

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Carl Jones** – 619 W. Market St. – Asked if the fire company is ready for electric cars and how the batteries explode and catch fire. Also, is the fire company able to handle a derailment like the one that just happened in Ohio? Bryan Smith from the fire company answered yes to both of the questions.

**MINUTES FOR APPROVAL**

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

President States announced that since he and Vice President Hudson switched positions, they had to do some reorganization of some of the committees. The council president should always chair the Administration Committee. President States was already a member of that committee, now he will chair the committee. Jeff Marsh will move to Public Works and chair that committee. President States will also be on the Public Works Committee as well as Council member Lauver. Council member Lauver will now Chair the Public Health & Safety Committee. Council member Wills will be on that committee along with Mayor Carroll Baltozer. Those are the only changes to the committees.

MESA has been approved. 8 municipalities out of 12 joined and created the new authority. Those 8 municipalities will have a voting member on the board. Council member Hudson is on the board. The municipalities that joined are Marietta, Mount Joy, Conoy, Elizabethtown, Elizabeth, East Donegal, Penn, and West Donegal.

Council member Dalzell stated there will be another volunteer workday along the river on Saturday, 2/25. They will be meeting at Chestnut Street at 10am.

**REPORTS**

**Fire Police/EMA – Steve Bailey** – January wasn't a bad month. A total of 10 calls, 21 officers, and 66.75 duty hours. Responded to 2 fire related calls, 3 accidents, 3 meetings & trainings, 1 public service, and 1 assist PD. They are still in serious need of volunteers. If anyone knows of anyone interested in volunteering, please have them contact Steve.

Due to the cold weather that we previously had, some heated gloves and vests were purchased for the officers. Steve attended the county fire police meeting, very soon the state is going to require the officers to wear safety head gear when directing traffic out on the road. Steve ordered them for the officers. Steve also purchased the officer's handheld arrow sticks. He is hoping by

using these, more people will pay attention to what direction the officer is directing them to.

Emergency Management Report – Steve presented a copy of the business contact form for our Emergency Plan to our solicitor to look over to make sure there are no HIPPA violations.

Once approved, he would like to post the form on social media so all Marietta businesses can complete the form. Our solicitor will look the form over and contact Steve. The new weather station arrived yesterday to replace the old one that died. Steve will be getting that up and running as soon as possible.

Steve received a phone call about animal traps along the trail. A dog got his leg stuck in one of the traps. Steve did some investigating, and it was actually in East Donegal, not the borough. Steve contacted East Donegal and they are aware. If we don't have signage posted stating that there is no trapping permitted, we should look into getting some. Susquehanna Regional and the Game Commission were notified. They contacted the person the trap belonged to and all traps were removed.

**Pioneer Fire Company – Bryan Smith** – For the month of January they did 17 Fire Calls and 18 QRS Calls for a total of 35 calls. The annual Hazmat training class will be held this Saturday. Bingo will be held on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Doors open at 11:30, bingo starts at 1pm. For the first time, the Fire Chief, Deputy Chief, Asst. Chief and Captain all have Fire Fighter 1 training. They are in the process of getting the other members trained.

**Pioneer Fire Company Financial Statement – Jeffery Marsh** – Council member Marsh reported the balance as of November 30, 2022, was \$38.78. Total withdrawals were \$5,538.78. Total deposits were \$5,559.90. Balance as of December 31, 2022, is \$0.00. 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 January 2023. The sewer fund has a savings account balance of \$304,802.72. Total receipts \$113,927.17. Interest \$14.29. Total receipts and interest \$113,941.46. Disbursements \$5,000.00. Ending balance of \$413,744.18. Checking account beginning balance \$6,492.03. Total receipts \$5,000.00, interest \$0.32. Total receipts and interest are \$5,000.32. No disbursements. Ending balance \$11,492.35. Total balance as of January 31, 2023, is \$425,236.53. 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 December 2022. Single Stream LCSMA, 30620 lbs. Leaves to Blue Lane, Columbia Borough 10220 lbs. Total lbs recycled 40840, equivalent tons 20.42. There were 76.97 tons of refuse collected. President States motioned to accept the report as presented with a second by Council member Wills. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

**Treasurer – Julie Hall** – The General Fund Monthly Breakdown dated February 9, 2023, was presented to council. The total general fund accounts are \$933,731.45.

**Secretary – Julie Hall** – Council received the profit and loss statements for the month of January. At the end of January, we show that our income is \$20,652.31 for the month. President States 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** – 2 zoning, 3 building and 2 abated permits were issued, 4 courtesy letters were sent, Revoked 2 zoning permits (expired after one year of issuance. No extension requested.

**Vesta Furnace – Dave Haneman** – There was no official meeting held last month. There were 2 elections for the first Vice President and also the second Vice President of the Rivertown's. Both Rick and Joe agreed to serve for 2023. Motion was made, seconded, and unanimously voted in. Marietta Art Alive had a great demo of water/oil painting by a great local artist. Plein Air Event is scheduled for April 10-23. Registration is closed as of the 10<sup>th</sup>. Now being juried by an artist from Boston. Hopefully by next week, artists will be informed of being part of the juried show. Almost 85 registrations this year. This is a little down from last year. Riverfest 2023 is scheduled for the end of June over at John Wright. Historic Wrightsville is planning a bus tour around Wrightsville with reenactors riding there to tell the folks that are riding the actual history of what is going on. Later in the afternoon they will be doing a reenactment with a confederate reenacting group. The music for the evening on Sunday is Susquehanna Travelers from York. Marietta Walking Tour will be Saturday afternoon. They will meet at McCleary's and walk up to Perry Street, east on Market Street and end at Shanks. There will also be a lecture held on Friday night, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, titled "The Other Side of the Hill...The Other Side of the Story", which was Marietta's involvement when the federal troops came to Wrightsville. The Biathlon will be held on Saturday morning at Columbia Crossing. Burning of the Bridge Diorama will be held on Saturday and Sunday. Marietta Garden Tour is also being held on June 25<sup>th</sup>. On the trail between Donegal Furnace and Marietta #1, there is a very nice walking trail there now. This will be part of the walking tour. If interested, Scott Mingus will be speaking at the Old Town Meeting at the Methodist Church in Wrightsville on March 7<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

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

## **STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Administrative – Vice-President Hudson**

Vice-President Hudson stated that the committee met and discussed reorganizing several of the committees. Vice-President Hudson stated that the committee spent quite a bit of time discussing the priorities for the borough going forward. We have been able to do some projects in the borough with monies we received through grants, and we have done a lot of planning as well. Vice President Hudson stated that the committee discussed pursuing of grants and working within the Borough's budget. The best grant to get is an 80-20 grant, which does not come along frequently. Most grants are 50-50. The Borough will continue to look into grants to help with the costs of making improvements within the Borough.

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

No meeting was held in January.

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

President States gave the report in Council member DeBottis absence. President States stated that the Summer Rec Program is getting more and more expensive to hold. This year the program is costing \$15,928.00. The Borough has \$8000.00 budgeted for the program. Last year approx. 50 children attended. This year we will be charging \$40 for children within the Borough and \$90 for non-residents. We will still need to get some donations from Marietta Businesses to help with the cost. We will need to table approving the program until next month to see if we are able to raise enough funds.

President States presented a special event application for Donegal Braves Football and Cheer to

use War Memorial Park. Council member Dalzell wanted to make sure this was not in conflict with any of the other organizations using the field. President States verified that there shouldn't be any conflicts. Council member Dalzell made the motion to approve with a second by Council member Wills. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

President States presented a special event application for Marietta Day. There is a rain date this year. Council member Dalzell made the motion to approve with a second by Vice President Hudson. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

President States presented a special event application for The Memorial Day Parade. The Borough will provide an insurance rider. Council member Dalzell made the motion to approve with a second by Council member Lauver. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

### **Public Safety – Jeffery Marsh**

Council member Marsh stated the committee met in January and had a discussion concerning the Electric Vehicle Ordinance. There needs to be more discussion. They tabled it until their next meeting.

### **Public Works – Freddy States**

President States stated they did have a meeting this evening to discuss the reorganization of the committees. They talked about the square needing to be relandscaped. There are some trees that are dying. They talked about speaking to MABA, who has a beautification committee, to see if they would be willing to tackle that project.

We are looking for a part time, seasonal Public Works employee to mow and clean up leaves, etc. We will accept applications for the next couple of weeks and then hold interviews. The need to start a truck fund to replace the Borough dump trucks was discussed. We have approximately 5 years for the small dump truck and 10 years for the large dump truck before they will need replaced. We need to start planning now and budgeting for it.

President States asked for a motion to approve the War Memorial Park Tennis Courts. We received a zero match grant of \$200,000.00 to do this project. Schlouch Incorporated was the lowest bid. They came in at \$197,830.00. Vice President Hudson made a motion to approve the tennis & pickle ball courts with a second by Council member Dalzell. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

President States asked for a motion to accept the Furnace Road/Front Street bid. DH Funk and Sons was the lowest bid at \$559,828.30. The closest bid to them was \$742,000.00. We already have a grant that we had applied for previously for Front Street and Furnace Road of \$331,261.00. We also will be using approx. \$161,524.40 our Liquid Fuels money that we have built up the last several years. If we take that money and \$100,000.00 of the grant money, that will finish the Furnace Road side. With the \$231,261.00 that is left from the grant, it will only cost the Borough \$37,814.90 to complete the Front Street portion. Council member Dalzell asked at what point will we send out letters to the residents that will be affected, notifying them of the project? President States advised that we should give them as much notice as possible. Vice President Hudson made a motion to approve 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.

The plumbing station is running well. There were some changes to the bid process. Purchases below \$12,000.00 will not require bidding. Purchases between \$12,200.00 and \$22,500.00 will require three written and telephone bids. Purchases over \$22,500.00 will require formal bidding. The landscaping and stump removal at the plant has been completed. Looks very nice. Steve Shireman gave an update concerning the ARPA grant. They have a one million, fifty-thousand-dollar project and they received 33% in grant money which comes to approximately \$349,000.00.

**Shade Tree Committee – Bill Dalzell –** The committee has been very busy last month. The volunteer workday was held. Over 30 volunteers showed up and pruned vines along Chestnut Street area towards Columbia. They took care of around 80 trees that were being choked out by the vines. This will allow the canopies of the trees to grow and make the trees stronger and healthier. There will be another volunteer workday this month as well as March and April. After April there will be a lot more growth along the trail so they will come back and revisit. The committee is working on getting a grant for free trees to give out to the residents. They will be tiny saplings. The committee is also working on finding a forester to do forest management plan. Not sure what the cost of that would be. Once the cost is established, the committee will come back to council to discuss.

**War Memorial Park – Freddy States –** President States stated that the whole park is part of the master plan, which has been finalized. We are now starting on the first phase, which is the tennis courts.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

No old business.

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No new business.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

**Linda Ross –** Fairview Avenue. Wanted to know what the target date is for the Furnace Road project. Solicitor Harter stated that the bid documents require that it is completed within either 9 or 12 months of acceptance. It should be sometime this calendar year.

There being no further business before Council, on a motion by President States with a second by Council member Hudson, the meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Hall  
Secretary/Treasurer