

**Point Marion Borough Council Regular Meeting Minutes
January 13, 2025**

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

Members present: Mitch Cottrell, Joe Corcoran, Anthony Jordan, Carl Ables and Jack Stewart.

Absent: Billie Jo Nicklow, Jim Cottrell, Bob Goodwin and Doug Sholtis.

Others present: Wendy Cottrell, Rosemary Costa and Christine Cottrell.

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

Minutes of the January 6, 2025 Reorganization meeting were presented. A motion was made by Mitch Cottrell and seconded by Anthony Jordan to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A question was raised regarding payment by Springhill Township and Nicholson Township paying their share of the First Responder fees. Nicholson Township has, Springhill Township has not. Registered letters were sent and delivered via regular mail as well. A meeting at Springhill Township was visited in person by two council members with still no response.

The final November and December meeting minutes will be uploaded to the website as soon as updates are confirmed.

Two copies of the 2025 Budget were requested and distributed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Bills for payment were provided to council. Questions arose regarding the union payments for health and wellness from last meeting, as well as questions regarding the garbage bill. Mitch Cottrell asked that the backhoe contractor invoice be paid as early as possible. A motion was made by Mitch Cottrell and seconded by Anthony Jordan to pay the bills. All in favor, motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

None.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Carl Ables provided a public safety report for 2024. It summarized all crime in Point Marion for the period of January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT: District Court hearing January 16 (Thursday) for citations. We need to look into other towns and cities to see how they are handling their rental registration inspections.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Administration: N/A

Infrastructure: The borough was notified today that a 911 system for the water needs put into place ASAP. Cost to purchase and own the system is \$6,000.00 and does not include installation, which according to the paperwork will take two days. There was not enough information provided in order for council to make a decision on purchase. A motion was made to purchase, but rescinded pending more information on cost and other questions.

Daily Operations Report: A report was given regarding the water, sewage and 4th Avenue pump. Roads were treated on January 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11. Fuel was purchased for snow plow. Tires were put on the F-150. Shoveling took place to remove snow around the borough building. Chemicals were purchased for water. Five services were terminated for non-payment. Received payment for two service restorations. Moved unused desk upstairs. Fuel tanks at the sewage plant were filled.

Public Safety: As listed above under Mayor report.

Park: Wendy was contacted by Becky Wadsworth regarding the park grant. At this point there are no specs. Gibson Thomas would like to send representatives to talk with Wendy in order to get information regarding the cement slab for the bathroom and measurements. Carl will get with Wendy and meet with Gibson Thomas. Approval is needed in order to send McMillen to the park. Carl is to also contact Peter Bus. Wendy is reaching out to Becky for cost.

Unfinished Business:

Act 205 Police Pension Report: We are making progress – submissions have been done and reported to Joe Duda.

Zoning: Anthony asked if we have a map of the town without writing on it. The borough has not been able to obtain one. He would like us to do our own zoning. He talked about the dilapidated properties in the borough. He noted that eminent domain and blight ordinances are available for use. A plan needs to be put into place and move forward. He will find out about available funds to plan for redevelopment.

Garbage Contract: The new contract has been signed.

Fayette County Recycling Bin: Joe will meet with Wendy at the park to decide where a good place for the bins will be. The borough must have a plan in place to show how we will be able to prohibit the dumping that was taking place in the past.

Borough Office Floor Update: Carl is waiting for final cost on laminate flooring.

New Business:

2025 Public Meeting Schedule: The first Open House quarterly meeting will be held on February 12 at 6:00pm. Location of meeting will be determined at a later date.

Online Payments: Online payments consist of bills that are a necessity and a regular charge each month such as electric, gas, loans, etc. Council approval to pay such bills is not necessary. Receipts for online payments will be submitted at each council meeting.

Garbage rates for local businesses: Wendy noted that there were inconsistent garbage fees for businesses and she and Julia would be working on new consistent rates to propose. Joe Corcoran approved.

Announcements:

Representatives from Badger Beacon have re-scheduled their meeting to Wednesday, January 22nd at 5:30pm. Wendy is requesting that council be in attendance, as well as the secretary/treasurer. They will be discussing meters and the new Trimbles available.

A motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to enter into executive session. All in favor, motion carried. 8:15pm.

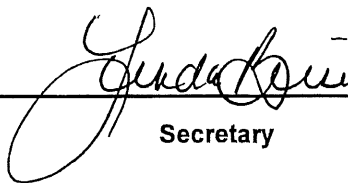
A motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to enter into regular session. All in favor. Motion carried. Time: 9:25pm.

A motion was made by Mitch Cottrell and seconded by Anthony Jordan to pass the purchase of the 911 Callout System for the plant providing the cost is under \$7000.00 with no addition fees. All in favor, motion carried.

A motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Mitch Cottrell for Anthony Jordan to provide Springhill Township with a letter stating they had thirty days to find another first responder due to their non-payment of the First Responder fees.

A motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Mitch Cottrell for the meeting to be adjourned. All in favor, motion carried. 9:34pm.


President


Secretary

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Date