

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

President Mazis with Council members Hudson, States, Marsh, McKinney, Carroll-Baltozer, Dalzell, Mayor Kulman present, called the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Marietta Borough Council to order at 7:00 PM. Solicitor Harter was absent from the meeting. 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 November 4th minutes. Council member Hudson made a motion to accept the November 4th minutes with a second by Council member States. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis asked for a motion to approve the November 9th budget meeting minutes. Council member States made a motion to accept the November 9th minutes with a second by Council member McKinney. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Mazis thanked Council members McKinney, Carroll-Baltozer and Mayor Kulman for their four years of service on Council. Council member Hudson stated that Kulman did an excellent job with the police and with the professional way Kulman handled getting the new police chief. President Mazis stated that Marietta Borough received a grant in the amount of \$337,000 from the Department of Community and Economic Development for the end of Furnace Road beyond the parking area connecting to Route 441 and also on the East Front Street portion of the trail to take it off the streets and put it into the green area. Mazis thanked Representative Hickernell for his involvement in helping us to get the money that we received. Mazis stated that the pandemic is spiking and filling up the hospitals. 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. Mazis also than this Council for working well together and succeeding in further making the town beautiful, more economically robust, and finishing the trail. He thanked everyone for their support while serving six years on Council and four of those years as President.

REPORTS

Fire Police/EMA – Steve Bailey – They had a total for November of 23 calls, 37 officers, and 89 duty hours. The truck was cleaned, serviced, and stocked. Next week the truck will be serviced.

EMA report Bailey tries to keep up with the COVID information. Lancaster County has a population of 545,000 plus. Of that population 32,000 plus have been partially vaccinated, and 288,776 people are fully vaccinated. The data show that people that are vaccinated are four times more likely to avoid contracting COVID.

Pioneer Fire Company – Brandon Smith – Brandon Smith was not present. Dan Parkinson gave the report. For the month of November, the fire company ran 19 fire calls, 7 QRS calls for a total

of 26 calls. This Friday at 6:00 they will be taking Santa Claus through town.

Pioneer Fire Company Financial Statement – Jeffery Marsh – Council member Marsh reported the balance as of October 31, 2021, was \$17,297.02. Council member Marsh made the motion to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Hudson. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Sewer –Freddy States – The report dated November 2021. The sewer fund has a savings account balance of \$288,648.96 and a checking account balance of \$118,359.80. 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 October was 33,040 pounds recycled, totaling 16.52 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.

Council member States reported that the recycling report for November was 47,540 pounds recycled, totaling 23.77 tons. Council member States made a motion to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Carroll-Baltozer. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Treasurer – Sharon Bradnick - The General Fund Monthly Breakdown dated December 14, 2021, was presented. The total general fund accounts are \$1,110,874.07. 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 – Council received the profit and loss statements for the month of November. At the end of November, we show that our income is negative \$452,297.79 for the month. January through November we have total income of \$168,314.85. Later we have a resolution to modify the budget. We will increase the revenue and the expenses. We will increase the revenue in the budget by \$588,651, to account for the grant funds received, and this will bring the revenue budget up to \$2,008,681.65. Once we make the adjustments to the budget for the expenditures this will bring our budget up to \$2,321,994.37. We are close in the budget between now and the end of the year.

Secretary/Treasurer Bradnick took the laptop computer home to test, in order to be able to work from home in the near future when she undergoes hip surgery and will be unable to be in the office for an extended period. The test demonstrated that everything is working fine.

Bradnick and Mazis had a walk through with Lori Yeich of DCNR and Mike Domin of the Lancaster County Parks today. One thing that Yeich pointed out is that the Borough need, to place a concrete pad beside the concrete pads for the benches so that a handicap person can park a wheelchair, which meets ADA requirements. This will be taken care of by the Borough if it's not on the plans. The pervious paving needs to be cleaned in order to be maintained properly. The road crew needs to take a class on how to take care of this pavement.

Zoning Report – Ronald Kistler – For the month of November he issued 4 permits, wrote 4 letters and reinspected thirty prior violation notices that were issued by the former zoning officer. He contacted Commonwealth Code on outstanding permits. They have sent in four. They are working on getting the outstanding ones completed.

President Mazis stated that the Planning Commission wanted you to look into the neon light on West Market Street. He did contact the company and they were going to have it turned off in the evenings.

Vesta Furnace – Dave Haneman – Haneman was not present. Secretary Bradnick stated that she would like to consult with Rivertownes to place an information panel on the trail to inform them about what people are looking at, when they look over at the Musselman Vesta Building.

Mayor's Report - Harold Kulman – Mayor Kulman stated that he has been tutoring Rebecca Carroll-Baltozer on the matters involved with the Mayor's participating in the police oversight.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative – President Mazis

President Mazis stated that he had no committee meeting last month. Mazis received from the solicitor the updated MOU for the fire company with the changes that Council had agreed to last month and Mazis would now sign it.

President Mazis asked for a motion to move the unused compensated absences to the assigned fund balance. Council member States made the motion with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis asked for a motion to approve the 2022 Budget and keep the tax rate at the same of 6.90 mils. Council member Carroll-Baltozer made the motion to accept the 2022 Budget with a second by Council member Marsh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis asked for a motion to approve the tax rate at 6.90 mils. Council member States made the motion with a second by Council member Carroll-Baltozer. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis asked for a motion to approve the Resolution 15-2021 for the fee schedule. Council member Dalzell made the motion with a second by Council member States. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis asked for a motion to approve Resolution 16-2021 for the adjustments to the budget. Council member Dalzell read the resolution and made the motion to adopt Resolution 16-2021 with a second by Council member States. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis stated that we received a letter from Ronda Ney, a resignation as Tax Collector, so the Borough can name the County as our Tax Collector. Motion to accept Ronda's resignation was made by Council member Dalzell with a second by Council member States. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis asked for a motion for Resolution 17-2021 to appoint the County as our Tax Collector. Council member Carroll-Baltozer made the motion with a second by Council member Marsh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Mazis stated that since the solicitor is not here, we will not be holding an executive session, since it concerned a matter of litigation.

Planning/Zoning/Environmental – Bill Dalzell

Council member Dalzell stated they did not meet last month.

President Mazis stated that the Planning Commission met and had a long discussion with the new zoning officer in regard to the Historic District and how to handle alterations made to building in that district.

Public Outreach – Rebecca Carroll-Baltozer

Council member Baltozer stated they discussed communication within the Borough for the long term and what is the mission for this committee. The mission should be focused, Baltozer believes, not only on making events, but more upon unifying the community. She thanked Bill and Louis for working with her this last year.

Public Safety – Jeffery Marsh

Council member Marsh stated they did not hold a meeting last month. They are working with Ron Kistler, zoning officer, on creating an ordinance for charging electric vehicles on public streets. It is a safety issue and needs to be dealt with. The no parking signs have been erected on S. Porter and S. Jones St.

The council needs to make a motion to accept the bid for Basin E Phase II. The engineer has recommended Insituform Technologies in the amount of \$135,785.28 with a second by Council member States. Sharon stated that Basin E is east of Decatur Street. This Basin was large, and part of the Basin was completed, and this will complete all of Basin E. We will then need to finish Basin F Phase II. Out of the COVID grant funds, we turned over \$102,222 over to sewer improvements to go towards completing this Basin. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Marsh stated that we need to put up signs on the trail that people need to keep their pets on a leash.

Public Works – Freddy States

Council member States stated that they did not have a meeting.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY – Jeffery Marsh – The Sewer Authority met on November 23rd and doing well. The canopies were put up over the entry doors, and the drainpipe has been repaired in the basement. They are continuing to monitor the power surge.

NWRT Committee – Glen Mazis – Nothing new, the next meeting is in April.

G3 Grant Phase III Committee – Glen Mazis – Completed

Shade Tree Committee – Bill Dalzell – Did not meet.

DCNR Grant (Furnace Road/Donegal Place) – Glen Mazis – As reported earlier, Bradnick and Mazis had a walk through on the trail today with DENR and the County Parks representatives. The Borough has a “punch list” of remaining tasks to be done and is trying to get this work finalized. We need to make sure we have no parking signs up along Furnace Road and a sign for overflow

parking to be directed to the boat launch. The parking at the boat launch will have to have spaces reserved for the boaters and their trailers, with the extra parking (since usually not all the spaces are used, even in mid-summer) at the far end to be used for bikers.

OLD BUSINESS

No new business.

NEW BUSINESS

Sharon Bradnick questioned a resolution regarding civil service employees that she gave Lieutenant Sosnoski on a resolution that possibly that the Borough needs to act on. Lieutenant Sosnoski stated that he just looked this up that this does not pertain to the Borough. The police are appointed by the Borough and do not follow the civil service.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

There being no further business before Council, on a motion by Council member States with a second by Council member Hudson, the meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick
Secretary/Treasurer