

Marietta Borough Council
Minutes of Meeting held June 11, 2024
113 East Market Street, Marietta, PA

President States with Council members Kennedy, Hudson, Wills, DeBottis, Mayor Carroll Baltozer and Solicitor Harter present, called the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Marietta Borough Council to order at 7:00 PM. Absent were Council member Robbins and Lauver. The meeting opened with a moment of silence followed by the pledge of allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

President States asked for a motion to approve the May 14th minutes. Council member Kennedy had some grammatical corrections to be made to the minutes. Council member DeBottis made a motion to accept the May 14th minutes with the mentioned corrections made, with a second by Council member Wills. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

No announcements

CONSENT AGENDA – *All items included in the Agenda are routine in nature and Council will approve them with one motion and a roll call vote. Council may request discussion of any of the items and if so, the item will be taken from the Agenda and considered elsewhere in the agenda as indicated by the President of Council.*

A. Reports (reports are available)

1. Fire Police/EMA – Steve Bailey
2. Fire Company - Brandon Smith, Fire Chief
3. Fire Company Financial Report – Dan Robbins
4. Sewer & Recycling – Freddy States
5. Secretary/Treasurer – Julie Hall
6. Zoning Officer – Ron Kistler
7. Vesta Furnace – Dave Haneman
8. Mayor's Report – Rebecca Carroll Baltozer

President States asked for a motion to approve the above reports. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Administrative – President States

President States stated the committee met this past month. The committee discussed the 4 way stop signs for Bank Street, New Haven and Bridge Street. They will be meeting with a member from LTAP on June 25th to look at the intersections and give some direction as to how to proceed. President States also stated that we applied for a Mural Grant and hope to hear back on that in the near future. We are also working on some other grants. We discussed that our server also needs upgraded and we are looking into cloud versus server. This could be anywhere between \$5,000 and \$14,000.

Planning/Zoning/Environmental – Judith Kennedy – Judith stated that the committee met on May 21st. They reviewed resident Stephen Scanlon's proposal on maintenance at Iron Furnace Park. They also addressed engaging in some grant research. On May 24th, the committee met with Mr. Scanlon and some residents of the community to discuss Mr. Scanlon's proposal. They will address some issues with Council member Robbins for a discussion with the road crew.

The committee also addressed bare root trees grant, volunteer care of sycamores and other trees in the area of Iron Furnace Park, locating the Stormwater management plan to the second parking lot, and Council member Kennedy contacted Land Studies concerning the infrastructure and rain garden planting plan.

Recreation & Public Outreach – Vice President Hudson – Vice President Hudson stated that the committee will be meeting on Thursday.

Vice President Hudson stated that the volunteer clean up day will be on Saturday and will meet at New Haven & Front Street. The committee also discussed looking for a new website for the Borough and it has been narrowed down between two, Civic Plus and Revise. This will be discussed at the next Administrative meeting.

Vice President Hudson presented a special event application for Biking for Brittany on June 30th, 2024, from 7:30am-12:00pm. They do have their insurance. Vice President Hudson asked for a motion to approve. Council member DeBottis made the motion to approve with a second by Council member Wills. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

Vice President Hudson presented a special event application for the 48th Annual Candlelight Tour to be held on December 1st, 2024, from 11:00am-7:00pm. They have their waiver and insurance. Vice President Hudson asked for a motion to approve. Council member DeBottis made the motion to approve with a second by Council member Kennedy. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

Public Safety – Miles Lauver – no meeting

Public Works – Dan Robbins – President States stated the committee met this evening. John Good, from the softball organization came to the meeting. John is working closely with our roadmaster. He is taking some fencing down and removing some dugouts on field 3. Field 2 is still in decent shape.

The committee also discussed curb painting. They are going to shop around for a commercial paint sprayer. President State asked for a motion to waive the fees for sewer and trash at 222 W. Walnut Street due to a fire and they need to rebuild. Vice President Hudson made the motion to approve with a second by Council member DeBottis. Motion is carried unanimously by voice vote.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

JOINT SEWER AUTHORITY – Dan Robbins – President States asked Steve Shireman if he had anything to report in Council member Robbins absence. Steve stated that East Donegal and Columbia Water had 0% PFA's, which is excellent. PFA is basically material that does not go away, does not decay. There is also an ongoing discussion on FOG (Fats, Oils, Greases) being dumped down the sewer systems. It's beginning to be a really big problem in East Donegal pumping stations. They have almost tripled their cleanouts. Our pumping station is doing good right now.

Shade Tree Commission – Judith Kennedy – Council member Kennedy stated that the Commission did not meet on June 6th. After Marietta Day, the STC now has a list of approximately 45 volunteers. Those volunteers were alerted to the Volunteer Clean Up Day with the Alliance for the Chesapeake Bay that will be held on June 15th from 9:00am – 11:00am.

The next meeting is the first Thursday in August at 7:00pm and there will probably be another meeting that will be announced.

War Memorial Park – President Freddy States – President States stated that the football organization has also demolished 2 dugouts and they are getting ready to move them into their permanent space for their field. We have applied for a DCED grant to start that project. This would be a \$250,000.00 grant with an 80/20 match. Marietta Borough would roughly have to contribute \$45,000.00.

OLD BUSINESS – no old business

NEW BUSINESS – no new business

PUBLIC COMMENT

Linda Ross – Fairview Avenue – Linda asked if there were any Borough websites that Revise or Civic Plus has done so she could look at them.

Steve Ulrich – MABA – Steve stated that it was his privilege to do our website since 2006. He was a little upset about not being consulted about any revisions/changes that could be made to the current website. Steve suggested if we want to increase public outreach, we should implement an email system. Steve offered to take a look at the 2 proposals for us.

Harold Kulman – East Market Street – Harold asked what we are planning on doing with painting of the no parking areas around the crossings and if we are going to extend the yellow lines so that the cars would have to park a further distance from the intersection.

Steve Shireman – Walnut Street – Asked which ball field was getting moved. Steve stated that speaking for the American Legion, they made signs for the field and asked if they would be put back up or if they would need to be repurchased. Steve would like the American Legion to be able to name the small field as well.

Presidents States made a motion to adjourn the meeting, with a second from Council member Wills. The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 pm.

BOROUGH SEAL

Respectfully submitted,

Julie A. Hall
Secretary/Treasurer