailey – West Market Street – He wanted to let everyone know that he does security at the 421 W. Market Street. Bicyclist are driving through the site and it is a safety issue with the work that is being done. If anyone is caught driving or riding through the property, they will be fined.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

President Mazis asked for a motion to approve the November 10th minutes. Council member Dalzell made a motion to accept the November 10th minutes with a second by Council member States. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Mazis thanked all the essential workers and first responders for their efforts during COVID-19, and to remind everyone that we still need to social distance, wear face masks and avoid crowded indoor spaces. He stated that we are entering the period when we are going to be at our most cases and we will be in this period for the next months.

REPORTS

Fire Police/EMA – Steve Bailey – They had a total for November of 7 calls, 18 officers, and 57 duty hours. The truck was cleaned and sanitized. All officers have been instructed in protocols for the virus. There has been a serious spike in the cases of the COVID 19 virus. We were told to expect this after the Thanksgiving holiday and there will probably be another after Christmas. We must remind people of the hazards of the virus and to wear their masks.

Pioneer Fire Company – Brandon Smith – No one was present.

Pioneer Fire Company Financial Statement – Jeffery Marsh – Council member Marsh stated that the balance as of October 31, 2020 was \$26,433.38. Council member Marsh made the motion to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member States. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Sewer –Freddy States – Council member States report was dated November 2020. The sewer fund has a savings account balance of \$148,328.30 and a checking account balance of \$2,018.53. 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 recycling report for November was 38,600 pounds recycled totaling 19.30 tons. Council member States made a motion to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Hudson. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Treasurer – Sharon Bradnick - The General Fund Monthly Breakdown dated December 8, 2020. The total general fund accounts are \$1,005,049.67. Council member States motioned to approve the report as presented with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Secretary – Sharon Bradnick – Everyone received their profit and loss statements for the month of November. At the end of November, we show that our income is \$52,308.48 for the month. January through November we have an income of \$89,556.50. As far as our budget we are 93% on track. We will be running close for the year. The County let us know that we qualified for another \$20,832.00 from the COVID Cares Act. The paperwork was processed and we will be receiving the additional funds.

Zoning Report – Tom Arnold – Was not present. He has been really busy. The quick tickets came in the mail. He has also been in contact with the solicitor on current issues he has been dealing with.

Mayor’s Report - Harold Kulman – Mayor Kulman stated that he would like to thank the MRA for having their walk by/drive by with the Christmas lights. Everyone enjoyed themselves and it was excellent.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative – President Mazis

President Mazis stated the Administrative Committee mainly went over the fee schedule and the changes. The committee was in support of all the changes as proposed by the Secretary/Treasurer. They were given the paperwork for the review for the secretary/treasurer.

Secretary Bradnick went over the fee schedule and the changes that were being made. Bradnick explained for each change in the fees that the Borough was losing money for that service and needed to raise the fee in order to break even. She explained that the Borough does not make any profit from these fees but attempts not to lose money either. President Mazis asked for a motion to approve the new fee schedule, Resolution 21-2020. Council member Dalzell made the motion with a second by Council member States. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Secretary Bradnick stated that throughout our budget we have funds for compensated absences. Council member States made a motion to move the compensated absences to the assigned fund balance with a second by Council member Marsh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis asked for a motion to approve the tax rate. There is no increase in the rate. Council member Hudson made a motion to keep the tax rate the same at 6.90% with a second by Council member Marsh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis asked for a motion to approve the 2021 budget. Council member States made the motion to approve the 2021 budget with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Secretary Bradnick stated that we need to make modifications to the budget for the different things that we done this year. The resolution 22-2020 is for adjustments to the budget. Council member Dalzell made the motion to approve Resolution 22-2020 with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis stated that we need a motion to accept the Master Park Plan. Motion was made by Council member States with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries

unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis stated that one good thing that came out of the Master Park Plan is that the 421 Project is going to be doing some updates to War Memorial Park, as part of the fees they owe the Borough as an in-kind payment, and also the Comprehensive Park Plan called for a Master Park Plan for War Memorial Park.

Planning/Zoning/Environmental – Bill Dalzell

Council member Dalzell stated that they did not meet and they will be meeting next month. He would like to let everyone know that they should read the cool article in the Lancaster Newspaper on vultures.

Public Outreach – Rebecca Carroll-Baltozer

Council member Carroll-Baltozer, Council member Dalzell gave the report. They met last month and they talked about getting information to the Traveler. Brandon Tennis would like to get involved with the Parks & Recreation Commission. The committee has things that they would like to do in town but are limited because of COVID. The wish ribbons are still available if anyone would like one.

Public Safety – Jeffery Marsh

Council member Marsh stated that they did not have a meeting this month. It fell on Thanksgiving and next month will fall on Christmas Eve. So they will be meeting in January.

Public Works – Freddy States

Council member States stated that they did not hold a meeting because there is not anything going on right now.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY – Jeffery Marsh – They met on November 24th and the security gate has been postponed until January 2021. They are looking into receiving a grant for that project. They approved LED lighting for the plant and this will be completed by the end of the year.

NWRT Committee – Glen Mazis – The next meeting is in April 2021.

C2P2 Committee – Glen Mazis – This was the presentation from Ann Yost tonight and the grant will be closed out before the end of the year.

G3 Grant Phase II Committee – Glen Mazis – Working on parts of the final report and this phase will be closed out before the end of the year.

G3 Grant Phase III Committee – Glen Mazis – We have not started this grant yet.

Shade Tree Committee – Bill Dalzell – They will be meeting this month, but because it is December this may not happen so they will be meeting in January.

Walkworks Grant – Glen Mazis – We are just starting to get underway. We need to reach out to a few organizations to see who will be representing them. This will be moving forward in January.

They asked for representatives from the disabled community, someone from the bike community, from the schools, from the medical community and other stakeholders, there is a list of different kinds of representative.

OLD BUSINESS

President Mazis stated that we need the updates from the Marietta Borough's Five-Year Plan so everyone can look over this and we can do a resolution for next month.

NEW BUSINESS

President Mazis stated they need to look into the requirements on how many can be on the Park and Recreation Commission. Solicitor Harter stated that you can have a minimum of five and a maximum of nine. Secretary Bradnick stated that we received a letter from Brandon Pentz who lives in the community and would like to serve on the committee along with Brandon Tennis. Ray Vegso stated that he would like to be on the committee along with Louis McKinney.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments.

There being no further business to come before Council, on a motion by Council member States with a second by Council member Dalzell, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick
Secretary/Treasurer