

Point Marion Borough Council Meeting

Minutes

FEBRUARY 13th, 2023

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

Members present: Mayor Carl Ables, J. Corcoran, M. Cottrell, Jack Stewart, Jim Cottrell, Bob Goodwin, Trish Steve, and Solicitor Doug Sholtis

Absent: Billie Jo Nicklow

Others present: Dawn Goodwin, David Everly, and Cyndi Fisher

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

Minutes of the Regular meeting for January 23rd, 2022 was approved as presented. A motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Bob Goodwin to approve the minutes. M.C.

Also, a Motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Jim Cottrell to approve the minutes of the special meeting of Feb. 6th, 2023 with the following amendment making Harold L Whyel Secretary/Treasurer and Mayor Carl Ables signatures on the Loan at First United Bank. M.C.

Solicitor's Report:

The Solicitor gave a report on the Savino appeal and what Council could expect.

Made general comments about the Rittenhouse auction agreement stated the buyer's premium is 14% or 10% cash and Rittenhouse commission is 10% on all items auctioned off. Also reviewed the details of the Rittenhouse contract with Council and it was recommended that there be no reserves on any of the auction items.

A motion was made by Bob Goodwin and seconded by Jack Stewart to approve the Rittenhouse Contract. M.C.

Jack states that the necessary documents have been signed and McMillen Engineering is now the Borough's UCC/Construction review team. They can now review structural integrity of buildings, etc....

Solicitor Sholtis states that the necessary documents have been submitted to the state stating the Borough now has an engineer that can handle UCC/Construction review.

Engineer's Report: None

Code Enforcement and Police:

Mayor Ables gave a report on code enforcement activities within the Borough.

Jack states that a response has been received from Mr. French of the redevelopment Authority and it looks very favorable that they will handle the properties in repository.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Ables stated another police officer is needed and gave a report on police calls.

Secretary's Report:

Secretary presented typed up committees there were some minor changes.

A motion was made by Trish Steve and seconded by Jim Cottrell to pay the bills. M.C.

Public Comment:

Dawn Goodwin ask about SWEEP Committee solicitor responded that he needed to speak with the code enforcement officer.

Cyndi Fisher asked who the new Code Enforcement Officer was and council responded to her as to the individual is, also stated there was a pothole on Broadway near the old Ford Garage. Dave also spoke up about holes in other areas of the roads and streets.

David Everly presented 5 right to know request to the solicitor, wanted to know how many days a week the Police Officer is on duty ask about the use of Radar with in Borough limits, the mayor responded that the Borough is not permitted to use radar within the limits of the Borough

Administration/Water/Sewage

Jim Cottrell reports on the following:

Daily operations activities.

The SCADA system is now installed some minor issues to be resolved.

Roads treated in incimate weather

Fixed some leaks throughout the borough

Council thanks employees for job well done especially during the low water level and the trucking in of water and the handling resident questions.

Discussion on Water/Sewage/Garbage rates. Rates need to be raised. Comment that residents living in Springhill Township on the Borough Systems are paying less than the residents living within Point Marion Borough.

Building and Grounds:

Council thanked Carl on the nice job done on the new office.

Grants and Community Development

Wendy states the Park Committee would like to purchase bleachers before the annual regatta.

Solid Waste and Recycling: No report

Sewer: No report

Water: No report

Streets and Sidewalks:

Mayor Ables states First Energy will be coming to the Borough at the beginning of March to install new L.E.D. lighting and should be able to save approximately 1/3 on current street lighting bills. Timing depends on when the Energy Company receives shipment of supplies.

Discussion on Bridge lighting on Bridge in Dunkard Township two things need to happen electrician needs to inspect the wiring and connections and PennDOT needs to give their blessing.

A request was made to have a sign placed for Camp Run Park Road.

Bills:

Motion was made under Secretary's Report to pay all bills.

Park

Bob asked if funds had been transferred between park accounts response that they had been.

Wendy states the Park Committee has someone assisting them in obtaining their 501c (3) pro bono and are working on new by laws. Their new name will now be River Front Park Associates. They are now working on having bake sales and other fund-raising activities.

Library:

No Report

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

None

Announcements: None

Motion by Bob Goodwin and seconded by Trish Steve to enter Executive Session at 7:58 P.M. M.C.

Motion by Bob Goodwin and seconded by Trish Steve to exit Executive Session at 9:49 P.M. M.C.

After a lengthy discussion a motion to the following was made by Bob Goodwin and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to raise Water base rates by \$10.00, raise Sewage base rates by \$9.00 and raise Garbage rates by \$6.00. This to take place in the March billing. M.C.

A motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Bob Goodwin to hire Trish Steve as part time Assistant Utility Manager at a rate of \$13.00/Hr. M.C.

A motion was made by Mitch Cottrell and seconded by Trish Steve to pay Power Boat National \$1,000.00 to bind the agreement for the regatta river events during Memorial Day Weekend. M.C.

Being no further business Council President J. Corcoran called for Adjournment

Motion by Bob Goodwin and seconded by Trish Steve to adjourn the meeting. M.C.

President

Date

Secretary

Date