

Point Marion Borough Council Meeting

Minutes

FEBRUARY 26th, 2024

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

Members present: J. Corcoran, J. Stewart, M. Cottrell, Jim Cottrell, Bob Goodwin, and Anthony Jordon, and Solicitor Doug Sholtis (Arriving late) Mayor Carl Ables.

Absent: Billie Jo Nicklow

Others present: Cyndi Fisher

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

Minutes of the February 12, 2024 meeting were presented a motion was made by Mitch Cottrell and seconded by Anthony Jordon to accept the minutes as presented. M.C.

Engineering Report:

None

Public Comment:

Cyndi Fisher asked about a drain and inlet that needs cleaned out and repaired and if the Borough had any plans concerning the drain pipe. Cyndi also asked about cleaning up the garbage around town.

Mayor's Report:

None

Secretary's Report:

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

Secretary updated Council on the 2022 Audit.

Solicitor's Report:

Also informed Council pertaining to the county wanting to set up specific economic zones which could open the door for grants. Solicitor stated need more info on the K.E.Z. that includes area between the 119 and 857 corridors which would include the Point Marion Area. Council instructed the solicitor to respond back to Mark Raffiel and request more information concerning the proposal.

Solicitor stated the Blosser house has been posted.

Solicitor states need more information on Liens.

Code Officer's Report:

Jack Stewart states there is a lot going on and that the Code Officer is in training. Hearings coming up on March 7th. Members of Borough Council met with a representative from Brownsville Borough who has extensive background and knowledge in dealing with blighted properties and dangerous structures.

Committee Reports:

Public Safety:

None.

Infrastructure:

Councilman Jim Cottrell gave the following report: Daily operations of the water and sewage plants. Checked on 4th Ave. Pump station. Began sorting sewage fittings at the sewage plant. Cleared Fallen tree at the water plant. Scheduled PA Rural Water to assist with leak detection of the water system. Marked multiple Pa 1 calls approximately 12 this week. Made Pa 1 calls for water leaks on Morgantown St., 323 Railroad St., Turned water service on for the residents that has brought bills to date. Turned water service off for various and multiple areas for delinquent accounts. Changed water meters, changed bottom of water meter that was frozen. Treated roads on 2/16 and 2/17 during a weather event. CSO's the following was completed new signs were ordered 10 to 14 days for the signs to be delivered. Began clearing pathways leading to CSO's raised lid at CSO #002, hauled 2 truck loads of trash away from CSO #002.

Prepped alley between Morgantown and railroad St.

Sewage issue at Borough Building called Don Shriver in unclogged the line the sewage line is broken outside of the building Don Shriver gave estimate to reline the sewage line.

Cleaned the Borough building basement after the sewage issue. Filled potholes in the alley between Prospect and the Boulevard. Waterline repaired/replaced at 403 South Main St. Don Shriver out again on 323 Railroad St. Columbia Gas hit during the past few weeks made necessary repairs to the sewage lines. Lastly beads were delivered to the borough building and taken to the water plant.

Administration

No report.

Community Development and Enhancement:

None

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Anthony Jordan brings a discussion to Council concerning funding. Also requested to see the Demo Application for the Dollar General Market.

A motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Jim Cottrell to enter into executive session at 7:51 P.M. M.C.

A Motion was made by Bob Goodwin and seconded by Jim Cottrell to exit executive session at 9:22 P.M. M.C.

The following motions were made:

A motion was made by Jim Cottrell and seconded by Bob Goodwin to suspend Erin Strimel retro active to February 20th, 2024. M.C.

A motion was made by Jim Cottrell and seconded by Bob Goodwin to terminate Erin Strimel for reasons that will be set forth in the letter to be sent by the Solicitor effective immediately. M.C.

A motion was made by Jim Cottrell and seconded by Anthony Jordan to write up an employee for reasons discussed in the executive session. 3 yea's and 2 nays. M.C.

Give no further business before council President Joe Corcoran called for Adjournment.

A motion was made by Bob Goodwin and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 P.M. M.C.

President

Secretary

Date