

Point Marion Borough Council Meeting

Minutes

JULY 24th, 2023

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

Members present: Joseph Corcoran, Jack Stewart, M. Cottrell, Jim Cottrell, Bob Goodwin, and Solicitor Doug Sholtis

Absent: Billie Jo Nicklow, Trish Steve, and Mayor Carl Ables

Others present: Cyndi Fisher, Cheryl Sweeder

Roll call was taken and a quorum was established.

Minutes of the Regular meeting for July 10th, 2023 was approved as read a motion was made by Bob Goodwin and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to approve the minutes M.C.

Engineer's Report: None

Public Comment

Cyndi Fisher asked a question how long does grass have to get before a property owner is warned or cited. Borough council responded 10 days. She next asked about how long does a property owner have to clean up garbage, again borough council responded the property owner or owners she is speaking of have been cited and it is now a magistrate decision.

Cheryl Sweeder brough a discussion about the possibility of the old school which was converted to an assisted living facility and apartment building being taken over by the V.A. and becoming a veterans retirement home.

Code Enforcement and Police:

Jack presented the Code Enforcement Officer's report of activities for the month.

Mayor's Report:

None

Secretary's Report:

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

Secretary updated Council on the progress of the 2021 audit and what has transpired.

Solicitor's Report:

Forwarded letter to C.J. Callahan concerning the \$60,000 park grant loan as requested by United Bank. Jackie Cottrell wanted a first lien satisfied letter from the Solicitor of which \$5,000 was paid Solicitor Sholtis addressed the issue.

Colin Smith needs copy of satisfied lien letter for Camp Run Park Rd property.

Solicitor informed Council that he and his secretary reproduced all court documents and bound them for the Savino case appeal to present to Court.

Discussion on uninhabitable structures, and also building that currently do not have accounts established and therefore do not receive a bill. All properties that the Borough has used code enforcement, engineering, and legal (solicitor) services all these costs should be included as part of the municipal liens.

Committee Reports

Public Safety

None.

Infrastructure Committee

Councilman Jim Cottrell gives a report on the day-to-day infrastructure activities, Jim informs council 49 shut off notices have been issued. Storm drains have been cleaned out. Cut along rails to trails within the borough limits. Dave performed lead and copper tests at water connections at residents as required by the D.E.P.

Administration

None

Community Development and Enhancement

Bob Goodwin brought the following items for discussion before council one maintenance on the buildings located at the park. Next was security at the park such as an alarm type device. Bob was advised to obtain estimates on the alarm and bring back to council. Next asked about the possibility of re-graveling the trail that runs around the park rough estimate approximately \$500 per ton.

Wendy notified Council a pdf file application was received and should be filing for the federal 501©3 this coming week.

Bills:

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

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

None

Announcements:

None

**Being no further business Council President J. Corcoran called for Adjournment
Motion by Bob Goodwin and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to adjourn the meeting.
M.C.**

President

Date

Secretary

Date