

**Point Marion Borough Council Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 27, 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, Doug Sholtis and Jack Stewart.

**Absent:** Billie Jo Nicklow, Jim Cottrell, Bob Goodwin.

**Others present:** Wendy Cottrell, Rosemary Costa, Helmut Binder, Cindy Fisher, Becky Opel and Dave Jordan.

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

Minutes of the January 13, 2025 were provided. A motion was made by Anthony Jordan and seconded by Jack Stewart to accept the minutes. All in favor, motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

2023 audit completed. Workers Comp from Springhill Township has still not been paid. Notice has been given 3 or 4 times. They have received packets regarding Act 60. This is a new fee for them. Pursuit will continue. Concern was mentioned about the home that burned on Sadler Street regarding what will take the homes' place once it is torn down. A Citation was received and the owner of the property came to report that he will tear down the garage when the weather breaks. He also plans to tear down the homes that are in his name on Grant Street.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT** Bills for payment were provided to council. A motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to pay the bills. All in favor, motion carried.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Ordinance for council attendance will be posted on the outside bulletin board. Doug sent it to Herold Standard for posting and voting will take place on February 10, 2025. Litigation and contracts to be discussed at executive session.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Next meeting.

**CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:** Owner of fire structure found guilty. Today it was found that someone was in the Big K building. He was from Lancaster, he had a demo permit and stated they were going to fix it up. Jack instructed him to contact McMillen Engineering, who is aware of the issue. Ownership is still an issue.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Water/Sewage:** Water plant blew a line and a part was ordered for repair. Sewer line issue on Highland Avenue – Don Shriver was contacted to investigate sewage in the road. PA 1Call was notified and work will begin on Tuesday at 9:00am.

**Daily Operations Report:** Mitch provided a list from Dave Lowe regarding the water plant and maintenance.

**Public Safety:** The borough is doing a great job on keeping the roads, especially the hills, salted.

**Park:** Wendy heard from Becky regarding fees needed from Gibson Thomas regarding bid costs. There is a contingency in the original grant, which will cover the cost. A vote by council is needed to move forward with the process. A motion to move forward with Gibson Thomas creating a bid package for the DCED Point Marion Park Grant was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Mitch Cottrell. All in favor, motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

**Act 205 Police Pension Report:** Joe Duda, Actuary, has completed the first two reports that go to the auditor's office, and they have been approved. Four other reports are in the process of being completed.

**Zoning, permits/Eminent Domain:** Anthony – not prepared to talk about eminent domain at this time. Zoning – we need to set up a permit from the borough so that when people want to build, they pay a borough fee as well. Doug noted that we can ask McMillen to tack on fees for the borough. Anthony noted that FayPenn is willing to help us get the money for community improvements. It was decided to contact the engineering firm in order to add the permit fee for the borough.

**Garbage Contract/Audit:** Julia gave an update on how the contracts came into being. Further information will be shared at the executive session more in depth, and council will determine further action.

**People's Gas Invoices:** Doug has sent letters to them. He asked if council would like him to send another letter. Mitch said that he would give Doug a number for their HR department to see where we can go from there.

**Fayette County Recycling Bin:** Once the weather clears, a visit to the park by Joe, Wendy and Carl to determine where the bins should be placed at the park. As long as the borough can secure an area for it, they will provide one.

**Borough Office Floor Update:** No mention.

**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. Linda will check into some areas.

**Bonding Roads:** Ordinance for bonded - Doug will look into it to begin in the next couple of months.

**Announcements:**

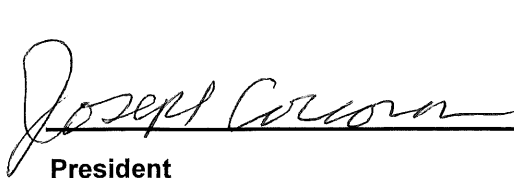
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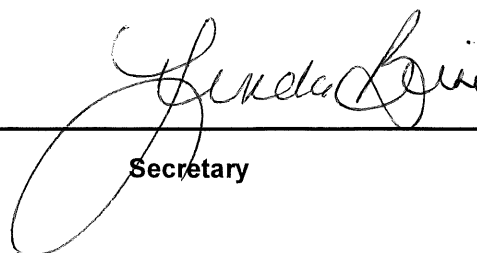
A motion was made by Mitch Cottrell and seconded by Anthony Jordan to enter into executive session. All in favor, motion carried. 8:38pm.

A motion was made by Anthony Jordan and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to enter into regular session. All in favor. Motion carried. Time: 9:07pm.

A motion for Doug Sholtis to pursue a Writ of Possession of the Blosser House by Mitch Cottrell, seconded by Anthony Jordan. All in favor, motion carried.

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

  
President

  
Secretary

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Date