

Point Marion Borough Council Meeting

Minutes

NOVEMBER 27th, 2023

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

Members present: Joseph Corcoran, Jack Stewart, M. Cottrell, Jim Cottrell, Bob Goodwin, Trish Steve, and Mayor Ables.

Absent: Billie Jo Nicklow and Solicitor Doug Sholtis

Others present: Cyndi Fisher

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

Minutes of the Regular meeting for November 13th, 2023 was approved as read a motion was made by Bob Goodwin and seconded by Trish Steve to approve the minutes M.C.

Engineer's Report:

None

Public Comment

None

Code Enforcement and Police:

Vice-President Jack Stewart reported on monthly code enforcement activities.

He also reported that the Borough also received two notices of D.E.P. violations.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Ables reported on monthly police activities.

Secretary's Report:

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

Solicitor's Report:

No report

Code Officer's Report

Vice-President Jack Stewart gave report under Code Enforcement and Police

Committee Reports

Public Safety

No Report

Infrastructure Committee

Councilman Jim Cottrell gave the following report: Daily operations of water and sewage plants also daily operations of 4th Ave. pump station. 4" waterline repair on Main St. Volute came in pump #1 is up and running at the 4th Ave. pump station. Getting quote for new pump and installation for 4th Ave. Read water meters. Bought new tool box for the water plant so tools can be kept in one location and scattered about. Received 2 truck loads of salt and tarped. Water was shut off at the park. Called Don Shriver Video for sewage issue on highland Ave. will need to repair the issue. Lastly put heater on at river pump station.

Administration

Vice-President Jack Stewart ask a question concerning the Borough's contracted animal control vendor.

Community Development and Enhancement

Bob reported on what is believed to be allowed to be completed at the boat to make enhancements the dock belongs to the Borough in perpetuity, parking area is the responsibility of the Borough. Would like to remove grassy area and also stripe the asphalted parking areas to mark and make it more visible for parking. Also, Santa in the Park on Saturday December 2nd 2023 from 12 until 3 P.M.

Bills:

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

Unfinished Business:

Mitch reported on attending the Tri-County Boroughs Association meeting and receiving copies of ordinances on digging up the streets within the municipality.

New Business:

A motion was made by Bob Goodwin and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to vacate a portion of Church Alley and relocate with coordinates and other necessary data points and survey to be provided by developers Engineer. Developer Engineer and Attorney to make contact with the Borough Engineer and Solicitor. M.C.

Announcements:

None

A motion was made by Bob Goodwin and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to enter into executive session at 7:03 P.M. M.C.

A motion was made by Jim Cottrell and seconded by Trish Steve to exit executive session at 8:56 P.M. M.C.

After the following discussions took place motions were made.

A motion was made by Trish Steve and seconded by Bob Goodwin to pass the resolution to keep the Tax millage rate at 4.25 mils for fiscal year 2024. M.C.

A motion was made by Mitch Cottrell and seconded by Trish Steve to pass a resolution to apply for this years LSA grant for a side by side for the police department.

A motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Bob Goodwin to not accept cash payments for utilities or any other fees beginning January 1st, 2024 the Borough will only accept credit, debit, or money orders for payment. M.C.

A motion was made by Mitch Cottrell and seconded by Bob Goodwin that the Borough intends to conduct an internal review of fuel expenses and fuel cards will be turned in along with fuels slips and only Borough Officers and the Secretary/Treasurer will be authorized to disburse fuel cards. 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 at 9:21 P.M. M.C.

President

Date

Secretary

Date