

# **Point Marion Borough Council Meeting**

## **Minutes**

**MARCH 27th, 2023**

**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, Bob Goodwin, Trish Steve, and Solicitor Doug Sholtis**

**Absent: Billie Jo Nicklow**

**Others present: Cyndi Fisher, Anthony Jordon, Rhonda Daniels, and David Everly**

**Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.**

**Minutes of the Regular meeting for March 13th, 2023 was approved as amended. A motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Bob Goodwin to approve the minutes. M.C.**

### **Solicitor's Report:**

**Solicitor Sholtis informed council that he had reviewed the animal control contract and council could move forward with the contract. Solicitor Sholtis presented a Hazard Mitigation Plan and asked council to adopt the county version of the plan. A motion was made by Jim Cottrell and seconded by Jack Stewart to adopt the plan. M.C.**

**Lastly Solicitor Sholtis is preparing the Savino appeal and explained to council the process and asked if council still wanted to proceed. Council responded in the affirmative.**

### **Engineer's Report: None**

### **Code Enforcement and Police:**

**Code enforcement activities report was given last meeting.**

### **Mayor's Report:**

**Mayor Ables states he spoke with Becky Wadsworth concerning street lighting and if the borough contract existed prior to 2003 there would be either no cost or reduced cost for LED street lighting.**

### **Secretary's Report:**

**A motion was made by Trish Steve and seconded by Jim Cottrell to pay the bills. M.C.**

The secretary informed council that the 2020 audit had been completed and will be posted on the D.C.E.D. website by the end of the week.

### Public Comment:

Anthony Jordan comments on privacy vs see through fence and stated that he spoke with Fayette County zoning and stated he was informed there is no such law governing fence requirements within a municipality. Mayor informed Mr. Jordan he would call Fayette County zoning. Mr. Jordan was also informed by council that the situation involving fencing within the borough was a code enforcement issue and was governed by the International Property Maintenance Code.

Cyndi Fisher brings a question before council concerning garbage pickup, she was informed by council that they would look into the same.

### Committee Reports

#### Public Safety

None

#### Infrastructure Committee

Jim gives a report on the various activities occurring such as the following added media to filters 1 and 2. Delivered 41 shut off notices. 4<sup>th</sup> ave. pump to be delivered and begin with installation process on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Lastly installed stop signs at various street intersections within the borough.

#### Administration

Extremely busy with various activities within the borough 2021 audit, RTK requests. Jack informs council that the borough will be receiving approximately 378K to replace old waterline on Main St North (Rt 119). Also noting posting adjusted office hours.

Jack also discussed electronic bill paying with council and to review proposal also will meet with united bank wants to be prepared to make a decision at the council meeting on April 10<sup>th</sup> 2023.

#### Community Development and Enhancement

Regatta plans are moving forward and going well. Bob brings before council there are fees associated with filing for the 501©3 \$600 plus \$125 for a total of \$725 and asked if the borough would consider paying the cost. After discussion a motion was made by Mitch Cottrell and seconded by Trish Steve to pay for the

cost. M.C. Bob also stated auction went well and will bring in approximately \$18K+- less associated costs. A discussion also took place on the difference between Source well and costars it was noted that Source well is identical to Costars and is nationwide. It was suggested to go with two zero turn mowers one with tracks and one all wheel through Source well vendor Contractor Connections 2 identical mowers at a cost of \$31,857.54 which will be paid through LSA grant. Jack makes a motion seconded by Bob Goodwin to make the purchases through Source well Contractor Connections following proper procedures. M.C.

**Bills:**

Motion was made under Secretary's Report to pay all bills.

**Unfinished Business:**

Bob discusses Newsletter that Dawn is currently working on the Council President will work with Dawn.

**New Business:**

None

**Announcements: None**

Motion by Bob Goodwin and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to enter Executive Session at 7:40 P.M. M.C.

Motion by Jack Stewart and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to exit Executive Session at 8:56 P.M. M.C.

Discussion about the use of social media to inform residents about Boro activities and the fact that we don't condone Boro responses on private members only social media sites.

Discussion on pond needing pumped after the discussion a motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to have the pond pumped for the bid cost of \$5,200.00 M.C.

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

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

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