

Marietta Borough Council
Minutes of Meeting held August 9, 2022
113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA

President Hudson with Council members Wills, Dalzell, DeBottis, Mayor Carroll-Baltozer, 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 member States, Marsh, and Lauver. The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rae Ann Schatz – Fairview Ave. – Asked where we stand on the EMS Authority? President Hudson stated that our intention is to join it to secure Emergency Service for Marietta. We are only voting tonight to advertise for a special meeting and to appoint someone to serve on the board. Schatz asked how can you appoint someone to serve on the board when you haven't voted for it yet? Solicitor Harter stated that every municipality who is a potential member was asked to have someone that relays communication back and forth. Schatz stated that she has so many questions and therefore she is going to the meeting. Why is this a problem for all the municipalities that are served by Northwest, why is this our problem? Solicitor Harter stated that this is a larger issue in the American Health System. The municipalities are required to have Fire and EMS services. Schatz asked if the ambulance for Northwest can't survive Marietta who is going to service Marietta. Will that be Life Lion out of Mount Joy? President Hudson stated that they will not be limited to two ambulances.

Lillian Hill – 20 S. Locust St. – Lillian asked that the fire alarm be turned off. Bradnick stated that this is a backup for the firefighters. Their pagers don't always go off. Solicitor Harter stated that the safety committee should take a fresh look at this to weigh the balance.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Secretary Bradnick stated that the public meeting for the EMS Authority is on August 31st to be held at the Chiques Church from 7 – 9 pm. There will also be the annual Heroes Walk on September 17th at 8:00 am they start the walk at River Front Park.

REPORTS

Fire Police/EMA – Steve Bailey – They had for July a total of 17 calls, 35 officers, and 114 duty hours. They are in serious need of volunteers.

EMA report: It has been hot. He has had people asking for a cooling station. The fire company was not able to set this up, so he set one up in front of his house. He has discs to place in the file showing the damage throughout town from the storm that went through in July. He has a disc with the interview he had with Lancaster Newspaper, and a disc with photos on the parade from National Night Out. It was one of our best parades. He thanked everyone in involve with National Night Out.

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

Pioneer Fire Company Financial Statement – Jeffery Marsh – Council member Wills reported the balance as of June 30, 2022, was \$12,589.36. Council member Dalzell 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 – Council member Dalzell gave the report dated July 2022. The sewer fund has a savings account balance of \$249,851.93 and a checking account balance of \$13,431.02. Council member Dalzell motioned to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member DeBottis. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Recycling –Freddy States – No recycling report was presented.

Treasurer – Sharon Bradnick – The General Fund Monthly Breakdown dated August 9, 2022, was presented. The total general fund accounts are \$1,697,268.62. Council member Dalzell motioned to approve the report as presented with a second by Council member DeBottis. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Secretary – Sharon Bradnick – Council received the profit and loss statements for the month of July. At the end of July, we show that our income is \$151,803.17 for the month. January through July we have income of \$650,927.89.

Bradnick stated that she received an email from Flagstream that our server is dated 2012 and needs to be updated. Microsoft will no longer support our system. This will be a cost of \$5,000 to \$10,000. This will need to be decided on for next year.

Bradnick stated that we had the trees removed around the sewer plant. This area will grow up if it is not maintained. Bradnick had BN Excavating look at the area, to have the stumps removed and topsoil brought into level it off and plant grass seed. This would cost between \$6,000 and \$8,000 and take 3 days to do. This is to go before the Joint Authority meeting August 23 to see if they would be willing to pay for half the cost.

Bradnick stated that at the last meeting she had A+ Masonry asked to come out and speak with someone on council to look at the building and go over the building. This is scheduled with Freddy on Tuesday, August 16th at 4:30 PM.

Vesta Furnace – Dave Haneman – Haneman stated they did not meet in July. The minutes that are in the packet are from the last meeting. Columbia Water sent them a letter for a check valve, but there is no water in the building, so Lenny will check this out.

Mayor's Report – Rebecca Carroll-Baltozer – Mayor Carroll-Baltozer stated that we had 54 children that participated in the summer recreation program. We are still a little short of budget for this program. The mayor thanked everyone involved in the National Night Out. The police commission will be voting in a new sergeant.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative – President Hudson

President Hudson stated that at the committee meeting they discussed the electric vehicle ordinance. Council member States let the committee know how the Connects 2040 grant

interview went. We are now waiting to see if the Borough will receive any money. We also would like to put a request in for the ARPA funds to be used to complete our final sewer lining to Basin F, Phase II. We would also like to request ARPA funds for the repair of our bridge on Front Street. President Hudson asked for a motion to advertise the Stormwater Management Ordinance. Council member Dalzell made the motion to advertise with a second by Council member Wills. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Hudson asked for a motion to release the bond for the Riverside Foundry. Solicitor Harter stated that with the payment that we received for the green space allowed ARRO to go out to make sure the rest of the work was completed. The last item is that they need to file the plan with Lancaster County. We can release the bond on condition that the final recording be done. Council member DeBottis made the motion with a second by Council member Wills. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Hudson asked for a motion to apply for ARPA Fund Grant for Sewer Basin F Phase II. Council member Dalzell made the motion with a second by Council member DeBottis. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Hudson asked for a motion to amend the agenda. Council member Dalzell made a motion to amend the agenda for items that came in after the agenda was posted. With a second by Council member Wills. Secretary Bradnick gave a list of items to add to the agenda. These items are motion to apply for ARPA funds for the bridge project on Front Street. A motion to advertise for a special public meeting for the NW EMS on September 7th. A motion to serve on the board of the new NW EMS Authority. A motion to accept Bradnick's resignation to retire December 31, 2022. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Hudson stated that the guidelines for the ARPA Funds does not say about bridge, but he is asking for a motion to go for the ARPA funds to do the bridge project. Council member Dalzell made a motion to apply for the ARPA funds to do the repairs to the bridge on Front Street with a second by Council member DeBottis. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Hudson stated that we need to make a motion to advertise the NW EMS public meeting for September 7 at 7:00 pm. Council member Dalzell made a motion to advertise the public meeting for September 7 with a second by Council member DeBottis. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Hudson stated that we need someone to serve on the NW EMS Board. No one was appointed at this time to serve.

President Hudson asked for a motion to accept Sharon's resignation for December 31, 2022. Council member DeBottis 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 that they reviewed changes that need to be made to the electric car ordinance. The changes were sent over to our solicitor.

Public Outreach – Steven DeBottis

Council member DeBottis stated that the only thing across is table is the application for the Blues Music Festival for October 8th, 1- 6 pm. Motion was made for approval with condition that they

supply their insurance certificates with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Public Safety – Jeffery Marsh

Council member Marsh was not present at the meeting.

Public Works – Freddy States

Council member States was not present at the meeting.

Council member DeBottis made a motion to approve Resolution 2022-23 to increase the trash rates starting January 1, 2023 from \$59.00 per quarter to \$65.00 per quarter with a second by council member Dalzell. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY – Jeffery Marsh – Not present.

NWRT Committee –Jeffrey Hudson – The last part of the trail in Conoy was opened. A trail dedication and ribbon cutting took place July 27th.

Shade Tree Committee – Bill Dalzell – Dalzell appointed Judith Kennedy to the Shade tree Committee. They are going to try and focus on opportunities to putting trees into empty tree wells. They are also going to investigate tree mapping software. If you have space in front of your house for a tree, please see the committee and they would be happy to help.

War Memorial Park – Freddy States – Not present for meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Repainting of Borough building was brought up earlier. Nothing further to add.

NEW BUSINESS

Solicitor Harter will be leaving Russell, Krafft, & Gruber at the end of August. Council can elect to stay with Solicitor Harter, stay with Russell, Krafft & Gruber and be appointed a new solicitor or go with a new attorney altogether. After discussion, Council member Dalzell made a motion to keep Solicitor Harter as our attorney with a second by Council member Wills. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Harold Kulman – East Market Street – We should have someone specifically assigned to grant writing. He would like to see Council set up a committee for grant writing. We need to be going for grant money and we need to designate a council person to help write grants. Also do we have any matching that is required to get the ARPA funds. You need to build the contacts. President Hudson stated that he reached out to the Lancaster County Commissioners to speak with the requirements for them on the ARPA funds.

There being no further business before Council, on a motion by Council member Dalzell with a second by Council member Wills, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick
Secretary/Treasurer