

Marietta Borough Council
Minutes of Meeting held October 12, 2021
113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

President Mazis asked for a motion to approve the September 12th minutes. Council member States made a motion to accept the September 12th 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. 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. It is still CDC's recommendation when you are in a room with people that you wear a mask. Next budget meeting is November 4th at 7:00 PM. We are still in preliminary stage. On September 29th Mazis and Bradnick went to the Northwest EMS meeting about their ongoing effort to create an ambulance authority. This will be a long and complicated process on how figuring out now to charge all the differing consumers of ambulance services in an equitable way.

REPORTS

Fire Police/EMA – Steve Bailey – They had a total for September of 20 calls, 40 officers, and 138.5 duty hours. The truck was cleaned, serviced, and stocked. They are ready for trick or treat night. They will be in front of the Borough office and in front of Steve Bailey's home. This will be Friday, October 29th between 6:00-8:00 pm. They are putting out a special request for new officers for the Fire Police. Recently we had to evacuate an apartment building and had eighteen people out on the street and needed to contact possible shelters, but Bailey's contacts that he had were outdated. His assistant, Angie Shearer, is going to work on gathering new contacts and put a list together for Marietta Emergency Management. Bailey will try to keep this list updated.

Pioneer Fire Company – Dan Parkinson – For the month of September the fire company ran 21 fire calls, 11 QRS calls for a total of 32 calls. The fire company raft was totaled, and they are waiting for a check from the insurance company. They applied for the Columbia Healthcare Foundation Grant for some new turnout gear. The fire company would like to remind everyone who has chimneys to have them cleaned. The firehouse is open for rentals.

Pioneer Fire Company Financial Statement – Jeffery Marsh – Council member Marsh reported the balance as of August 31, 2021, was \$16,045.26. Council member Marsh made the motion to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Sewer –Freddy States – The report dated September 2021. The sewer fund has a savings account balance of \$241,383.63 and a checking account balance of \$1,344.37. 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 September was 19,960 pounds recycled, totaling 9.98 tons. Council member States made a motion to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Treasurer – Sharon Bradnick - The General Fund Monthly Breakdown dated October 12, 2021, was presented. The total general fund accounts are \$1,411,747.25. 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 September. At the end of September, we show that our income in the amount of \$243,835.39 for the month. January through September we have total income of \$676,274.69. Sharon is working on getting budget numbers together. We are currently \$111,000 over budget and waiting on number from the police budget to see if we need to adjust the numbers. Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay has an invitation sheet in your packets to go to the Columbia Crossing River Trails Center, if anyone is interested, please contact them that you are coming. Bradnick will be on vacation next week.

Zoning Report – Sharon Bradnick – Bradnick stated that she did not do a report, but she has sent out 40 courtesy letters and have 5 more to be sent out has been following up on items that Tom had previously addressed. She had to call in Brandt's Landscaping to come in and take care of two properties that did not mow. One invoice has not been paid and will have to file a civil against them for payment.

Vesta Furnace – Dave Haneman – Haneman stated that they board met on September 8th. The Pig Iron Fest was a great success. It was held at the East Donegal Day Use Park. The Furnace Road and Donegal Place renovation is coming along. They will look at this area once it is completed to see if they can move the Pig Iron Fest back to this area. There were a couple of the Plein Air painters at the Pig Iron Event. They painted some of the vehicles and did an excellent job on them and even some of those sold. Rivertownes had a business donation, and it was placed in a certificate of deposit. There are twelve new historic panels, and they will be delivered to the homeowners to be put up. There is a discussion about the additional members of the Rivertownes Board.

President Mazis asked if the gentleman in the front row was from the Milanof-Schock Library. He stated that he is and wanted to speak on behalf of the budget. Bradnick stated that we have received their letter and at our budget meeting we allotted \$2,600 to go to the library but we are currently over budget and waiting on things to come in. We value the library, and we are sure that it will not be cut from budget.

Mayor's Report - Harold Kulman – Mayor Kulman was absent from the meeting.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative – President Mazis

President Mazis stated there was no issues last month, so the administrative meeting was cancelled. The committee did meet to interview the zoning officer position candidate, and with the housing officer candidates. Ron Kistler worked for East Hempfield for 20 years and was said by his reference to "have zoning in his blood." Council member Dalzell made a motion to appoint Ronald Kistler under Resolution 13-2021 as our new zoning officer and deputy code enforcement officer, with a second by Council member Hudson. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis asked for a motion to appoint the new housing officer, who is the ex-chief of police Charles Haugh. Council member States that we accept Resolution 14-2021 appointing Charles Haugh as the new housing officer with a second by Council member Hudson. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote. Council member Dalzell asked how the properties that Charles Haugh owns will be handled. President Mazis stated that Ronda as deputy officer will need to inspect his apartments, as he will need to recuse himself.

President Mazis stated the Pioneer Fire Company MOU will be tabled for one more month.

President Mazis stated that in a similar way to how the Council dealt with this issue a couple of months ago regarding Ken Gall's property, the owner of the neighbor's property is asking Marietta Borough to relinquish the thirty feet behind his property that borders Apple Avenue. Council member Dalzell made a motion to relinquish the thirty feet and adopt a quick claim deed for the property of Eugene Hilton and Marita Hines according to the designated portion along Apple Avenue in the claim, with a second by Council member States. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis asked for an executive session to go over some litigation that the Borough is undertaking.

Council dismissed for an executive session at 7:56 PM
Council reconvened from an executive session at 8:05 PM

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

Planning/Zoning/Environmental – Bill Dalzell

Council member Dalzell stated the committee discussed ordinances that regulate murals, and they are going to investigate further. They also discussed a golf cart ordinance and, this also require more work. Solicitor Harter stated that he has examples of three ordinances that he has worked on and will send them over to him to look at. This includes accessory structures, and air bnb's. He spoke with Steve Ulrich about the website and had some corrections made. There is still some work that needs to be taken care of.

President Mazis stated that the Planning Commission would like for the Borough to hire a professional webmaster.

Public Outreach – Rebecca Carroll-Baltozer

Council member Baltozer stated they discussed their budget. They are going to continue with the newsletter and placing it in the Traveler. This is the best for the Borough. The committee we would like to do more with Facebook and getting things communicated more widely to the community. The football league is very happy with the arrangements and is going well. They are asking for a flagpole. They would like to have a contract so they can be at War Memorial

Park longer. When we took down the fence, we knew that they would be there for the long hall.

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 Furnace road project will be finished by the end of October. Once this project is completed the Borough going to see if it is possible to add additional parking. For the parking overflow from Decatur Street, dirt has been added and fencing will be added. Tom Jones Landscaping will be submitting a quote to do some bushes on this property. The Borough is going to look at bidding on a mower at Hess Auction on Friday. The Borough is talking about putting up no parking signs along Furnace Road, Solicitor Harter stated that we do not need to do an ordinance for these signs. We are going to look at doing cracksealing throughout the Borough.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY – Jeffery Marsh – The Sewer Authority is still dealing with PP&L on a voltage sag at the plant and these are issues that affect the equipment. They are looking for the source of the problem. The Authority also would like to have a storage shed placed on the pump station property on East Front Street.

NWRT Committee – Glen Mazis – Nothing to report, next meeting is October 26th.

G3 Grant Phase III Committee – Glen Mazis – The construction is coming to an end.

Shade Tree Committee – Bill Dalzell – The committee is working on a tree donation but is not sure if this will be going through. The Borough sent out letters that currently have empty tree wells. We did receive an application to plant two trees in the two tree wells in front of the old theater.

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

OLD BUSINESS

President Mazis stated that we have a contract for the Complete Game Academy for the use of the fields at War Memorial Park. Solicitor Harter stated that he looked at the contract and made some changes that have been accepted by Complete Game Academy. Solicitor Harter went over and highlighted the contract. Jeremy Wolf from Complete Game Academy spoke about the Academy and stated that they are community based and would like to help the community in any way that they can. The program runs from April to August. Council member Carroll-Baltozer made a motion to accept the lease contract between Marietta Borough and the Complete Game Academy with a second by Council member States. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Harold Altland – 26 S. Locust St. – Mr. Altland questioned the golf cart ordinance and what is the borough coming up with on that. Council member Dalzell stated that we are looking at raising the age requirement at this time. The state has restrictions on the type of road that the golf carts can be driven on. They are also looking into the light requirements.

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 8:30 PM.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick
Secretary/Treasurer