

Marietta Borough Council
Minutes of Meeting held September 13, 2022
113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Collin Fox with ARRO was present to answer any questions pertaining to the new Stormwater Ordinance that was advertised. Council and the public had no questions. Solicitor Harter stated that he looked over the ordinance and everything was fine.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Carl Jones – W. Market St. – Carl stated that the trash cost is going up, but the trash service is bad. Trash is not being picked up. Secretary Bradnick stated that we either had to go out to bid for the contract or extend our contract. Council decided to extend our contract to save money. After the numbers came through for the extension of the contract Marietta Borough needed to raise the cost by \$6.00 to cover the new rates. We are aware of the service and missed pickups, and Ronda has reached out to them each time.

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

President Hudson asked for a motion to approve the August 9th minutes. Council member Lauver made a motion to accept the August 9th minutes with a second by Council member DeBottis. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote. President Hudson asked for a motion to approve the September 1st minutes from the budget meeting. Council member States made a motion to accept the September 1st minutes with a second by Council member Wills. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Hudson gave a presentation on the EMS Service meetings that he and council members have been attending. The EMS Services are looking to create an authority. Twelve municipalities are involved in the meetings. Once the authority is set up the board will then set up the by-laws and fees associated for the services. Hudson stated that the Borough needs to supply ambulance service. This is the best alternative for our community. To set up the authority, then everyone pays. Members of the public asked questions regarding the ambulance service servicing the East Market Street from Bank Street to Route 441. Hudson did not know anything about this and will look into the questions.

REPORTS

Fire Police/EMA – Steve Bailey – Steve was not present. Secretary Bradnick stated that the Sons of the Legion gave a \$500 donation to the Special Fire Police.

Pioneer Fire Company – Bryon Smith – They ran 20 fire calls and 15 QRS calls for a total of 35 calls. The tanker is back and working fine so far. They are having the end of summer cash bingo. You will need to have a ticket to play.

Pioneer Fire Company Financial Statement – Jeffery Marsh – Council member Marsh reported the balance as of July 31, 2022, was \$17,699.44. 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 – Council member States gave the report dated August 2022. The sewer fund has a savings account balance of \$278,693.96 and a checking account balance of \$118,548.54. Council member States motioned to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Wills. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Recycling – Freddy States – Council member States reported that the recycling report for July was 23,740 pounds recycled, totaling 11.87 tons. Council member States made a motion to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Lauver. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Council member States reported that the recycling report for August was 19,740 pounds recycled, totaling 9.87 tons. Council member States made a motion to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Marsh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Treasurer – Sharon Bradnick – The General Fund Monthly Breakdown dated September 13, 2022, was presented. The total general fund accounts are \$1,864,658.13. Council member States 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 August. At the end of August, we show that our income is negative \$29,136.26 for the month. January through August we have income of \$622,049.95.

Bradnick stated that we received the bid on the refurbishing of the tennis courts. We only had one bidder and the bid was \$267,890. Ann Yost stated that we will need to put it back out to bid in the fall for a spring project. The timeline to have the work finished was too short.

Vesta Furnace – Dave Haneman – Haneman was not present.

Mayor's Report – Rebecca Carroll-Baltozer – Mayor was not present. Secretary Bradnick stated that the mayor wanted me to let everyone know that Detective Keims was promoted to Sergeant and Officer Bear will be promoted to Detective.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative – President Hudson

President Hudson stated that at the committee meeting Ray Vegso was at the meeting and expressed his desire for the Borough to hire a Borough manager. States stated that the Boroughs immediate need is to hire a person who can do the day-to-day business. They will possibly look or discuss a part-time manager. The committee also discussed the fire siren complaint. They turned this over to Jeff Marsh and the Safety Committee to look into. The committee also discussed the options for repointing the outside brick on the Borough building.

President Hudson asked for a motion to adopt the new Stormwater Ordinance 02-2022. Council member States made the motion with a second by Council member Lauver. Motion carries

unanimously by voice vote.

President Hudson asked for a motion to appoint someone to serve on the EMS Authority Board. Council member States made the motion to appoint Jeffrey Hudson to the EMS Authority Board with a second by Council member DeBottis. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Hudson asked for a motion to advertise the ordinance signifying the intention and desire of the council to organize an authority. 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 setup a new checking account named Recreation Fund. Secretary Bradnick stated that we need to set this up to place the \$200,000 in that we are to receive to refurbish the tennis courts. It also later can be used for any grant money that we receive to run through for any parks or recreation projects. Council member States made the motion to setup the new checking account with a second by Council member DeBottis. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

President Hudson asked for a motion to accept the MMO obligation for 2023. Secretary Bradnick stated that this worksheet is based on the 2022 payroll. Even though Glenn Orr and Bradnick's name are on the sheet we will not be getting money. The money mostly comes from the state. When the money comes in next year most of the money will then be split between Ronda and Bill. The Borough will not have much if any to put in next year. Council member DeBottis made the motion to accept the MMO obligation for 2023 with a second by Council member Lauver. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

Planning/Zoning/Environmental – Bill Dalzell

Council member Dalzell was not present.

Public Outreach – Steven DeBottis

Council member DeBottis stated they had no meeting.

Public Safety – Jeffery Marsh

Council member Marsh stated that they discussed the fire siren. The alarm is controlled by the county. Council member Lauver stated that on top of the building the alarm has 12 sirens on it and has been taken back to 6. They also stated that the pagers do not always go off and they always don't have their pagers on them. So, when they hear the fire alarm, they are out the door.

Council member Lauver made a motion to let the siren alone and not do anything with a second by Council member Marsh. Motion carries. Council member DeBottis opposed.

Public Works – Freddy States

Council member States stated that they discussed the Evans Run bridge and waiting for a cost from the engineer. The men also had the white dump bed fixed and the men painted the truck red. They saved the Borough a lot of money. The men borrowed a brush hog to cut back on the trail. The men had a meeting with the sewer plant to look at having the area around the plant cleaned up and grass planted. Council member States made a motion to have A+ Masonry repoint the west end of the building this year for \$8,800 with a second by Council member Marsh. Motion carries unanimously by voice vote.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY – Jeffery Marsh – The plant is currently working on replacing parts on the equipment other than that everything is going fine.

NWRT Committee –Jeffrey Hudson – No meeting until October.

Shade Tree Committee – Bill Dalzell – Dalzell not present to give report. Linda Ross stated that they are working on a lot of things. They went over to Root's Nursery to discuss other trees that they could add to our tree list. They are doing a lot of background education. They met with Brandon Tennis who is a resident and works for Lancaster Conservancy on the river shore to discuss the invasive plants and trees. The Borough needs to have a Forest Management Plan. This is something that they are going to be working on.

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

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

Secretary Bradnick stated that we received information regarding a grant through DCNR that is coming due on October 27th. This grant can be used to rehab existing parks. She was not sure if we would be far enough along with the plans for War Memorial Park to take advantage of this grant. Bradnick stated that we already have plans for the Chestnut Street Park and the Front Street Park. She would like to see the Borough go for this grant and use it for something that would benefit the Borough the most. Bradnick reached out to Ann Yost with YSM on the plans for War Memorial Park and Ann stated that we would be far enough along to go for this grant for War Memorial Park. Ann put a cost opinion together to at least get started on the park in the front corner which would renovate the playground area. Council agreed that they would like to go for this grant and will bring it up to vote on at the next Council meeting. Bradnick also stated that she received an email from PennDOT on the Multimodal Transportation Fund that they are accepting applications until November 14th. The Borough also needs to look into going for this funding.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Donna Hess – W. Walnut St. – Would like to have Council look into if Life Lion would be servicing E. Market from Bank Street and answers to the other questions. She also grew up with sirens in the community and know that they are there for safety safeguards.

Rae Ann Schatz – Fairview Ave – At the last meeting the Mayor of Manheim stated that Manheim built a shed for two ambulances, and one pulled out, how do we know that Northwest will not pull out and will service the Borough? The siren is a part of the towns character, and she does not want to see this removed.

Linda Ross – Fairview Ave – Linda feels the fire company needs to check out their phones for medical emergencies, that the fire siren shouldn't need to be used.

Charles Shireman – E. Market St. – Charles feels that technology has come a long way and if it can

be used then this should be checked into.

There being no further business before Council, on a motion by Council member Marsh with a second by Council member Lauver, the meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick
Secretary/Treasurer