

**Point Marion Borough Council
Regular Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2025**

Council meeting was opened with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance by President Joseph Corcoran.

Members present: Mitch Cottrell, Joe Corcoran, Anthony Jordan (via conference call), Carl Ables, and Jack Stewart.

Absent: Billie Jo Nicklow, Jim Cottrell, Bob Goodwin and Doug Sholtis

Others present: Wendy Cottrell, Rosemary Costa, Cindi Fisher, Christine Cottrell, Cheryl Sweder & Seth Caton.

Roll call was taken by the Secretary and quorum was established.

Minutes of the February 10, 2025 were provided. A motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Seth Caton, our website and Facebook manager provided a handout for council to review regarding his business, Apex. He gave a brief overview of what his business does and told a little bit about himself. The floor was open for questions. Questions about laws for animals – there is a leash law throughout Fayette County. Suggested to call our dog warden – number was provided. Concerns regarding council members not attending. The public should not have to leave during executive session. Suggested changes. The floor condition – must be covered or sealed. Workman's comp from Springhill Township. A meeting was suggested with Springhill and numbers were provided. Backhoe operator – has insurance. Council should be willing to encourage those who want to come into town to start a business.

SECRETARY'S REPORT The bank accounts report was circulated for review. Bills for payment were provided to council. A motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to pay the bills. All in favor, motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: N/A.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Officer has been busy – happenings in town were on the news.

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT: Citations have been issued on Grant Street. March 19th hearing regarding Big K building. Jack noted that he wanted to thank those who showed up for the meeting. He also noted that recycling facilities/bins are being shut down due to the amount of trash that are being put in the dumpsters instead of recycling materials.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Infrastructure/ Daily Operations Reports: Mitch & Dave did a work tour of the town. Paving will take place as soon as the weather warms up. If water will be interrupted, a notice will be put online. Storm drains will be replaced in the near future. Copper and lead piping survey is being completed. Chemical list is being created so we know how much we are using per month. Leak on Prospect. A report was provided that compared last year to this year regarding gallons of water. After fixing the lines, a considerable amount was cut back in both water, electrical, overtime, etc. Instead of patching, lines are being replaced.

Public Safety: Sidewalks need repaired where work is being done.

Park: Donor letters were sent out for the Regatta. Most members are talking about stepping down from the park committee after the Regatta due to lack of volunteers and the difficulty in fund raising. A year extension was approved for the grant to redo the bathroom and concrete pad. Gibson Thomas came to

the park to do specs for the pad and bathrooms. Wendy noted that she needed to contact our garbage collector – we are paying for a large one, and the one down there is very small.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Payroll percentages overview: Tabled until next meeting.

PennPRIME Trust Renewal – signed and submitted

Costars Contract: renewed and submitted online.

Small Water & Sewer Guidelines – matching funds.

Road Salt Contract – renewed and submitted online

Application for Credit Account – Exeter Supply Co. INC from Brownsville, PA. Tabled until next meeting. They are willing to come out and do a free assessment of the area for possible cellular meters, but we need 3 phone quotes. Cost would be over the amount, so would need bid out. Wendy will call Rob and Seth for further assistance.

New Business:

PennDot Email/Spreadsheet: PennDot sent an email to the borough today regarding the measurement of traffic from May to November according to email the borough received. Roads to be measured in Point Marion are Main Street, Fifth Avenue and Wright Street, between Highland Avenue and Municipal Line.

Announcements:

N/A

A motion was made by Mitch Cottrell and seconded by Jack Stewart to enter into executive session. All in favor, motion carried. 7:42pm.

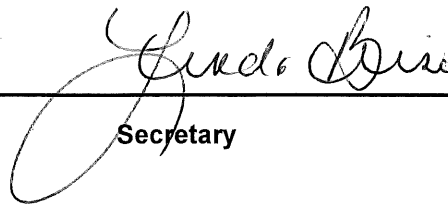
A motion was made by Mitch Cottrell and seconded by Jack Stewart to enter into regular session. All in favor. Motion carried. Time: 9:26pm. A note was made by Jack Stewart to place the following items on the next agenda for vote: payroll percentages study/decision, electricity contracts, and trash provider contract issues.

A motion was made by Mitch Cottrell and seconded by Jack Stewart to increase the solicitor salary from \$50.00 to \$60.00 per hour, beginning the next scheduled council meeting. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Mitch Cottrell for the meeting to be adjourned. All in favor, motion carried. 9:30pm.



President



Secretary

3.10.25

Date