

Point Marion Borough Council Meeting

Minutes

NOV. 28th, 2022

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

Members present: Mayor Carl Ables, J. Corcoran, M. Cottrell, Jack Stewart, Jim Cottrell, and Bob Goodwin

Absent: Billie Jo Nicklow

Others present: David Everly, Anthony Jordan, and Cyndi Fisher

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

Minutes of the Regular meeting for November 14th, 2022 was approved as presented. A motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Bob Godwin to approve the minutes. M.C.

Solicitor's Report:

Since the Solicitor was not able to be at the meeting Jack requested that the discussion on the new rental and tenant registration ordinance be tabled until the next regular meeting.

Engineer's Report: None

Code Enforcement and Police: Officer off for injury and surgery will eventually be able to return to light duty office work. Jack Stewart states positions have been created in Career Links. Bob Goodwin makes a motion and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to draft a letter to Andrew French of the Redevelopment Authority concerning the two properties in repository.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor spoke with first energy liaison concerning LED lighting. Also had pre interview with Borough potential officer Nick Wilson who will be present to introduce himself to the Borough Council. He is currently an officer with German Township, Masontown Borough, and has Military Police background.

Secretary's Report:

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

Secretary informed council of the following: advertisement of budget, advertisement for code enforcement, and advertisement for police officers all placed in the Herald Standard. Also informed council they will be voting on the budget at the next regular meeting.

Public Comment:

David Everly request that tree limbs be trimmed along various streets within the Borough also expressed interest in filling the vacant position on council. Mr. Everly was informed that he should submit a letter of interest, he stated that he did not need to because there was no ordinance governing such a requirement.

Anthony Jordan still expressing a want to place a strip mall on the old B & O ramp but needs two things' tenants and funding commitment. Would also like to see the borough headquarters moved to this location also.

Administration/Water/Sewage

Jim informs council of the following activities water line repairs completed along various borough locations.

Building and Grounds:

Lines down along Main St. Verizon line repaired, Breezeline scheduled to come out for their line, and jail cells being removed.

On an added note, Heritage Environmental to come out and complete phase II

Grants and Community Development

Jack Stewart makes a motion and is seconded by Mitch Cottrell to send a letter for funding commitment and a resolution making Joe Corcoran signature authority on the grant application for approximately \$156,000 and a 15% match from the sewer fund to Gibson Thomas Engineering. M.C.

Solid Waste and Recycling: No report

Sewer: No report

Water: No report

Streets and Sidewalks: New signs installed various streets within the borough

Bills:

Motion to pay bills was made under Secretary's Report

Park

Bob Goodwin informs Council that trees have been trimmed at the park and will return to trim along the river bank when the weather breaks

Unfinished Business: No report

New Business: No report

Announcements: None

Motion by Bob Goodwin and seconded by Jack Stewart to enter Executive Session at 8:25 P.M. for Personnel reasons. M.C.

Motion by Jack Stewart and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to exit Executive Session at 9:35 P.M. M.C.

Jack Stewart makes a motion and is seconded by Mitch Cottrell to hire Mark Gordon as code enforcement officer at \$21.00/hr. no more than 5 hrs. per week plus court time. M.C.

Jim Cottrell makes a motion and is seconded by Bob Goodwin to hire Nick Wilson as Borough Officer in Charge at \$25.00/hr. pending the following background check, drug screening, and contract drawn by solicitor Sholtis. Start date TBD and schedule to be worked out. M.C.

Bob Goodwin makes a motion and is seconded by Jim Cottrell to reinstitute a newsletter, update Facebook with Council approving content. M.C.

Being no further business Council President J. Corcoran called for Adjournment

Motion by Jack Stewart and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to adjourn the meeting. M.C.

President

Date

Secretary

Date