

Marietta Borough Council
Minutes of Meeting held May 10, 2022
113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA

President Hudson with Council members States, Marsh, Lauver, Wills, Dalzell, and Mayor Carroll-Baltozer present, called the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Marietta Borough Council to order at 7:00 PM. Absent from the meeting was Council member DeBottis and Solicitor Harter. The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Reiner and Alissa Harrison with Sager, Swisher & Company presented the annual audit report to council. The report was reviewed a week ago by Freddy States, Jeffery Hudson, and Sharon Bradnick in a meeting with Reiner and Harrison. Michael Reiner went over the audit with the council. The auditor reported a clean audit, and that Marietta is in good financial shape and remains strong.

Harold Kulman – 114 E. Market St. – He learned that we had a date to apply for a recent DCNR Grant and Council did not apply. He was told by Freddy that we did not apply because the Borough did not have the funds to do the match. States stated that the grant was through DCNR and this funding is for parks. Later in the meeting we are going to vote on going for another grant to proceed on Front Street from Bank to Aaron. We do not want to overspend the Borough. We will go back next year for the DCNR grant to do the Front Street Park.

Karen Sullivan – 120 N. Waterford Ave. – She submitted an event application, but she does not have the insurance certificate until later on this week. Hudson stated it is on the agenda to be voted on later.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

President Hudson asked for a motion to approve the April 12th minutes. Council member States made a motion to accept the April 12th minutes with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bradnick stated that she was on a webinar on May 4th. This had to do with AMTRAK. Norfolk Southern owns the train track but AMTRAK owns the electric lines. There is going to be 29 miles of electric lines that are going to be replaced. This system was put in 1936 and had a life expectancy of 40 years. This system has outlasted. The existing structures are 640 and they are proposing 355, the old structures are spaced 250 feet currently, but the new will be 550 feet apart, and the current height of the poles are 62 feet, and the new poles will be 100 feet high. This project will be in three stages, with the bases put in first, second the poles and third the lines. This project will take place between 2024 and 2027.

REPORTS

Fire Police/EMA – Steve Bailey – Steve Bailey was not present. Council received the report.

Pioneer Fire Company – Bryon Smith – Dan Parkinson gave the report. They ran twenty-three (23) fire calls and sixteen (16) QRS calls for a total of thirty-nine (39) calls for April. They need new members. Chicken BBQ is this Saturday starting at 11:00 until they run out. They have meat bingo

the first Saturday of the month.

Pioneer Fire Company Financial Statement – Jeffery Marsh – Council member Marsh reported the balance as of March 31, 2022, was \$3,704.74. 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 April 2022. The sewer fund has a savings account balance of \$316,170.11 and a checking account balance of \$1,431.93. 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 March was 20,540 pounds recycled, totaling 10.25 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 April was 27,480 pounds recycled, totaling 13.74 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 May 10, 2022, was presented. The total general fund accounts are \$1,110,387.73. 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 April. At the end of April, we show that our income is \$666.31 for the month. January through April we have income of \$2,644.62.

Sharon stated that today she received a report showing that we received real estate money in the amount of 655,695.03.

Sharon stated that she sat in a webinar regarding a grant called "Connects 2040". Later in the agenda Council will be voting to put in a notice of intent. This grant is through Lancaster County Planning. We would like to apply to do the next section of East Front Street, from Bank Street to Aaron Avenue. We looked several years ago into getting a grant under Chesapeake Bay for Front Street. This gave us options for example of two-way traffic, bump outs at intersections, and having the bicyclist on the street. Or one way traffic, bump outs, and having a bike lane. We did not start on Front Street; we moved the grant down to Furnace Road and Donegal Place. This grant is a two-year grant, we would go through an interview process, if we receive the money we would be notified in September. The funding runs from October 2022 to October 2024.

Vesta Furnace – Dave Haneman – Haneman stated they hosted a meet and greet down at the Vesta Building on Friday evening for the artist. The Plein Air had 323 pieces of art that were hung for the Gallery and 90 were sold. Friday there was a fire in the Marita Hines Gallery, and thanks to the fast response from the fire department the gallery was open for the show. River Fest is scheduled for the end of June, and everything is moving along. Their insurance coverage was paid for all the events at the Vesta along with the Plein Air that had just taken place. Love's Tree Service came in and took down a couple of trees around the Vesta and Lenny had the trees cut up for firewood. This cleaned up the area and made it safer. The Mifflin Farm property has been obtained by Susquehanna Heritage and will later be part of the National Historic Area Visitors

Center.

Mayor's Report – Rebecca Carroll-Baltozer – Mayor Carroll-Baltozer thanked Susquehanna Regional for the ride along. Mayor stated the Borough needs to make sure we get signs up for the boat launch. The County took down all their signs. The Borough needs to put up dusk to dawn signs. It is very important that all our alleys are marked so when we have other police from outside the area helping Susquehanna they need to know where to go. The police's system does not give them directions to a location. Also, it was interesting to learn when you come off Route 441, vehicles are usually doing 50 mph and we have a 25 mph sign ahead. Then the Borough has a second 25-mph sign, but the police cannot pull anyone over until at least 500 feet after the second 25 mph sign. At this point you are almost at Bank Street. This ride along was very eye opening. The mayor did her first wedding. Mayor also did a ribbon cutting for the Artful Nest. It was very nice. Mayor stated Plein Air was very magical.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative – President Hudson

President Hudson stated that there was no meeting. Hudson stated that States and he met with the Auditors. He asked how the Borough was fairing against other Boroughs, and they stated that we were very strong. Hudson asked for a motion to accept the audit and have it advertised. Council member Dalzell made the motion with a second from Council member States. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Hudson asked for a motion for Resolution 20-22, authorizing the advertising of a public hearing for the enactment of a EMS Regional Authority. Council member States made the motion with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Planning/Zoning/Environmental – Bill Dalzell

Council member Dalzell stated the ordinances on the schedule will be tabled till next month. The committee meeting met, and he received an email from the Penn State Extension that is involved with the Watershed Stewart Program. They would like to establish a live stake nursery along the river trail. They would raise shrubs and stake them, raise them to be live stakes. The area would be a minimum of 100'X15'. This would accompany an educational display. The Borough would need to mow around the plants. They will be meeting next weekend to target an area. Marietta Borough is limited to where we can place one in.

Council member Dalzell made a motion to continue with the plan with The Pennsylvania State University on behalf of its Master Watershed Stewards, Penn State Extension Program pending location and having the attorney check out the agreement, with a second by Council member States. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Public Outreach – Steven DeBottis

Council member DeBottis was not present.

Council member Dalzell presented the event applications. Event application for Chris Konrad Wedding held at the railroad house asked to have fireworks at their wedding. This is for July 2nd. Dalzell made a motion with a second by council member Wills. Council member States recused himself. Motion was denied.

Council member Dalzell presented The Marietta Garden Tour event application. Dalzell made the motion to accept the application pending insurance with a second by Council member Marsh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Council member Dalzell presented the event application for a Music Festival to be held on East Front Street from 40 E. Front Street to 130 West Front Street on July 16th from 1:00-6:00. Council member Dalzell made the motion to accept the application with a second by Council member Wills. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Public Safety – Jeffery Marsh

Council member Marsh stated they met in April, and they are still waiting from the solicitor to get them an ordinance for electric vehicles. This is a safety issue. Bradnick and Marsh went to a meeting at LCSWMA on the traffic issues on Route 441. LCSWMA would like to eliminate passing zones that are dangerous. There was no representation from the State. LCSWMA is going to pursue this. LCSWMA would like letters of support from the municipalities sent to the state.

Public Works – Freddy States

Council member States stated that he would like to make a motion to the agenda to add an item with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote. The item is for the grant that we are going to apply for by May 23. States stated that Bradnick gave a detail outline of the grant earlier. A lot of the grant leg work as been done. States made a motion to put in the Notion of Intent (NOI) for the grant with a second by Council member Lauver. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

States stated that they met earlier the storm drains and flapper valves were cleaned out and working well. We asked the the sewer plant to get the property surveyed, because they asked for some trees to be removed. Our new employee Harold Trout is doing a great job. The me have been crack sealing for two days.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY – Jeffery Marsh – The Sewer Authority is running smoothly. They had a discussion earlier on the tree trimming. They are also waiting for a third estimate for the paving on the entrance to the plant.

NWRT Committee –Jeffrey Hudson – Nothing new the meeting in April was canceled.

Shade Tree Committee – Bill Dalzell – They approved a shade tree application for a resident who is taking out a tree and replacing with a cherry tree.

War Memorial Park – Freddy States – The first meeting is May 17th. We received from DCNR a \$200,000 grant to be used towards War Memorial Park.

OLD BUSINESS

Memorial Day Parade – Bradnick asked who on Council would like to participate in the parade. We need to decorate the trailer. President Hudson asked that everyone get back to Sharon by the end of the week.

NEW BUSINESS

Pennsylvania Fish & Boat Commission – Public Boat Access Enforcement – Council member States stated that David Eichler with the Fish and Game Commission emailed us. They had an agreement with Lancaster County Parks to do enforcement along the river and the public boat landing. The Borough still needs to post the dusk to dawn signs. We can check on the agreement that needs to be done and vote on this at the next meeting.

Borough in support of doing a resolution for legalization of Cannabis Industry – President Hudson stated that Abbottstown Borough reached out to multiple municipalities asking for them to do a resolution in support of legalization of the Cannabis Industry and expungement for previous such offenses in Pennsylvania. Colorado, Washington, Oregon like to do this because they get the tax. If you decriminalize something that means if you possess marijuana that's not a crime. If you legalize it then you're telling suppliers that it is okay to supply marijuana. He feels that it doesn't matter if the Borough supports this or not. He feels uncomfortable speaking on this for the whole Borough. Council member Dalzell feels that when he first came on Council, he came and asked for Council to pass a resolution on gerrymandering which was important to him. The Borough government, one of our duties is to serve as a voice for the community. Council passing a resolution in support of something has more weight to our representatives in Harrisburg. The uselessness of resolutions is not correct. The resolutions are very important, for anyone that is working towards any goal in Harrisburg. He is very much in favor of this and would like to see this on the agenda for next month.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Charles Shireman – East Market Street – Questioning the EMS sending out bills for each household in Marietta. President Hudson stated that we only approved for the EMS to have a public hearing. The public hearing would be advertised by EMS. Shireman was only saying that our Council Chamber is not large enough to hold a public hearing that large.

Raeann Schatz – Fairview Avenue – She would like for Council to elaborate more on the Regional Authority. Why are they trying to organize an authority? President Hudson stated that they don't have enough money to provide the service. A lot of people don't give money towards EMS. They continue to work in a deficit. They are looking at other ways to come up with saving this service. Bradnick stated that she has been to the meetings. A lot of the ambulances are closing. NWEMS is looking at all avenues on how they can stay afloat and support the communities. They reached out to the municipalities that they serve and started a committee to try and come up with a solution. So far, they came up with trying to establish an authority. They need to have public meetings. There are a lot of unanswered questions. One of the biggest things is how do they charge people, businesses, and nursing homes. All these items will be addresses. They have an attorney working with the committee on answering questions and setting up the authority. If the Borough agrees of the authority and signing up at the beginning, the Borough would have someone setting on the Board. If we don't join at the beginning, then the Borough would have to do an agreement for their service and the Borough would have to pay for the cost. President Hudson stated that his questions are the cost and where are the ambulances going to be placed. There is a cost and a service, and what are we going to get for our money.

Jeffrey Hudson – West Market Street – Hudson used to teach history. But he would like to speak in regard to the oath that the Council members take. When Council took an oath, it was to serve, and protect the Constitution of the United States. The President takes an oath to uphold the Constitution. He is concerned that the people do not pay attention to the importance of the Constitution.

Harold Kulman – East Market Street – Under new business, is the Borough interested in passing a

resolution in support of the legalization of the cannabis industry. This is not a particular point there is a lot more involved. What are you exactly voting on?

Council member Dalzell read part of the draft resolution. It is to call upon the legislation to undo the prohibition of cannabis.

Harold Altland – 26 S. Locust Street - He addressed the stop sign on South Bridge Street that people are parking in front of. You must move into the other lane to make a left turn. Bradnick stated that she would have the men paint a red curb so that people don't park in front of the sign.

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 9:01 PM.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick
Secretary/Treasurer