

**Point Marion Borough Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
December 23, 2024**

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

Members present: Jack Stewart, Mitch Cottrell, Officer Wilson, Anthony Jordan, and Joseph Corcoran.

Absent: Billie Jo Nicklow, Bob Goodwin, James Cottrell, Carl Ables, and Doug Sholtis.

Others present: Rosemary Costa.

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

Minutes of the December 9, 2024 meeting were presented and a motion was made by Jack Stewart, seconded by Mitch Cottrell to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Checks were passed around for signature and upcoming bills were discussed. A motion was made by Anthony Jordan and seconded by Jack Stewart to approve payments. All in favor, motion carried. Bank account updates were provided.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

None.

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration: None.

Infrastructure: Mitch Cottrell gave a report regarding Daily operation. A company was brought in to help find the leaks on Morgantown Street and four were found. Camp Run Road is almost complete. A boil water notice had to be placed for the ten homes that were without water. It has since been lifted. New valves were placed as precaution against another leak to stop so many homes from being affected. A water report was ran on water that ran through the system and back in July. Once leaks have been fixed, there is much less water being ran through. The DEP found some issues and the order remains in place. Once the valve is in place, a lot of these issues will go away. Dave, Chuck and Drew will be going house to house to check on pipes for the DEP and State of Pa for reporting. Linda will make copies of the forms and placed on the table to have available for the public.

Public Safety: N/A.

Park: Cameras have been installed around the park and are working great. They follow movement and can pick up sound.

Unfinished Business:

Rental Registration increase – tabled to next meeting.

Borough Employee Pay Increase – to be discussed in executive session.

Ordinance for Landlords – tabled to next meeting.

Scheduling of 2025 Public Open House Meetings – to be determined at the meeting being held on January 6, 2025.

New Business:

Zoning – tabled till next meeting.

Announcements:

Anthony Jordan noted that the council needs to vote on the resolution to not raise taxes in 2025. Discussion by Jack Stewart: Other counties are raising their taxes, and school taxes will soon raise. Anthony stated that it will be a necessity to create development and taxes to be raised. Taxes need reassessed. Fayette County raised taxes as well. A motion was made by Anthony Jordan and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to vote on the resolution not to raise taxes for 2025. All in favor, motion carried.

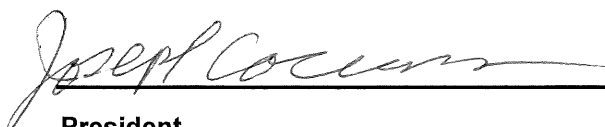
A motion was made by Mitch Cottrell to enter into executive session. It was seconded by Anthony Jordan. All in favor, motion carried. 7:22pm.

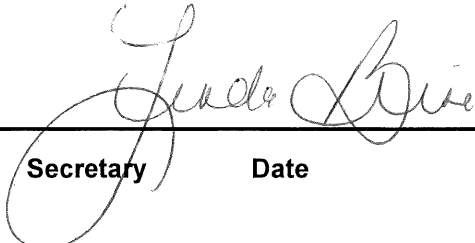
A motion was made by Mitch Cottrell and seconded by Anthony Jordan to enter into regular session. All in favor. Motion carried. Time: 8:28.


A motion was made by Mitch Cottrell and seconded by Jack Stewart to increase the pay rate for the following borough positions: Code Enforcement, \$3.00; Utility Consultant, \$2.00; Utility Manager, \$1.00; Secretary/Treasurer, \$1.00. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Mitch Cottrell and seconded by Anthony Jordan to have a reorganization meeting on Monday, January 6, 2025 at 6:30pm. All in favor, motion carried. Linda will post notice of the meeting in the Herald Standard.

A motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Mitch Cottrell for the meeting to be adjourned. All in favor, motion carried. Time: 8:32pm.


President


Secretary


Date