

**Marietta Borough Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held July 13, 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, called the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Marietta Borough Council to order at 7:00 PM. The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Paul Ginder – Tournament Baseball – They are looking to use the fields at War Memorial Park. They will maintain the fields. They are looking to use three fields. They would use them Saturday and Sunday and possibly a few Fridays. The Borough would receive 5% of concessions and 5% of registrations. They run day camps for the community kids and give discounts. They would place temporary fencing up and maintain everything inside that fence. The age groups are from age 7 to 18. They have collapsible fencing that they can take up and down within a half hour. Question was brought up from Council member Marsh regarding the foul balls hitting the Silk Mill windows. Ginder stated that they have insurance coverage to handle this.

Oliver Overlander – Front Street – This is the first public meeting that the Borough has held since the COVID. President Mazis stated that the Borough has been holding public meetings by zoom each month. Residents needed to phone into the meeting or get on the zoom meeting by computer. He would like to know since meetings couldn't be held in person, then why was the trail let open. This was a lack of respect for the older people in town. President Mazis stated that we followed all the CDC guidelines during the COVID. The trails were to stay open, and it was important for people to get out and exercise. Solicitor stated that each month there was a discussion on if there should be meetings in public or by zoom. Overlander asked what is our zoning officer doing? He has been complaining about a truck that has been in Hazel for over three years and the vehicle is still there.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

President Mazis asked for a motion to approve the June 8<sup>th</sup> minutes. Council member Dalzell made a motion to accept the June 8<sup>th</sup> minutes with a second by Council member States. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote. Council member States made a motion to accept the June 17<sup>th</sup> Special Council meeting with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

President Mazis thanked the Garden Tour organizers as well as the Marietta Artist. On the 11<sup>th</sup> of July the garden tour was a great success. They sold out the original 300 tickets and printed 200 additional tickets. The garden tour has been a real success and will continue.

President Mazis thanks Senator Toomey, and Representative Smucker. What is important is working together for the benefit of the Borough and they both came forward to help Marietta. We almost lost our \$874,000 grant because the National Park Service hadn't completed the paperwork, but with their intervention, we received the needed paperwork to have the

Lancaster County Park land transferred.

The final closing on the property will be Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> to transfer the property to the Borough and the new name for the park is "Marietta Iron Furnace Park."

President Mazis stated that from August 1 to September 30<sup>th</sup> this area will be a construction zone and the trail will be closed in this area.

President Mazis stated that we are working on the DCED Grant for the lower portion of Furnace Road and the one-way section of East Front Street to put the trail off the street and onto the green strip.

## REPORTS

**Fire Police/EMA – Steve Bailey** – They had a total for June of 18 calls, 26 officers, and 89 duty hours. The truck was cleaned, serviced, and stocked. He continued with the routine activities of monitoring the PA Health Department for updates on the progression of the Covid-19 virus. They suggest to people that they get the vaccination, but it is their decision. He monitors the weather reports and alerts the services and elected officials of any severe weather headed our way.

**Pioneer Fire Company – Brandon Smith** – For the month of June the fire company ran 16 fire calls, 8 QRS calls, for a total of 24 calls for June. He thanked the borough for allowing to store their vehicles at the poll barn while the parking lot was being paved.

**Pioneer Fire Company Financial Statement – Jeffery Marsh** – Council member Marsh stated the balance as of May 31, 2021, was \$8,884.81. 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 State's report was dated June 2021. The sewer fund has a savings account balance of \$216,922.84 and a checking account balance of \$1,563.92. 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 State's reported that the recycling report for May was 25,280 pounds recycled, totaling 12.64 tons. Council member State's reported that the recycling report for June was 25,360 pounds recycled, totaling 12.68 tons. Council member States made a motion to accept the reports as presented with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

**Treasurer – Sharon Bradnick** - The General Fund Monthly Breakdown dated July 13, 2021 was presented. The total general fund accounts are \$1,361,511.27. Council member States motioned to approve the report as presented with a second by Council member Hudson. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

**Secretary – Sharon Bradnick** – Council received the profit and loss statements for the month of June. At the end of June, we show that our income is in the negative in the amount of \$77,967.65 for the month. January through June we have an income of \$427,478.99. Sharon received a letter from Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce and asked that we email them that we approve their moving forward with the dissolution of the Chamber due to lack of funds. Council member Carroll-Baltozer made a motion to move forward with the dissolution of the SVCC with a second by Council member Hudson. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Bradnick stated the Council members have pamphlets from NW EMS. She was at a meeting on July 30<sup>th</sup> with other municipalities and townships that they service. They are talking about entering into an EMS Authority. They are looking at how to set this up and what is all involved in setting it up, and how it will work. It is still at the beginning stage. They are asking if the municipality is on board with having an Authority. Bradnick is asking that someone from council be involved in the meetings. The initial reaction of Council members was positive. Mazis said he would attend.

**Zoning Report – Tom Arnold** – Tom Arnold was not present and Council member States gave the report. Tom completed most of the housing inspections. He has issued eight additional zoning permits to bring the total to thirty-eight 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. Residents need to have a compliant driveway to park to the rear of their property. People can't just park on the grass. He asked that residents make sure their addresses are visible on the outside of their property for emergency responders. August 2<sup>nd</sup> he will be having a knee replacement and will be in the office as soon as he can.

**Vesta Furnace – Dave Haneman** – Dave handed in his minutes for the Musselman Vesta Iron Furnace Center. The Rivertownes Board of Directors went over what went well for them and what were some of the weaknesses that they need to improve on the hosting of events. Under new business they, discussed the events to come up and things that they wanted to do such as the bench placed at the Musselman Vesta building in honor of Margie Landis.

**Mayor's Report - Harold Kulman** – Mayor Kulman introduced the new chief, Anthony J. Hall, he has been the lieutenant for a while, and he is well qualified according to Kulman.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Administrative – President Mazis**

President Mazis stated he did not have a meeting and has nothing to report.

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

Council member Dalzell stated they did not have a meeting and has nothing to report.

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

Council member Baltozer stated at their meeting they discussed War Memorial Park and the long run of fencing to be taken down and maybe we can recycle it. War Memorial Park is the hub of this community. War Memorial Park needs a facelift. We can all work together and use this park. Carroll-Baltozer made a motion to take down the fence at War Memorial Park with a second by Council member States. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

### **Public Safety – Jeffery Marsh**

Council member Marsh stated they did not meet last month.

Council member Marsh made a motion to pass Resolution 21-08 for the increase in the sewer in the amount of \$4.00 starting with the fourth quarter of 2021 with a second by Council member States. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

#### **Public Works – Freddy States**

Council member States stated that the men are keeping an eye out for a used mover with RS Hollinger. The men are working on revamping the lights at the square which cost about \$150.00. They are also working on marking the spaces and curbs on East Market Street where they repaved the road and at the 421 W. Market St. area.

States explained the 2021 Street Improvement Project which is to have Aaron Avenue, North Jones Street and North Porter Street paved. We originally had Bailey Alley on the bid but it came in at \$186,015.00 overall-beyond what was expected. We took Bailey Alley off the list of projects, and the bid is \$151,365.50, we have \$94,000 in liquid fuels money to put towards it and the balance we would take part of it from the fund balance and part from capital reserve.

Council member States made a motion to approve the 2021 Street Improvement Project in the amount of \$151,365.50 using \$94,000 of liquid fuels and \$25,000 from the fund balance and the remaining from Capital Reserve with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

#### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY – Jeffery Marsh** – Sewer authority engineer Jeffrey Colton is retiring and David Shirk will be taking over as engineer.

**NWRT Committee – Glen Mazis** – Meeting to be held July 27<sup>th</sup> and they will discuss the 18 mph speed limit on the trail.

**G3 Grant Phase III Committee – Glen Mazis** – This was discussed earlier, nothing new to add.

**Shade Tree Committee – Bill Dalzell** – No meeting was held for June.

**Walkworks Grant – Glen Mazis** – There will be a full report at the next meeting for review.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Oliver Overlander – Front Street – Would like to know what the vote was on the Bridge Bust. President Mazis stated that they will not be holding the Bridge Bust this year on Front Street. Overlander stated the office of mayor is public information and wanted to know private addresses and phone numbers. However, this is not public information.

Harold Altland – 26 S. Locust St. – People have been following him on Facebook. On S. Bridge St., people are parking on both sides and can't see. If you can't put a flashing light on a stop

sign, then what can you do he asked. At the bottom of Bank Street and Front Street there is a stop sign and you can't see the stop sign due to plants out over the fence, and the arrow ahead sign for the stop sign can not be seen. Council stated that we will look into this.

There being no further business before Council, on a motion by Council member States with a second by Council member Dalzell, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick  
Secretary/Treasurer