

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Carl Jones – 619 W. Market St. – Would like to see a no outlet sign put up on S. Decatur Street because we have tractor and trailers come up there and they must back down the street. Also, we have a park on West Walnut Street, and he would like to see a crossing sign in the crosswalks at Market Street and Pine Street. Council member States will look into this.

Angela Fenicle – Donegal Tribes Softball – She brought in an Event Application to use the fields in 2023, but discussed the dugouts need repaired. They have rotten wood and want to make sure they are safe for the players. Also, the trees are blocking the lights and need the trees trimmed. Council member States stated to contact the Borough office and we will get with our men to look into having these things taken care of. Lindsay Good is the new president of the organization.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

President Hudson asked for a motion to approve the November 9th minutes. Council member States made a motion to accept the November 9<sup>th</sup> minutes with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Penn Medicine came to our administrative meeting to present a program on lead poisoning. Penn Medicine put in \$50 million dollars for this program. This program is for homes that have been built prior to 1978, also if you have children aged 6 and under who lives or spends a significant amount of time in the household or a pregnant woman. You don't have to own your home. The landlord would only have to pay 10% of the cost. There are brochures in the office if anyone is interested.

**REPORTS**

**Fire Police/EMA – Steve Bailey** – They had for November a total of 14 calls, 26 officers, and 88 duty hours. They are in serious need of volunteers. Vehicle is inspected and ready.

Emergency Management Report- Steve is still working on the emergency plan. He was contacted by the National Weather Service to be the river watcher for this year. No one should go on the ice on the river. He asked if we could change Bridge Street to a Class 1 road and Jones and Porter to a class 2. Bradnick stated that our roads are not PennDOT roads, they are local roads. The Borough has an ordinance that states which roads get plowed and in what order. Our arterial routes and collector routes get plowed first.

Steve stated that we have Event Permits for a reason. We recently had some events that did not get a permit and he witnessed cars driving through crowds of people. This is not safe. We need to adhere to the rules and regulations.

**Pioneer Fire Company – Brandon Smith** – For the month of December they did 10 Fire Calls and 19 QRS Calls for a total of 29 calls. They got a new command vehicle that was donated. They only had to put a water pump in it. The money that they need to give back this year will be less than \$1,000. The tanker cost them more than \$10,000 for repairs. They received a grant for the ventilation fans for the fire house. They have Santa on Friday, cookies with Santa on Saturday and a parade with Maytown. On Sunday they are delivering 41 food boxes.

**Pioneer Fire Company Financial Statement – Jeffery Marsh** – Council member Marsh reported the balance as of October 31, 2022, was \$5,817.49. Council member Marsh made the motion to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Sewer – Freddy States** – Council member States gave the report dated November 2022. The sewer fund has a savings account balance of \$432,551.75 and a checking account balance of \$9,076.59. Council member States motioned to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Recycling – Freddy States** – Council member States reported that the recycling report for October was 21,380 pounds recycled, totaling 10.69 tons. Council member States made a motion to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Wills. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

Council member States reported that the recycling report for November was 48,240 pounds recycled, totaling 24.12 tons. Council member States made a motion to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Wills. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Treasurer – Sharon Bradnick** – The General Fund Monthly Breakdown dated December 13, 2022, was presented. The total general fund accounts are \$1,558,657.44. Council member States motioned to approve the report as presented with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion is carried 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 \$76,260.58 for the month. January through November we have an income of \$654,469.94.

Sharon did the walk through with Lori Yeich for Furnace Road and Donegal Place. She started to close out the grant. She has a meeting on Monday with Land Studies. She will need a certification letter from Land Studies stating that we completed the work according to the specs and paid all the fees to them. Once this is received, she can upload this into the grant and complete the closing of the grant.

Sharon stated that she will be doing all the advertising for next year's meetings. She confirmed with Council member Marsh that we are changing the time for the Safety Committee meeting from 7 pm to 6 pm.

Sharon thanked everyone for being able to serve the community and she will miss her job. Hopefully in the future she can still be a part of the community. President Hudson thanked Sharon for her service.

**Vesta Furnace – Dave Haneman** – Haneman stated the board met. Sager & Swisher went over their books. Everything went well. They also received their non-profit registration back for 2023.

They spoke about two major events. The Plein Air Event in April 10-23, 2023. They also discussed the RiverFest Event and Marietta is going to be involved. The bridge restoration will be pushed back to 2024.

**Mayor's Report – Rebecca Carroll-Baltozer –** Council member Marsh stated that he attended the police commission meeting in her absence. The Police Commission approved hiring a second SRO Officer starting in January.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Administrative – President Hudson**

President Hudson stated that at the committee meeting they spent most of the time with Penn Medicine regarding the lead poisoning. The committee also discussed the sick time that was taken away from the employees and putting that back into the personnel policy and the payment of medical once someone retires. They would need to have so many years in and be of retirement age. Approved the employee pay increases for the coming year and the stipend for the Joint Sewer Authority.

Council member States made a motion to move the unused compensated absences to the assigned fund balance with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

Council member States made a motion to approve the 2023 Budget and the tax rate for 2023 will remain the same with a second by Council member Marsh. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

Council member States made a motion to approve Resolution 27-2022 for the adjustments to the budget with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

Council member Dalzell made a motion to adopt Resolution 26-2022 Fee Schedule for 2023 with a second by Council member Marsh. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

Council member Dalzell made a motion to approve the changes to the Personnel Policy to put the sick time back into the policy along with the payment of health insurance after retirement, with a second by Council member States. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

Council member Dalzell made a motion to approve Ordinance 03-2022 Authorizing Execution of Articles of Incorporation: Appointing and fixing the term of the first members of the Board for the new Emergency Medical Services on behalf of the Borough with a second by Council member States. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

Council agreed to appoint Julie Hall as the Right to Know Officer to replace Sharon.

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

Council member Dalzell stated that they did not hold a meeting.

Council member Dalzell made a motion to approve Ordinance 04-2022 pertaining to a Temporary Dumpster, Container Ordinance with a second by Council member Wills. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

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

Council member DeBottis was not present.

### **Public Safety – Jeffery Marsh**

Council member Marsh stated they did not meet in November.

### **Public Works – Freddy States**

Council member States stated they did not have a meeting this evening.

Council member States made a motion to commit \$10,000 of unused contracted services for crosswalks with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

Council member States made a motion to appoint Karen Sullivan to the Marietta-Donnegal Joint Sewer Authority for a 3-year term with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

Council member States made a motion to uncommit the \$70,000 from the Capital Reserve Account for the repair of Bridge with a second by Council member Wills. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

Council member States made a motion to uncommit the ARPA funds for the Bridge Repair with a second from Council member Wills. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

Council member States committed the \$137,141.07 ARPA Funds for the match for the DCNR Grant for War Memorial Park and balance of match to use fund balance, with a second by Council member Wills. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

### **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY – Jeffery Marsh** – Met in November and the plant is running smoothly. They are also looking at the increase in the stipend for the Joint Authority members from \$113.35 to \$170.03. Council member Dalzell made a motion to increase the stipend for the Joint Authority members from \$113.35 to \$170.03 with a second by Council member Wills. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Shade Tree Committee – Bill Dalzell** – Dalzell stated that they have the forest volunteer day. This will be on January 28<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-12:00 and will be meeting at the Chestnut Street crossing. They are looking for grants for a Forest Management Plan. As well with a forester to assess the salvage of trees on the Rivershore. This would be of no cost to the Borough.

**War Memorial Park – Freddy States** – States stated that we had our final meeting. The final plan will be coming before the Council in January in be voted on. This plan is broken down into 6 parts. This would be a five-year plan.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No new business.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dave Haneman – West Market Street – Would like to thank MRA for a fantastic tour. He had over 1300 people come through his home.

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 8:20 PM.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon L. Bradnick  
Secretary/Treasurer