

**Marietta Borough Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held July 12, 2022**  
**113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA**

President Hudson with Council members States, Marsh, Wills, Dalzell, DeBottis, Lauver, Mayor Carroll-Baltozer, 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**

Ray Vegso – Pine St – Ray distributed papers to each of the Council members regarding ARPA money that he feels is available for the Borough to request. The County received over \$100 million dollars, and they must spend it before the end of 2024. They still have over \$84 million to spend. His purpose is that the Borough should charge ahead and apply for these funds. There are so many things that come to mind that we can spend the money on, so let's get started.

Rae Ann Schatz – Fairview Ave. – She didn't know that Ray was going to speak on this, and she was hoping that the Borough would discuss this and decide who was going to apply for these ARPA funds. She was told at the last meeting that the first amount of money from the ARPA was approved and received. She was told that the second allocation of the ARPA funds were allocated, and she was wondering if that was approved yet or is that still sitting out there for approval. Can some of this money be allocated to the fire company. Bradnick stated that the money we received was COVID money and the second payment has not come yet, but she has gone out and did the approval and we are still waiting for the second payment of around \$136,272. This can only be used for certain things. Council member States stated that the Fire Company can go out and apply for this. The Borough does not have to apply for this for the Fire Company.

Andrew Tuleya – ARRO – Andrew announced this evening that we need to update the Stormwater Ordinance that the Borough currently has. This needs to be updated and adopted by September 30<sup>th</sup>. The ordinance will be available in the Borough office for review. He will come back next month or September for final adoption. Items that will be changing is from DEP that they require to include optional low impact development practices. Also taking into consideration directing water flow away from impervious surfaces to grassy areas. The biggest item is that who is responsible for documenting and maintaining new stormwater facilities that go into the Borough.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

President Hudson asked for a motion to approve the June 14<sup>th</sup> minutes. Council member States made a motion to accept the June 14<sup>th</sup> minutes with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President Hudson stated that there will be the Music Festival on Front Street from 1-6 on July 16<sup>th</sup>. On July 27<sup>th</sup> there will be a public meeting at War Memorial Park for the Master Plan from 4:30 to 6:30. Also on August 2 we will have National Night out at War Memorial Park. Steve Bailey will elaborate on this.

**REPORTS**

**Fire Police/EMA – Steve Bailey** – They had for June a total of 6 calls, 14 officers, and 54.5 duty hours. They are in serious need of volunteers.

EMA report: on July 2<sup>nd</sup> a thunderstorm came down the Susquehanna Valley causing a lot of damage in the Borough on the nature trail. He had County Control notify Norfolk Southern and PPL of the problem. The fire police went around with their truck and blocked off as many problem areas as they could. There were no injuries reported. Amtrack still needs to make some repairs to the power lines and cross beams. They will notify the borough office when they do this.

This year we are going to have a parade for National Night Out on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. The parade will start at 6:00 PM from the Pioneer Fire Station and end at War Memorial Park. This is to show thanks to our emergency workers. He asked Council member DeBottis to help get an organization to run the concession stand. Also, there will be an ice cream truck at the event.

**Pioneer Fire Company – Bryon Smith** – No one was present.

**Pioneer Fire Company Financial Statement – Jeffery Marsh** – Council member Marsh reported the balance as of May 31, 2022, was \$11,785.98. Council member Marsh made the motion to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member DeBottis. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

**Sewer –Freddy States** – The report dated June 2022. The sewer fund has a savings account balance of \$243,436.11 and a checking account balance of \$3,790.80. 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 June was 21,440 pounds recycled, totaling 10.72 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 July 12, 2022, was presented. The total general fund accounts are \$1,571,481.22. 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 June. At the end of June, we show that our income is negative \$40,787.19 for the month. January through June we have income of \$499,124.72.

Bradnick stated that she stopped in at the public works committee meeting and let the committee know that she filed a claim with our insurance company for the broken light on Furnace Road. Also, she filed a claim for the damage that was done on the trail from the trees, she is waiting for the bill from Love's Tree Service and the cost to fix the fence from Tyson Fence.

**Vesta Furnace – Dave Haneman** – Haneman stated a recap of the Riverfest weekend went well. They had 85 – 90 participants in the run and or the paddle. The historical lectures were filled. Sunday, they had reenactors in. This went well. Saturday, they had approximately 485 that attended the event. They have an opportunity to expand next year.

**Mayor's Report – Rebecca Carroll-Baltozer** – Mayor Carroll-Baltozer stated the park dedication was amazing. She thanked everyone involved with the fireworks. It was nice to see the presents

of people. She thanked the trail cleanup, hopefully people on the trail were respectful. She is working with "This Place Matters", and she is trying to raise \$1,200.00 for this cause. She thanked Glenn Orr, for all his service as a Borough employee.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Administrative – President Hudson**

President Hudson did not hold a meeting. The Council decided that we are not going to bring up the resolution for the Cannabis. This needs to be studied a little more because it really does not benefit the Borough.

President Hudson stated that the Borough is looking into joining an EMS Authority. At this time we need a motion to approve or reject the advertisement of the public hearing for the EMS Joint Authority. Council member States made a motion to advertise in the LNP and the Lancaster Law Review notice of a public hearing regarding the creation of a joint EMS authority under the Authorities Act, in the substantial form of the notice as presented at this meeting. The motion was seconded by Council member Marsh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Hudson asked Council to have a representative at the Zoning Hearing on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Solicitor Harter stated that it would be helpful if someone from Council be at this meeting for representation and supply feedback. He will speak with whoever is going in advance. Council member Dalzell volunteered to be at the meeting.

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

Council member Dalzell stated that they reviewed the three ordinances that were presented last month. The golf cart ordinance they would like to recommend that we do not adopt this ordinance.

Council member Dalzell made a motion to advertise the dumpster ordinance with a second by Council member DeBottis. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Council member Dalzell stated that there are some changes that need to be made to the electric car ordinance. Dalzell went over a list of questions that he felt needed to be addressed. There was a lengthy conversation on permitted parking spaces and painting those spaces green. Solicitor Harter stated that he never has heard of this, but he will be happy to look into it. President Hudson stated that this discussion should go back to the committee and worked out.

### **Public Outreach – Steven DeBottis**

Council member DeBottis did not hold a meeting last month.

Council member DeBottis stated that he has an application for the Marietta Candlelight Tour event for December 4<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 7 PM. He made a motion to approve this 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. They have a meeting July 28<sup>th</sup> of this month and would like to get with the Fire Company to look for funding, along with going over the electric car ordinance.

## **Public Works – Freddy States**

Council member States stated they met earlier. The men cut 40 trees off the trail from the storm. The parking lot on the west side we are not going to be landscaping this, we are going to let it in grass. It will be easier for the men to mow. The boardwalk fence we filed a claim with the insurance company. The boardwalk will be closed down later on so that the men can put a sealant on it. The upstairs windows in the Borough Building was cleaned and fixed. Sharon contacted A+ Masonry to get pricing on repointing the building. We can pay this from Capital Reserve or the Fund Balance. Currently we need to fix the Evans Run culvert on Front Street, we are going to work this in next year's budget.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY – Jeffery Marsh** – There was a tree that came down on the back of the fence. Love's is down there taking down trees currently.

**NWRT Committee –Jeffrey Hudson** – No meeting until July 28th.

**Shade Tree Committee – Bill Dalzell** – No meeting last month. Meeting Thursday.

**War Memorial Park – Freddy States** – Short meeting. They showed us some visuals on what War Memorial Park looks like currently. She contacted the stakeholders that are involved in this project. She is going to get in touch with Donegal Mutual Insurance. YSM are going to do two options of the park. One on cleaning it up and the second one with adding new things and updating. The meeting will be July 27<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 at War Memorial Park to give your input on the Master Plan.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Secretary Bradnick stated that last month we talked about if we are going to stay with Republic Services or put it out for bid for the contract for Trash/Recycling. Council agreed to stay with whom we have. We have a formula that we use when we redo the contract. In that formula the cost of each EDU would be going up \$138.20 to \$152.13. An increase of \$13.93. Also going up is the tipping fee from \$80 a ton to \$95 a ton. At this time, we are not sure how much the recycling will be going up. Since the trash as gone up, we estimated that the recycling will increase from \$65 a ton to \$80 a ton. With this all being said the cost will need to increase per EDU per quarter by \$6.00. This would be a \$24.00 increase per year per EDU. It would go from \$59.00 to \$65.00 per quarter for trash. We will need to do a resolution next month for this increase starting January 2023. This is not a money maker for the Borough they are trying to break even.

Secretary Bradnick let Council know that she is on vacation from July 16 – July 30<sup>th</sup>.

Bill for the quarter went out July 1<sup>st</sup> and are due August 4<sup>th</sup>. Some people did not receive their bill and Council asked that we put a reminder out on Facebook for when bills are due.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Linda Ross – Fairview Ave. - No one brought this up, but someone launched fireworks at the S bend at 4:00 in the morning. For a safety perspective this was right in town. She would like to

know if the person that set these off was caught or apprehended? Secretary Bradnick stated that we checked on this and there were five calls to the police on this. We do not know if they were arrested.

Glenn Orr thanked everyone last month, but he thanked everyone again for the pleasure of working with everyone.

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 8:34 PM.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick  
Secretary/Treasurer