

# **Point Marion Borough Council Meeting**

## **Minutes**

**JULY 10th, 2023**

**Council meeting was opened with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance by Council Vice-President J. Stewart.**

**Members present: Jack Stewart, M. Cottrell, Jim Cottrell, Bob Goodwin, Trish Steve and Solicitor Doug Sholtis (Arriving after meeting adjourned)**

**Absent: Billie Jo Nicklow, Joseph Corcoran, and Mayor Carl Ables**

**Others present: Anthony Jordan, Cyndi Fisher, Wilma Cottrell, Jackie Cottrell, and Gary Reynolds**

**Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.**

**Minutes of the Regular meeting for June 12th, 2023 was approved as read a motion was made by Bob Goodwin and seconded by Jim Cottrell to approve the minutes M.C.**

**Engineer's Report: None**

**Public Comment**

**Wilma Cottrell asks about lien on Saulies that was previously paid that was not removed. Council responds they will have solicitor remove paid lien.**

**Gary Reynolds asks council if a letter can be written in support of a grant that the VFW is seeking, Gary was asked to supply the Secretary/Treasurer the particulars and a letter would be written.**

**Cyndi Fisher asked about patching potholes on Freeling and did Council hear anything from Columbia Gas on gas-line replacement.**

**Code Enforcement and Police:**

**Jack presented the Code Enforcement Officer's report of activities for the month.**

**Mayor's Report:**

**Vice-President Jack Stewart gives the monthly report of police activities.**

**Secretary's Report:**

**A motion was made by Mitch Cottrell and seconded by Bob Goodwin to pay the bills. M.C.**

**Secretary updated Council on the progress of the 2021.**

Secretary presents Debt Ordinance as prepared by the Solicitor the ordinance is for the purpose of facilitating the park grant, the funds will only be used if the flag for the 2021 audit is removed and grant funding is released. A motion was made by Bob Goodwin and seconded by Mitch Cottrell in favor of the debt ordinance with a pole vote taken. 3 in favor and 2 not in favor of the ordinance the motion carries.

Solicitor's Report: None

Committee Reports

Public Safety

Report was given under Mayor report for Police activities.

Infrastructure Committee

Councilman Jim Cottrell gives a report on the day-to-day infrastructure activities, Jim informs council the annual CCR report has been completed and distributed. Installed signs on various streets within the borough. Worked on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. pump station. 49 shut off notices were sent out.

Administration

Low Base water rates were discussed and it was noted that not all accounts pay the same. A motion was made by Bob Goodwin and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to change low base rates for Springhill township residents thereby equalizing fees paid by all borough residents. This affects approximately 21 utility service customers who will be notified by mail. M.C.

A request was made by a borough business owner who will be operating a laundry mat and car was if the borough would consider a commercial-industrial water/sewage rate. After careful consideration and much deliberation, the following motion was made. A motion was made by Jim Cottrell and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to approve a "commercial-Industrial water/sewage rate modification. A 10% discount will apply on usage in excess of 50,000 gallons/month. M.C.

Discussion was held on Property Lien adjustment/abatement request by Cottrell's (Saulies LLC property). The request was for a letter of intent from the Borough to remove the water municipal lien on the Hotel property. It was proposed that if all conditions of a demolition permit to remove both structures (Hotel and Motel) were completed to the satisfaction of McMillen Engineering and the Borough, the Borough would consider the letter. After the lengthy discussion on the proposed matter a motion was made by Trish Steve and seconded by Jim Cottrell to do the letter of intent. The vote was 4 yah and 1 nay M.C.

**Community Development and Enhancement**

Bob Goodwin asked about house on Stewartstown Rd. A discussion took place that it was in the hands of the redevelopment authority, secondly Bob asked for Andrew French contact information.

A request was made by the park committee to purchase 5 additional picnic tables at a cost of \$160.00 per table. A motion was made by Jim Cottrell and seconded by Bob Goodwin to have the Borough purchase the 5 picnic tables. M.C.

**Bills:**

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

**Unfinished Business:**

None

**New Business:**

None

**Announcements:**

None

Being no further business Council Vice-President J. Stewart called for Adjournment

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

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