

**Marietta Borough Council**  
**Minutes of Meeting held June 13, 2023**  
**113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA**

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

No Public comments

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

President States asked for a motion to approve the June 11<sup>th</sup> minutes. Council member DeBottis made a motion to accept the June 11<sup>th</sup> minutes with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

No announcements

**REPORTS**

**Fire Police/EMA – Steve Bailey** – A total of 12 calls, 24 officers, and 82.0 duty hours. Responded to 3 fire related calls, 4 accidents, 2 meetings & trainings, and 3 public services. We need volunteers as always. Steve was interviewed by the Merchandiser. They are going to do a feature article to see if they can help us to get some volunteers. There was one person who showed some interest.

**Emergency Management Report** – Over the past month we monitored the air quality reports due to the forest fires in Canada. Steve does have some personal contacts there and we keep monitoring the air quality specifically for people in the area that have breathing issues. We post on social media so people are aware.

People holding events on public streets must watch out that their vendors do not park in side streets or block the streets where you are holding your event. It is a federal requirement to keep the streets open for emergency vehicles in case there is an emergency. If we see someone's vehicle parked where it is blocking any access route, the vehicle will be towed.

We have a heat wave due in, so take all precautions. We will be posting what to do during a heat wave and don't forget your pets in the heat. One tip is that if you are at the mall or the store and you see a child or animal in a car, don't rush up and smash the window. First look in and see if the child or animal is awake and alert. Call 911 and have the Police or Fire come and let them do the entrance to the vehicle. There could be some serious liability issues if you do it yourself. If you do feel like it's a life-or-death situation and you do have to break the window, think about it before you do it.

We are in the middle of hurricane season. Fifty-one years ago, is when Agnus hit. We have already had some nasty storms, with more possible. There are close to 80 people on the alert list and Steve sends out alerts when he gets any storm alert from the National Weather Service. We try to make everyone aware of nasty weather on the way. The best thing you can do is to make sure the storm drain near your house is clear. We don't have a large street department and they can't get to every single storm drain. Some of these storms happen very fast. Take five minutes, go out

and take a rake and make sure all the leaves and whatever is off those storm drains. We do post every major alert on all the media stations, TV, radio and so forth. We do have the robo call system in Marietta as well.

**Pioneer Fire Company** — For the month of June they did 11 Fire Calls and 11 QRS Calls for a total of 22 calls. No training updates, still working on the software. Submitted the year-end report for last year a few months ago and asked if anyone had any questions concerning the report.

**Pioneer Fire Company Financial Statement** – Council member Dalzell presented the report in Council member Marsh's absence. The reported balance as of April 30, 2023, was \$3,235.68. Total withdrawals were \$1,815.81. Due to a printing issue, there were no deposits. Balance as of May 31, 2023, is \$1,419.87. Council member Dalzell made the motion to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member DeBottis. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Sewer – Freddy States** – President States gave the report dated June 2023. The sewer fund has a savings account balance of \$502,098.79. Total receipts \$4,757.70. Interest \$17.89. Total receipts and interest are \$4,775.59. Disbursements \$120,073.50. Ending balance of \$386,800.88. Checking account beginning balance \$4,796.76. Total receipts \$120,000.00, interest \$0.17. Total receipts and interest are \$120,000.17. Disbursements \$118,335.00. Ending balance \$6,461.93. The monthly ending balance breakdown as of June 30, 2023, checking account is \$6,461.93, money market-savings is \$386,800.88 for a grand total of \$393,62.81.

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 for the month of May 2023. Single Stream 18040 lbs. LCSWMA, Yard Waste 3360 lbs. Blue Lane – Columbia Borough. 21400 total pounds recycled, 10.70 equivalent tons, 71.01 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 for the month of June 2023. Single Stream 22880 lbs. LCSWMA, Yard Waste 3820 lbs. Blue Lane – Columbia Borough. 26700 total pounds recycled, 13.35 equivalent tons, 71.01 tons of refuse collected. President States motioned to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member DeBottis. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Treasurer – Julie Hall** – The General Fund Monthly Breakdown dated July 6, 2023, was presented to council. The total general fund accounts are \$1,189,710.96.

**Secretary – Julie Hall** – Council received the profit and loss statements for the months January–June. At the end of June, we show that our income is \$109,856.64 for the month.

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

**Zoning – Ron Kistler** – no report

**Vesta Furnace – Dave Haneman** – Rivertown did not meet in July. Riverfest was a great weekend filled with lectures, races, food, music, re-enactors, fire performers, lighting of the piers and weather. The only thing that we did not have control over was the weather. A lot of that decision on Thursday was to move the outside events to the Columbia Crossing since there was better protection in case of a rainstorm. Contacts were made with Columbia Crossing and John Wright and Historic Wrightsville before any of these changes were made. All went well. Chickies Rock Outfitters did light the piers Sunday night. Approximately 150-200 people were

out watching. James Landis gave an outstanding lecture and on Saturday he did a unwalking, walking tour of Marietta since it was calling for bad weather. It went very well since he was able to use a PowerPoint presentation at Columbia Crossing where he was able to show a lot of older pictures and maps that he wouldn't have been able to do on the walking tour.

All the lectures were full. The trolley that ran between Columbia and Wrightsville was full. The biathlon had about 70 athletes that participated. Most of them did the run and it went very well. The music festival on Saturday went well. Talking to President States and River Trail, they are looking forward to next year. There were approximately 40 or people at the Vesta Friday through Sunday. The Paddle the Battle was cancelled due to low registration and weather. Jim McClure did an excellent lecture on the history of the 5 bridges that cross the Susquehanna. Miss Gettysburg came and read the narrative that Historic Wrightsville had put together. She was also there for the kids bucket brigade on Saturday morning. The fire performers did an excellent job. They complimented the Susquehanna Travelers as they were playing at the Columbia Crossing. Marietta Garden Tour on Sunday had 300 or more people attend.

New Business: Pennsylvania Eastern Division Canal Historic Panel – Dave Patton has been contacted for a quote and will be moving forward with this. Sarana Miller has donated a large number of newspaper articles regarding the Vesta and Marietta and the iron industry.

**Mayor's Report – Rebecca Carroll Baltozer –** Fireworks were a huge success. The burn ban being lifted put everyone at ease. Mayor Carroll Baltozer has attended the Trail Market and it seems to be pretty safe and going well. Not sure if anyone else has been there to take a look. Anxious to see the pickle ball/tennis court completed. President States stated that he talked to Mick Kibler. They wanted the tennis court to be on the outside and the pickleball courts on the inside for ease of retrieving tennis balls when they go outside the fence. He is adamant that we get a net as a divider. Ann Yost is getting a price for doing that.

Mayor Carroll Baltozer would like to congratulate Officer Scott Ney on becoming SRO of Pennsylvania this year. This is a huge accomplishment, and we should be really proud.

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Administrative – President States**

DH Funk finished the work on Furnace Road and East Front Street. They did a phenomenal job. There were a few hiccups. They hired a line painting company, and that company took it upon themselves to paint a double yellow line down part of Furnace Road. We made them remove it and now have to wait for it to cure for so long and then will come back and put a black stripe down the middle, so it won't look quite like a highway. They also painted the handicapped parking spaces upside down on a one-way street. We reached out to DH Funk and let them know that at the last meeting it was brought up and to let the line painting company know we would like to have them corrected. All that aside, it was a great project. The trail looks great coming through East Front Street, it really connects the whole area coming across Furnace Road. They have requested a payment of \$301,896.80 and a final payment of \$222,576.91, of which \$150,000.00 will be paid out of the Liquid Fuel fund. President States made a motion to approve the payment to DH Funk for \$301,896.80 with a second from Vice President Hudson. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

Council Member Dalzell asked if there were any final walk throughs that need to be done. President States stated that the walk through has been completed with the punch list. Our engineer from ARRO walked it and made sure everything was completed.

President States made a motion to approve final payment to DH Funk for \$222,576.91 with a second from Council member DeBottis. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

The total project was \$617,252.71. We added a lot of things on to that to get done because they came in so low. We had a grant to match for \$331,000.00.

President States stated that we need to appoint Steve Bailey as our commander for an emergency event. If something catastrophic, like a train derailment, happens in Marietta, he's the one that is going to all the seminars and getting all the training to know exactly what to do to facilitate an emergency event. This would give him the authority that everyone would go to. President States made a motion to appoint Steve Bailey as our emergency event commander with a second from Council member Dalzell. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Planning/Zoning/Environmental – Bill Dalzell** – no meeting last month.

**Public Outreach – Vice President Hudson**

We met for the June council meeting. Everything we discussed at the June meeting, we discussed at the June council meeting. Everything was covered at last month's meeting.

**Public Safety** – June 22<sup>nd</sup>, was here and no one was in attendance. The meeting was canceled.

**Public Works – Jeff Marsh**

President States stated that they talked a lot about the fields at the park. John Good who runs the softball program was in attendance. They would really like to be a part of applying for grants and maintaining the park and making it great. They would like to keep all four baseball fields, softball fields mixed, but they can only be considered softball fields if there is no mound. They love the idea of rotating the large baseball field, but would like to have a removable mound so it can be utilized by both. They have worked with Donegal Mutual Insurance to get a new scoreboard. Donegal Mutual is going to reimburse them for the cost of the scoreboard. We will get that installed for them when they put the fence up. We are going to have John Good in a meeting with Ann Yost to look at our Master Plan for the park. We need to make alterations now to make changes to our master plan. That master plan is what we're going to send in to get grant money. Steve Bailey brought up getting Bailey Alley named. President States promised Steve he would work on that.

Some of our storm water sewer lines are collapsing. It was brought to our attention that there is a couple by the senior housing on Bank Street, one on New Haven, one or two on Front Street, 2 on Decatur Street that were really bad with sink holes that are both fixed now, one on the lower side of Gay Street by the Legion that is getting worse. They street crew will be working on those. Some of those are made out of brick and are collapsing and they actually have to build forms and pour concrete. They have checklist of 6 more to do. They are also starting to fix potholes in town.

**SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY – Jeffery Marsh** – no report

**Shade Tree Committee – Bill Dalzell** – We met last week. We are looking into getting some more trees from the same group as provided the trees for Marietta Day. We are going to be meeting with the folks from the Columbia Shade Tree Commission to see how they do things over there. Columbia has a very robust Shade Tree program that has been in place since the 1970's. They are actually listed as a tree city. There were also some questions raised as to who is responsible for down trees in Evan's Run. Is it on the property owners or is it a borough issue?

**War Memorial Park – President Freddy States** – War Memorial Park, pretty much already talked about everything that is happening there. Nothing further to discuss.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

No new business

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Carl Jones – Market Street** – Both of these issues have to do with safety. We talk about War Memorial Park all the time. What are we going to do about a crosswalk there to let them know there are people and children crossing there? President States stated that we talked about this before. President States stated that to put a crosswalk in, there has to be ADA curb cut corners. If there is not, then we can't legally put a crosswalk in there. When we do the project, that's when we would look at making the curbs ADA compliant.

Mr. Jones stated that another issue is the tractor trailers still coming in at the end of Market Street. We had a mobile home fire, and the emergency vehicles could have had trouble getting through with these tractor trailers that keep coming in to go to the auction and having to back down through Market Street because they can't turn around. The trucks are coming in and they can't get through the gate to the auction. Carl called the auction and they stated that they are working on getting the GPS changed so the trucks won't come that way. President States stated that we did hang signs, but we can't change the GPS. Steve Ulrich stated that he would be happy to look into the GPS issue.

Mr. Jones also stated that coming from Gay Street to the Square, even though there's a sign that says no left turn, it's faded. Can we paint white arrows on the street to show which direction traffic should go? Steve Ulrich stated that there is a no left turn sign there, but maybe it would be more effective if it was a one way. Also, the sign is pretty faded. President States will look into getting new signage.

**Steve Ulrich – MABA** – There is quite a lot of trash in the area at the intersection of New Haven and Waterford. Would it be possible to get a trash receptacle there? It's mostly on the south side. Steve also stated that he does appreciate the crosswalks that were painted at the base of the S-bend and was wondering if going up West Market Street that some of those could be touched up as well.

President States made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with a second from Council member Dalzell. The meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Hall  
Secretary/Treasurer