

**Marietta Borough Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held March 14, 2023**  
**113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA**

President States with Council members Wills, Lauver, Hudson, Marsh, and Dalzell, 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, Mayor Carroll Baltozer and Solicitor Harter. The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance. President States stated that he needed to make an amendment to the agenda. Council will be having an executive session about a legal matter pertaining to the Borough. He would like to add that to New Business. Council member Dalzell made a motion to hold the session with a second from Vice President Hudson. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Ann Yost -YSM** – Presented the Master Plan for War Memorial Park. This project is being funded by DCNR. The master plan process including outreach and working with the committee. There was an open house in the park where a lot of residents came out and gave their thoughts. There was a preference exercise as well as interviews with key people.

The final design refreshes the park, keeps a lot of the same facilities, and improves the playground area, A lot of what is planned helps meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The playground will be improved with a new pavilion and age segregated. Main softball/baseball field that has lights will remain where it is. Dugouts will be improved. Tennis courts are being rehabilitated into one tennis court and 2 pickleball courts. The small fields in the back area of the property will have a basketball court and skate park, as well as a new pavilion. The main change is taking the large baseball field and turning it around so it has better orientation, more room behind the backstop and will fit a full football field. New amphitheater with accessible seating in front and plenty of lawn seating. On the far side near the intermediate school, there will be parking.

This will be according to a 5-phase plan. The first phase is the tennis/pickleball courts. This is almost ready for construction. The phases will be completed as the Borough acquires grants.

Council member Dalzell asked if there was another access point above the tennis courts? Ann stated there are access points by Division street, one by elementary school, one by 4<sup>th</sup> street, and the main entrance on North Pine street.

Council member Marsh asked if the electronic scoreboard on the football field will be moved. Ann stated that it can be relocated.

**Steve Shireman – American Legion** - asked if anything is going to be done to the memorial by the flagpole. Ann stated that it would not be changed, just some sprucing up to the landscaping around it.

**Marisol Maldonado – Penn Medicine, Lancaster General Health** – started a new program for lead remediation throughout Lancaster County. This started as a result of a 2019 assessment. One of the items that kept coming up in the assessment is that our county lacks affordable and quality housing. One of the items addressed in a quality home is lead. Lead is a common hazard to our children. It mostly affects children 6 and under. The common exposure is dust, paint, and soil. Most of the time it is found in the paint in older homes built in 1978 and before. More than 56% of homes in Lancaster County were built before 1978 and contain lead paint. In Marietta, 20% of the homes contain lead-based paint. Marietta has about 200 children aged 6 and under that live in the community. Some of the side effects of lead in children are lower IQ, learning disabilities, speech issues, hearing loss, hyperactivity, and developmental delays. There is no known lead that is safe for a child. The goal of this program is to remediate at least 20 hundred homes in Lancaster

County. The Board has invested 50 million dollars in this initiative. The program has 5 components. The biggest component is remediation. The program pays for all of the costs. They will do an inspection of the home and address any lead hazards that are in the home. If you are interested in having your home remediated, you can self-refer or you can have a doctor refer. The doctor would get in touch with them, and the program will send someone out to do the inspection. That inspection will tell us where the lead hazards are in the home and then they will get in touch with contractors to start the remediation process. If you are owner occupied, the program will pay for all of the costs. If you are a landlord and are renting the home out, the program would pay for 90% of the costs and the landlord would be responsible for the remaining 10%. There is an income level range to qualify. A family of four can make up to \$150,000.00 and still qualify for the program. A typical remediation job is around \$15,000.00. If you are interested, you can pick up a flyer at the Borough Office.

**Lillian Hill – 20 South Locust Street** – At the last meeting there was a mention of doing something to the square. Lillian stated that she thought the landscaping was done within the last 15 years that she lived here and wondered what was going to be done. President States informed her that it would be replacing two of the Pine trees that are dead and just doing some basic landscaping. President States stated that April is the Cherry Blossom Festival, and they will be doing the same thing they did for the Kringle Krawl. They will be selling bracelets for \$10. All monies will be given to the Beautification committee to redo the square.

Lillian also inquired about the siren and maybe having them not go off for every call. Bryan Smith from the fire department stated that the county went to a new radio system. The sirens now go off for Fire Police and it never did that on the old system. There is nothing they can do about it. The sirens also go off even if our fire company is at the call and it gets upgraded. Unfortunately, Marietta is a dead zone for their pagers, so the fire department really does rely on the siren. There used to be 12 sirens and we removed half of them to lower the volume.

## **MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

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

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements

## **REPORTS**

**Fire Police/EMA – Steve Bailey** – A total of 11 calls, 17 officers, and 55.0 duty hours. Responded to 2 fire related calls, 5 accidents, 3 meetings & trainings, and 1 work detail. We need volunteers as always.

Upcoming events – Memorial Day Parade, we are already committed to as many as we can handle. Marietta Day is coming up. We have been working with Bob Heiserman and everything is squared away.

Emergency Management Report – No serious emergencies for last month. National Weather Services has ended the Ice Watch Program for this year. There wasn't much ice to watch out for this winter. Until 2 weeks ago we had the 3<sup>rd</sup> least amount of snow for the year. Right now, we are the 4<sup>th</sup> least for the year.

Steve stated that people need to clean up after their pets. There is an ordinance against it, and it is a biohazard. A lot of people do have stations set up at their houses with bags and trash cans

so people can clean up after their pets. 421 apartments have several stations set up along the trail there. Be advised there are cameras set up along there and if we can identify anyone that is not cleaning up after their pet, they will be prosecuted.

Steve stated that summer is coming and children on skateboards and scooters have to be visible at night. We see a lot of kids on scooters in dark clothing and no lights on the scooters. Just a week ago Steve saw a child on a bicycle towing a child on a scooter weaving back and forth on Market Street and was almost hit by a car. Steve is suggesting parents talk to their children about wearing light clothing and even putting a 2- or 3-dollar light on it. The same with skateboards. Steve also recommends wearing helmets on younger children.

Tomorrow, 3/15, there is a special meeting on train derailments and how well we are equipped to handle a derailment. Steve will be attending the meeting. They will be meeting at the training center in Lancaster County, and they will see what equipment we have, what training we have, and we will see where we stand if we have a derailment, who we can call and what we can do. The last derailment was around 1920 and there was no real damage.

**Pioneer Fire Company – Bryan Smith** – For the month of February they did 10 Fire Calls and 13 QRS Calls for a total of 23 calls. They had their annual Hazmat training class that 5 members went to. The fire company is holding raffles again. Bingo will be held on April 1st. Doors open at 11:30, bingo starts at 1pm.

**Pioneer Fire Company Financial Statement – Jeffery Marsh** – Council member Marsh reported the balance as of December 31, 2022, was \$0.00. Total withdrawals were \$4,536.11. Total deposits were \$5,500.00 from the Borough. Balance as of January 31, 2023, is \$963.89. 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** – President States gave the report dated February 2023. The sewer fund has a savings account balance of \$413,744.18. Total receipts \$56,687.97. Interest \$12.90. Total receipts and interest are \$53,687.87. Disbursements \$127,609.15. Ending balance of \$339,822.90. Checking account beginning balance \$11,492.35. Total receipts \$120,280.00, interest \$0.88. Total receipts and interest are \$120,280.88. Disbursements \$129,252.00. Ending balance \$2,521.23. Total balance as of February 28, 2023, is \$342,344.13. President States motioned to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

Schedule B Monthly Municipal Report January 2023. Single Stream LCSMA, 21760 lbs. Christmas Trees to Blue Lane, Columbia Borough 1540 lbs. Total lbs recycled 23300, equivalent tons 11.65. There were 71.73 tons of refuse collected.

President States motioned to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

Schedule B Monthly Municipal Report February 2023. Single Stream LCSMA, 18660 lbs. Total lbs recycled 18660, equivalent tons 9.33. There were 58.69 tons of refuse collected.

President States motioned to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Marsh. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Treasurer – Julie Hall** – The General Fund Monthly Breakdown dated March 9, 2023, was presented to council. The total general fund accounts are \$941,582.23.

**Secretary – Julie Hall** – Council received the profit and loss statements for the months of January & February. At the end of February, we show that our income is negative \$1,412.59 for the month. Council member Dalzell motioned to accept the treasurer/secretary report as presented with a

second by Vice President Hudson. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Zoning – Ron Kistler** – 3 zoning, 2 sign permits, 1 inground pool. 1 building and 2 abated permits were issued, 4 courtesy letters were sent. 1 on site meeting with property owners to discuss proposed projects and/or zoning infractions.

**Vesta Furnace – Dave Haneman** – Marietta Art Alive is now showing "Spaces Within". It's a juried show with artists depiction of inside spaces. There was a good article about Plein Air in the Marietta Traveler. Also, to those of you who responded to the interview in the Traveler, good job. It was really informative.

Twenty-Five years ago, Del Ellsworth, one of the board members, hired an assistant professor who is now the new president of the College. Del is to deliver the inaugural speech which is quite an honor. Kelly Murphey emailed regarding a new Columbia Rivertowne member. She is a semi-retired educator who has attended a number of meetings and has been involved in a number of community activities. They will be voting at the next meeting.

There was also a presentation by Columbia Mover and Shakers. It's a group of 6 people that have done activities in Columbia. They are looking to obtain 501c non-profit classification. They had talked about maybe falling under the umbrella of Rivertownes. As of right now they don't have a mission statement. They need to discuss more to see if that is even a possibility.

We will be doing the Paddle of the Battle. The Blacksmiths will possibly be doing a demo at the event. We will know more about that next week.

Marietta Community House has decided they are going to do the garden tour on June 25<sup>th</sup>.

They would like to be part of the advertisement that is going out regarding Rivertownes.

If you are interested, Scott Mingus will be at the Methodist Church in Wrightsville this coming weekend.

If you have been on the trail going towards Columbia, over the winter there has been some big rocks that came down and are laying on the entrance to the front side of the Furnace Road.

Rivertowne is planning on putting in the PA Cannel System the Eastern Division historical panel. It will be a 24 x 36 panel similar to the other panels that are along the trail. This was something that Rivertownes board members decided we really should do something about telling folks about the canal system we had here in town.

**Mayor's Report – Rebecca Carroll-Baltozer** – No Report

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Administrative – President States**

The summer recreation program went way up in costs. We had to raise a good bit of money. Total to run the program is approximately \$16,000.00 The Borough budgeted \$8000.00. The Eater Foundation generously donated \$5000.00; the American Legion Post 466 donated \$2000.00 as well as a few more smaller donations. We raised a total of \$8300.00 to cover it fully for the year. Hopefully we can grow it even more next year.

We had some discussion on Air BnB's. There have been a few popping up in town. Hopefully you got to tour the open house that was held this weekend at the Poppy House on Mulberry. They did a phenomenal job. As Air BnB's keep popping into town, we will regulate them more and more to make sure we don't get infiltrated by a ton of them. We are going to start exploring and looking at where we want to have these earmarked to go, which is Market Central, Market West and the Rail Trail District.

We discussed the golf cart ordinance. According to PA law, they cannot be driven on major highways or main thruways, which is Market St. Front St, all of our major streets are excluded. They

can be driven on alleys and side streets, and you can cross highways.

We are working more on that ordinance to make sure we are doing it correctly and legally.

We discussed the parking lot that we promised Donegal Place so they would have extra parking. When we came through the first phase of the project, they lost the open area where they could park extra cars, boats, campers, etc. We are going to put a stone lot across Furnace Road across from the first row of homes at Donegal Place that will park 8 cars.

Steve Uhlrich, MABA, approached President States about stringing lights across Market from S-bend down to the square and follow the Lions Club where they do the Christmas lights. MABA would like to utilize that same connection to PPL.

Steve Bailey brought up last month about the traps that were found and a dog that was injured along the trail. We are talking about reaching out to the game commission about signage. We don't want to make it look gaudy, but we want to make sure everyone knows there is no hunting or trapping along the trail.

We also realized that we need to look at our fee structure. There are some things that have not been updated for more than 20 years.

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

Discussed the golf cart ordinance and reviewed the one that was worked on last year. They would like to recommend that for adoption. President States would like to wait on adopting the resolution until our solicitor can take another look at it.

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

Council member Dalzell gave the report in Council member DeBottis absence.

Council member Dalzell presented a special event application for Donegal Baseball, DBSA to use the field at War Memorial Park from March 6 to June 30 weekdays 4pm until dark and weekends from 9am to 4pm for baseball practice.

Council member Dalzell made the motion to approve with a second by Council member Hudson. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

Council member Dalzell presented a special event application the Easter Egg hunt to be held at War Memorial Park on April 8<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 1:30pm sponsored by the Lions Club. Council member Dalzell made the motion to approve with a second by Vice President Hudson. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

Council member Dalzell presented a special event application for Marietta Fireworks to be held on July 1, rain date July 2. Set up would be June 30<sup>th</sup> at 7am. Clean up July 2. They expect at least 100 people in attendance. Council member Dalzell made the motion to approve with a second by Council member Lauver. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

Council member Dalzell presented a special event application for the Christmas Tree Lighting, sponsored by the MRA, to be held at the Town Hall on November 25, rain date November 26 at 5pm to 8pm. They expect at least 200 people in attendance. They will consult Steve Bailey about parking and traffic control. They do want portions of North Waterford, Prospect Ave and New Haven streets closed. Council member Dalzell made the motion to approve with a second by Council member Wills. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

Council member Dalzell presented a special event application the Easter Sunrise Service to be held at Flanigan Park on April 9<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 9am sponsored by the New Hope Christian Fellowship. Council member Dalzell made the motion to approve with a second by Council member Wills. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

## **Public Safety – Miles Lauver**

Council member Lauver stated the committee met in February and had a discussion concerning getting all the crosswalks that are ADA compliant fresh paint. Also discussed the incidents with the police dept doing the parking meters. Discussed Ed Haugh doing the parking meters since Ed had expressed interest in doing the meters. Instead of using police incidents for the parking meters, the incidents could be better used for having police presence in the morning and afternoon when children are going to and coming home from school. Recently, there was a child struck by a car coming home from school. This would save 2 of our incidents to be better used. This is something we should pursue.

## **Public Works – Jeff Marsh**

Council member Marsh stated they did have a meeting this evening. The deadline to apply for the part-time lawn mower position is April 1st. The Furnace Road project is scheduled to start April 3<sup>rd</sup>. We received a bid from Crown A Excavation for additional parking at Donegal Place off of Furnace Road. The bid is for \$3336.00. They would remove the grass and fill in with 6 inches of stone. This would provide 8 additional parking spaces. Our roadcrew will be putting up a split rail fence along the parking lot. Council member Marsh motioned to accept the bid for the parking lot with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

## **SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY – Jeffery Marsh** – The operators report is that the plant is running very well. They are looking at bids to clean the tanks but have not moved forward with that as of yet.

**Shade Tree Committee – Bill Dalzell** – The committee has been very busy last month. The committee will have a table at Marietta Day where they will be distributing trees for people to put on their properties. There will be 50 Flowering Dogwoods, 50 Sycamore Trees, a number of smaller trees and shrubs as well. Anyone attending Marietta Day is welcome to take a tree.

Linda Ross attended a webinar on permeable sidewalks that was very interesting. We do recommend that anyone who is replacing their sidewalks, look into putting a permeable sidewalk in. They will get a handout that the Zoning Officer can provide to residents.

They also had resident Cheryl Corson who has a lot of excellent experience in landscape architecture, attend the meeting. She will be working with the committee, and they are extremely grateful to have her working with us.

Council member Dalzell inquired if letters were sent to the residents on Furnace Road/Front Street regarding the paving project. Secretary Hall confirmed letters were sent.

There will be another volunteer workday on the trail on March 25<sup>th</sup>. Meet at 10am on Chestnut Street again.

**War Memorial Park – President Freddy States** – President States stated that the first phase is the tennis courts. We have already received the \$200,000.00 grant for that phase. The project is to start very soon. We applied for a grant that we did not receive, but there is another round that we will be applying for. This one is a 50/50 grant so it's not quite as good, but we are still going to apply.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Council held an executive session to discuss a legal matter with the Borough.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No public comments

Presidents States made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with a second from Vice President Hudson. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Hall  
Secretary/Treasurer