

Point Marion Borough Council Meeting

Minutes

MARCH 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: Raymond Barone and Cyndi Fisher

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

Minutes of the Regular meeting for February 27th, 2023 was approved as presented. A motion was made by Jim Cottrell and seconded by Trish Steve to approve the minutes. M.C.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Sholtis discusses with Council the need to have an ordinance and will be working on same an ordinance for the vacation, removal of dangerous structures. Jim Cottrell and Trish Steve make a motion to have Doug Sholtis to put together an ordinance for dangerous structures and a fence ordinance. M.C.

There is a specific ordinance for sidewalks for Point Marion Borough.

Discussed Columbia Gas line and review agreement. Jack requested more information.

Engineer's Report: None

Code Enforcement and Police:

Mayor gives code enforcement activities report. Mayor Ables states Point Marion Borough must have contracted animal control. Jack Stewart makes a motion and Bob Goodwin seconded the motion to approve Hoff Animal Control contract pending review of the solicitor. M.C.

Mayor's Report:

No report

Secretary's Report:

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

The secretary informed council that the 2020 audit had been completed and will be posted on the D.C.E.D. website by the end of the week.

Public Comment:

Raymond Barone addresses Council concerning the property next door to his at 705 Morgantown Street and the fact that he lives next door. Jack Stewart responds to his concerns. Also, Raymond is concerned about small hole in front of his property. He also asked about Borough Newsletter.

Cyndi Fisher asked Council about the Community pick up days and hard to recycle items. A discussion by Council took place and is something they intend to address.

Committee Reports

Public Safety

Mayor Ables gives police activities report.

Infrastructure Committee

Jim gives a report on the various activities occurring within the water plant and distribution system. Gave report on various street items of work and repairs. Patched potholes on various streets and roads within the borough, pump on 4th ave. parts should be in this week.

Administration

Jack informs Council of the meeting that took place with First United Bank and the opportunity to be able to set up utility bill payments on line through First United. There would be a 2.5% fee and the borough could charge up to 3%. The borough would probably still need to employ the efforts of Judy Mays because there would be residents that would still want to pay in person.

Community Development and Enhancement

Borough received \$32,000 L.S.A. funding toward park maintenance equipment.

Bob Goodwin informs Council that the Rittenhouse Auction will be held on March 20th with items auctioned off to be picked up on March 21st.

Wendy Cottrell states they have raised over 9K and have enough funds for the boat races. Still working on 501c (3)

Bills:

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

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

None

Announcements: None

Motion by Jack Stewart and seconded by Bob Goodwin to enter Executive Session at 8:33 P.M. M.C.

Motion by Mitch Cottrell and seconded by Trish Steve to exit Executive Session at 9:30 P.M. M.C.

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

Motion by Mitch Cottrell and seconded by Jack Stewart to adjourn the meeting. M.C.

President

Date

Secretary

Date