

**Marietta Borough Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held September 14, 2021**  
**113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA**

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

Council President Mazis read a statement, "The Borough Council and its committees are assembled to deliberate dealing with the issues concerning actions and policies. We welcome civil input from citizens' opinions and will take them under consideration. However, no personal attacks on public officials will be tolerated at any of these meetings or you will be asked to stop and if it persists to leave."

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

President Mazis asked for a motion to approve the August 10<sup>th</sup> minutes. Council member Hudson made a motion to accept the August 10<sup>th</sup> minutes with a second by Council member Marsh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis asked for a motion to approve the September 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Meeting minutes. Council member States made a motion to accept the September 2<sup>nd</sup> Special Council meeting minutes with a second by Council member Hudson. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis asked for a motion to approve the September 2<sup>nd</sup> Budget Meeting minutes. Council member States made a motion to accept the September 2<sup>nd</sup> Budget Meeting minutes with a second by Council member Marsh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Mazis stated that we are still in the pandemic. Lancaster County is still increasing in the number of cases among the unvaccinated. He thanked all the essential workers and first responders for their continued work during the covid-19 period. He thanked all the people that are vaccinated and encouraged people to get vaccinated. On September 8<sup>th</sup> he had a meeting with the Chickies Day Use Park committee. The plan for the park is completed and there will be a public meeting on September 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at East Donegal Township municipal building for the public to give input of the plan and ask for modifications. On September 29<sup>th</sup> there is a meeting with Northwest EMS meeting about their ongoing effort to create an authority. This will be held at 6:30 at the West Donegal Township municipal building. We held our first budget meeting September 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sharon handed out the paperwork. The next meeting is October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM. Joe Clark is still giving out the welcome bags to new residents so if you hear of anyone, please let him know. He will be giving out the welcome bags during the next month when the mayor is out of the country. On August 18<sup>th</sup>, Bill Dalzell, Brandon Tennis, and Glen Mazis met with the PA State Forester who walked them through the river shore to look at the trees and the invasive species on our river shore. We are losing a lot of trees because of the invasive species but this can be rectified. It is not that expensive, but we need

to get a Forest Management plan that is. Special plan for a floodplain forest. We will get more information and bring this up in a month or two.

## **REPORTS**

**Fire Police/EMA – Steve Bailey** – They had a total for August of 16 calls, 40 officers, and 116.5 duty hours. The truck was cleaned, serviced, and stocked. We had hurricane Ida go through, and Bailey monitored the situation. He constantly notified and updated the elected officials and Lancaster County emergency services. He met with the fire company officers to discuss plans for the coming rain. Angie Shearer kept the public posted on weather and notices via social media. The Borough Street crew checked & cleared all the flapper valves and cleared the storm drains in the streets. He had a total of 60 duty hours. Pennsylvania has had 6.3 million people receive for partial vaccinations. For full vaccinations Pennsylvania has 6.08 million people receive vaccinations. Lancaster County for its number of partial vaccinations has over 21 thousand and full vaccinations are over 262 thousand. The vaccinations are proven to help to curve the virus.

**Pioneer Fire Company – Brandon Smith** – No one present to report.

**Pioneer Fire Company Financial Statement – Jeffery Marsh** – Council member Marsh reported the balance as of July 31, 2021, was \$29,027.05. 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** – The report dated August 2021. The sewer fund has a savings account balance of \$357,516.17 and a checking account balance of \$3,420.76. Council member States motioned to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Hudson. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

**Recycling –Freddy States** – Council member States reported that the recycling report for July was 28,640 pounds recycled, totaling 14.32 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.

Council member States reported that the recycling report for August was 24,020 pounds recycled, totaling 12.01 tons. Council member States made a motion 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 September 14, 2021, was presented. The total general fund accounts are \$1,342,223.65. Council member States motioned to approve the report as presented with a second by Council member Marsh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

**Secretary – Sharon Bradnick** – Council received the profit and loss statements for the month of August. At the end of August, we show that our income is in the negative in the amount of \$129,162.42 for the month. January through August we have total income of \$432,342.57. Sharon is working on getting budget numbers together. Selective insurance is coming in tomorrow to look at our parks and make recommendations on any violations and what needs to be done in the parks regarding safety. President Mazis asked how we are in the budget for this year on taxes, and Sharon stated that we budgeted \$766,250 for taxes and have received \$787,462.64 so far for the year.

**Zoning Report – Sharon Bradnick** – Sharon stated that she did not do a report, but she has written letters and has been following up on items that Tom had previously addressed.

**Vesta Furnace – Dave Haneman** – Dave stated that they met on September 8<sup>th</sup> and they received a grant from the Eater Foundation for 12 Marietta Historic Panels. The 2021 Pig iron Fest will be held September 26<sup>th</sup> at the Chickies Creek East Donegal Day Use Park across Rt. 441. They had 10 people at the Iron Center who commented on the stone pavers and remarked, "This looks great, thank you." The Plein Air art show will be held again next year in April. Rivertownes were involved in the National Heritage Area Presentation. Jonathan Pinkerton presented the information regarding the National Heritage Area.

**Mayor's Report - Harold Kulman** – Mayor Kulman stated that he walks around town speaking with people. He asks people what they like about Marietta and what they don't like. He wants to make people feel at home here in Marietta. Mayor Kulman introduced Chief Hall.

Chief Hall stated that his request to the police commission related to staffing. For the last eight years the police have not been fully staffed. The lieutenant position was empty, and they named Sosnoski as the new lieutenant. The police are looking into hiring a new Sergeant and this is a process, which will not be completed until the spring. When this is accomplished then he will be looking at the schedule and anticipates the hires will help with the overtime. Through the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement regarding the calculating the population, Elizabethtown School District is no longer collecting the census data. We have come to an agreement on where to get the numbers and the budget is being worked on currently.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Administrative – President Mazis**

President Mazis stated that the Council has the MOU for the fire company to look over for the next month. The administrative committee met with the fire company, and they requested that we change the MOU, and after taking the recommendation from our auditors, Sager and Swisher that a full audit is not required now that we have had one, and will save the fire company money, we are recommending revising the MOU to require only a compilation review instead. The Council can vote on this next month. The committee also discuss at length that we need a housing officer and a new zoning officer. There was an emergency meeting to appoint Sharon as the deputy zoning officer and previously appointed Ronda has a deputy housing officer. The committee interviewed housing officer applicants and decided to wait until the interviews are done for the zoning officers to see if someone would be willing to do both. Also, they would like to look at the pool to see who would be best for each of the jobs. It is suggested the Council is going to wait one more month to see what can be done as a Borough. Councilmen States had brought up about doing rental inspections after each tenant moves out, but the Borough does not have the resources or the staff to do this.

President Mazis stated that every year at this time we need to make a motion to accept the Non-Uniform Employees' Pension Plan obligation. Council member Hudson made the motion to accept the non-uniform employees' pension plan municipal obligation for 2022 budget with a second by Council member States. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis stated that since Ronda is doing housing inspections and Sharon is doing zoning and they are doing double duty and for the hours in which they are doing the other duties, that they get paid for those duties at the 35.00 per hour. It comes down to 10.00 an hour more when they are doing those particular duties. Council member Hudson made a motion to add

additional remuneration for the additional duties for our acting housing and zoning officers with a second by Council member Marsh. There was a discussion on the time keeping. Treasurer stated that on housing we charge the landlord 35.00 an hour. When Ronda goes out and does the inspections then she bills them for the time. That time is what we pay the housing officer. The zoning position is not as easy. When Bradnick is working on zoning she looks at the clock when she is working on zoning and mark down that time on that task. If she is interrupted, she keeps track of the time. States stated that it is the least we can do for this extra responsibility. This is only temporary till Council hires someone for these positions. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis call for an executive session to discuss a pending litigation.

Council dismissed for an executive session at 8:00 PM  
Council reconvened from an executive session at 8:10 PM

Solicitor Harter just informed Council of a pending litigation, no vote was taken.

President Mazis stated that the statement that he read at the beginning of the meeting is going to be brought up to the Administrative Committee to make as a procedure at all meetings. Council will discuss it next month.

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

Council member Dalzell not present, nothing to report. His minutes are in everyone's packet.

President Mazis stated that we are going to look into a forest management plan as advised by the State Forester.

President Mazis stated that we need a motion to adopt the Active Transportation Plan. Council member States made the motion to adopt the Active Transportation Plan with a second by Council member Marsh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

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

Council member Baltozer was not present, nothing to report.

#### **Public Safety – Jeffery Marsh**

Council member Marsh stated that there was no meeting and he had nothing to report.

#### **Public Works – Freddy States**

Council member States that the paving project has been completed. The committee is looking at paving from Essex to Elk, but after they looked at it and it would have to excavated down three inches. It would be more feasible to do this next year. The Borough is not saving anything to do it now. The fence is gone in War Memorial Park and we kept some of the fencing. The batting cage was taken out. Everything looks nice. Donegal Place is going to be paved this week. When this project is complete then we will look at providing an additional parking area. We have some trees that need to be taken down in the meadow and maybe we can look into offering the wood to residents. The over-flow parking on W. Front Street was discussed in regard to fencing it off with a split rail fence. The committee will look into the budget.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY – Jeffery Marsh** – Sewer Authority met August 24<sup>th</sup>, and they are dealing with an insurance claim from storm damage from July. They are also dealing with PP&L on a voltage sag at the plant and these are issues that affect the equipment. The Authority is going to be taking on a new engineering firm that will be taking over at the beginning of the year; ARRO Consulting.

**NWRT Committee – Glen Mazis** – Nothing to report, next meeting is October 26<sup>th</sup>.

**G3 Grant Phase III Committee – Glen Mazis** – The construction is occurring since late July, and they are on schedule.

**Shade Tree Committee – Bill Dalzell** – Nothing to report.

**DCNR Grant (Furnace Road/Donegal Place) – Glen Mazis** – This project is to be completed by October 31, 2021.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comment.

There being no further business before Council, on a motion by Council member Dalzell with a second by Council member McKinney, the meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM.

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Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick  
Secretary/Treasurer