

**Marietta Borough Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held June 8, 2021**  
**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 7:04 PM. The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

ARRO-Andrew Tuleya-MS4 Stormwater- The Borough is required to give a yearly stormwater report to the state. Under the EPA's NPDS (National Pollutant Discharge System) municipalities are required to obtain a separate stormwater permit to regulate stormwater within their municipalities. The Borough is required to do several things to comply with that permit. There are six requirements to the permit that the Borough needs to follow. The first requirement is Public Education, in which we try to hold a public meeting and we have information on our website with stormwater information. There are pamphlets available at the Borough office. Please check out the Borough website and checkout the stormwater page. The second requirement is to public involvement and to meet this requirement we put a survey out on the Borough website page. This is to educate the public on stormwater and why the Borough needs to regulate stormwater. Andrew went over pollution preventions specific to illicit discharges. Federal regulations define illicit discharges as any discharge to a stormwater system. It excludes water from firefighting activities and, fire hydrant flushing. Any thing other than stormwater should not go into the storm drains. During the summer, the most common item going into storm drains is grass clippings. All organic material in the street should not be left in the street. This could clog our storm drains and could get into our rivers. ARRO screens the stormwater inlets in the Borough on an annual basis. They received the review from PA DEP for last years report and it was accepted and found to be in compliance with the stormwater permit.

Paul Ginder – Not present. President Mazis relayed Ginder's message that he was absent due to a conflict with Ginder's son's graduation that evening and also relayed a brief overview of Ginder's proposal for baseball tournaments to take place next year at War Memorial Park providing weekly entertainment for the community and earning at least one thousand dollars per weekend for the Borough. Ginder and his partner will attend the Outreach committee and then present to Council next month their proposal.

Ray Vegso – 50 N. Pine St. – He wanted to let council aware that a baseball broke his window and it cost \$120 to get fixed. He was raised when you do damage to someone there is consequences. He spoke twice with the person running the baseball program that they have no responsibility. He filed a Right-to-know for any agreement that may have been filed years ago. There is no agreement that he is aware of. It is the duty of the council to improve the situation.

President Mazis stated that he had phoned Mr. Vegso after the previous month's Council meeting when Vegso first brought up this complaint and spoke with his wife to have Ray reach out to the baseball association manager and gave her the contact information. The borough does not allow them to use the field's without having insurance coverage, Mazis explained, and Vegso should ask them to cover the damages through their insurance.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

President Mazis asked for a motion to approve the May 11<sup>th</sup> minutes. Council member States made a motion to accept the May 11<sup>th</sup> minutes with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Mazis stated we will be back in person next month and is looking forward to more immediate contact with citizens.

President Mazis thanked all the essential workers and first responders for their continued work during the covid-19 period.

On June 24<sup>th</sup> in War Memorial Park at 6:00 -8:00 PM we will be having another WalkWorks presentation. This is dealing with active transportation (self-propelled transportation in all forms) in the borough and how it can be facilitated.

Everyone should go out to the Borough web page and fill out the MS4 survey.

## **REPORTS**

**Fire Police/EMA – Steve Bailey** – Bailey was not present. Councilmen Marsh gave the report. They had a total for May of 20 calls, 35 officers, and 96.75 duty hours. The truck was cleaned, serviced, and stocked. All the officers took the state required Hazmat Awareness refresher class at station 76 on June 1.

**Pioneer Fire Company – Brandon Smith** – Brian Smith stated he had no numbers to report. Not much going on, they had a search detail last evening. They started BINGO again on Saturdays. Have everyone come out and sport the local fire department.

**Pioneer Fire Company Financial Statement – Jeffery Marsh** – Council member Marsh stated the balance as of April 30, 2021, was \$8,064.03. 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 State's report was dated May 2021. The sewer fund has a savings account balance of \$214,152.96 and a checking account balance of \$1,563.91. 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 recycling report was submitted.

**Treasurer – Sharon Bradnick** - The General Fund Monthly Breakdown dated June 8, 2021. The total general fund accounts are \$1,403,594.88. 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** – Council received the profit and loss statements for the month of May. At the end of May, we show that our income in the amount of \$515,962.84 for the month. January through May we have an income of \$505,446.64. Sharon stated she received an email from DCED on Wednesday concerning grants to municipalities for covid expenses and asked each municipality to apply within 5 days. The Borough may receive \$272,558.62 in COVID-19 grant money.

**Zoning Report – Tom Arnold** – Tom Arnold was not present and Council member States gave the report. Tom completed 50% of the housing inspections. He has issued nine zoning permits to bring the total to thirty-one for the year. He reminded people to mow their lawns and keep the weeds and brush under control. He has issued a total of thirty-one quick tickets for failure to mow lawns. There are still problems with vehicles that are not inspected and/or registered parked throughout the Borough. Remember the Code requires all vehicles to be registered and inspected when parked on the street or on any property within the Borough. He asked that residents make sure their addresses are visible on the outside of their property for emergency responders.

**Mayor's Report - Harold Kulman** – Mayor Kulman stated that they have completed seven interviews for the position of Police Chief of the Regional force with the help of the Chief's Association, and they are now down to three applicants. A decision will be made on July 6<sup>th</sup>. He attended the Mayor Association in Strasburg on May 12<sup>th</sup>. He was one of the interviewers for the chief's position. He delivered a 100-year proclamation to the American Legion on May 21. On May 26<sup>th</sup> and went to the Donegal Student Parade but it was cancelled. He joined the Marietta Legion Parade and threw candy along the way.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Administrative – President Mazis**

President Mazis stated they did not have a meeting. Regarding all the letters that we received from the fire department; he investigated it. He had an hour-long meeting with Brandon, the chief, the President, and the lieutenant. It appeared that everything is under control and no need for Borough Council to get involved. If anything, some lingering problems seem to have been resolved. Mazis also met with Dave Haneman, and the location of the Pig Iron Festival is still being decided. Under consideration is using the parking lot at the boat launch, which will be Borough property by then. The Pig Iron Festival is going to be on October 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Mazis stated that the bids for the Donegal Place/Furnace Road are in and there is a bid that is under the projected cost. We are not able to accept this bid this evening, since it is still being checked out, so we are going to table this. We are going to have to have a special meeting in the next week or two to accept this bid.

Mazis stated that we have another resolution 09-21 regarding by suggestion by Lori Yeich to have himself and Sharon go for the Multimodal Transportation Fund. Since we are eligible for it, and it would further the work suggested by the Comprehensive Open Space and Park Plan of last year, it seems advisable to apply for this grant. Council member Dalzell made a motion that we adopt the Resolution 09-21 to apply for the Multimodal Transportation Fund Grant, with a second by Council member Carroll-Baltozer. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

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

Council member Dalzell stated they did not meet last month.

Council member Dalzell made a motion to appoint Wayne Pearson to serve on the Donegal-Elizabethtown Area Appeals Board, with a second by Council member States. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

### **Public Outreach – Rebecca Carroll-Baltozer**

Council member Baltozer stated at their meeting they would like to thank the football team for the park cleanup. They would like this to be a yearly event on Marietta Day and involve the baseball teams, and the soccer team. They spoke about the removing part of the fence at War Memorial Park to open more space, but this will be discussed later. They discussed the forestry along the river, and they will let us know when their will be a more detailed walk with an expert on forest health. Rebecca was in touch with the Columbia Borough to see how they live stream in preparation for the July meeting.

Baltozer stated that the fence is not a baseball fence but is rather more of a perimeter fence. At one time it may have been a baseball fence. The football field would be moved because of the grade of the transition into the baseball field. This move of the field would be to prevent twisting their ankles and is not for bleachers. States stated that this is the first that he is hearing this. Mazis asked if it is easy to put the fence back up if it is taken down? Glenn Orr stated that it will not be easy to put it back up. Glenn stated if you are going to take the corner down, then you should take the whole fence down. Mazis stated that we are doing a Master Park Plan and the football people can be part of the park plan. The proposal for the use of the baseball field in War Memorial Park is for weekend tournaments and the Borough could possibly receive up to \$1000 a weekend. They would be cutting the grass twice a week. These teams are traveling teams and would be people staying in B&B's and gives entertainment to the Borough. They are higher ranked games. If we could just wait another month and try to integrate the plans. Rebecca stated that these fields are for our youth in our community. States stated that we should look at all aspects. We need to all walk the field. McKinney asked if there was any way to put up netting to prevent baseballs from damaging windows. Council member Marsh made a motion to table the discussion with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Jean Cooper – Susquehanna Chamber of Commerce – Presented that in 2020 the Susquehanna Chamber had no income due to covid. They are in dire financial need. They are looking to receive \$60,000 to \$75,000 to stay in business. They are currently trying to sell their property in Columbia. Solicitor Harter stated that we would have to investigate if the Borough is able to use tax revenue to support a private organization of any type. Boroughs have limited discretion. President Mazis stated that expenditures must be a tangible benefit to the tax payors, which this expense would not be and is not proper for the Borough.

Baltozer presented a special event for a block party in the West Market Street block from Decatur to Morris on August 28<sup>th</sup> from 12 pm to 5 pm. Solicitor Harter stated that they would need to have traffic control and they would also need to have insurance to be special event and block off traffic on the street.

### **Public Safety – Jeffery Marsh**

Council member Marsh stated they did not meet last month.

### **Public Works – Freddy States**

Council member States the street sweeping went well. The school sidewalk on Aaron needs to have a handicap ramp. Stauffers concrete gave us a bid of \$3,500 to put that handicap ramp in. States made a motion to accept the bid from Stauffers Concrete to put the handicap ramp in with a second by Council member Hudson. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote. The "slow" signs were placed on the trail before curves. They also placed a "slow" sign on

Decatur Street parking lot where the bicyclists come through the bollards and run into each other. The lights on the square need replacement or rebuilding. We are going to look into this. The Hess Auction is going to have an auction this weekend and we are going to bid on a mower and hopefully we can get this under \$3,000, which would be quite a saving to the Borough versus buying a new mower.

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY – Jeffery Marsh** – Sewer authority met and most of the meeting was a discussion of the impending rate increase. Last month they started the discussion on when to increase the rates.

**NWRT Committee – Glen Mazis** – No meeting.

**G3 Grant Phase III Committee – Glen Mazis** – Bids are due by the end of the month. Construction will be from August 1 to September 30<sup>th</sup>. The trail will be out of commission in this area during that period.

**Shade Tree Committee – Bill Dalzell** – We received a couple of people that are interested in the free street trees. Waiting on information from Inch & Company.

**Walkworks Grant – Glen Mazis** – There will be a public meeting in War Memorial Park on June 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm to get more public input.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Linda Ross – Fairview Avenue – The tree committee has a plan to talk to people in town regarding the free street trees. Linda told Rebecca to reach out to the Heritage-Rivertown Group regarding to the Susquehanna Chamber of Commerce need of money.

There being no further business before Council, on a motion by Council member States with a second by Council member Marsh, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick  
Secretary/Treasurer