

Point Marion Borough Council Meeting

Minutes

FEBRUARY 12th, 2024

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

Members present: J. Corcoran, J. Stewart, M. Cottrell, Anthony Jordon, and Solicitor Doug Sholtis.

Absent Billie: Jo Nicklow, Jim Cottrell, Bob Goodwin, and Mayor Carl Ables

Others present: Amadeus, and Rep. Charity Grimm Krupa

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

Minutes of the January 22, 2024 meeting were presented a motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to accept the minutes as presented. M.C.

Engineering Report:

None

Public Comment:

Amadeus was present to update Council on the activities of the Lake Lynn hydroelectric dam. Also brought back the book of the Emergency Action Plan for the Lake Lynn Dam. He also informed Council that the Hydro Electric Dam needs to be held more accountable and had asked if the Borough knew about the oil spill that occurred in 2020, he is trying to bring more awareness concerning the Lake Lynn Dam's activities.

Tom Rhodes was present to inform Council of his recent activities involved with the old Assisted Living facilities which was the former Point Marion School. He stated he has filed a request with the County Planning and Zoning to request a variance to use the facilities for a 54 Bed Assisted Living Facility, 24 Apartments, to place a pizza shop, and lastly possibly some type of grocery emporium.

Rep. Charity Grimm Krupa was present stated her office contacted the Borough concerning unclaimed property, the Secretary informed the Representative that the message was received and was familiar with the process and thanked her for her efforts. She also informed Council that Fire Departments throughout the Commonwealth and Point Marion VFD was amongst them that would be receiving a grant from the Office of the State Fire Commissioner.

Wendy Cottrell spoke that she turned in funds to the Secretary/Treasurer that was raised from a bake sale. She also spoke with Eric Snyder of the rails to trails who obtained a grant to place e-bike parking along the Sheepskin trail. She also informed Council that she was in contact with the Federal Government concerning the 501©3 certification for the park and they let her know they are working on June and ours was filed in July and the Park's should be coming up for review.

She also requested that due to issues from the last regatta concerning restroom facilities she is asking the Borough to rent 10 porta pottys at a cost of \$1,225 from Morgantown Potty Rental.

Mayor's Report:

None

Secretary's Report:

A motion was made by Mitch Cottrell and seconded by Anthony Jordan to pay the bills. M.C.

Secretary presented the Hazard Mitigation resolution before council a motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to adopt the resolution that states we would adopt the Fayette County version of the Mitigation plan. M.C.

Secretary updated Council on the 2022 Audit.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor stated he would discuss litigation issues in Executive Session.

The Solicitor also brought before Council a discussion concerning Vacant Structures, a vacant structure fee and the possibility of a blighted property bill to send to property owners.

Also informed Council pertaining to the county wanting to set up specific economic zones which could open the door for grants.

Code Officer's Report:

Jack Stewart presents written code officer's report and stated there are major court cases coming up and informed Council about the phone conference call with Mark Gordon prior to the regular meeting.

Committee Reports:

Public Safety:

None.

Infrastructure:

Vice-President Mitch Cottrell gave the following report of activities: Daily operations of Water, Sewage, and 4th Ave Pump Station, informed Council that a load of salt had been delivered, bought new signs and installed them at the water plant, repaired waterline at 704 Morgantown St., at Robinson Alley, and at 403 South Main St. There were various leaks and sewer line repairs caused by installation of the new Columbia gas line located at 4th Ave., 209 Water St., lower Broadway/Water St., South Main St., South Main St., /2nd Ave. and Railroad St. Posted shut-offs, lastly installed new water meters.

Administration

Administrative Committee had a meeting with Councilman Anthony Jordan on various topics and issues.

Community Development and Enhancement:

None

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

Secretary asked Council if they were interested in applying for a multifacility grant that could be anywhere from \$250 K to 2 million. This could mean a new or renovated Borough Building, Park Office, Code Enforcement office, Library, Police Office, meeting space, Utility office, Borough Secretary/Treasurer office, lastly a health monitoring public place where the public could research and obtain information through access on public computers.

A motion was made by Mitch Cottrell and seconded by Jack Stewart to enter into executive session at 7:44 P.M. M.C.

A Motion was made by Mitch Cottrell and seconded by Jack Stewart to exit executive session at 8:41 P.M. M.C.

Give no further business before council President Joe Corcoran called for Adjournment.

A motion was made by Mitch Cottrell and seconded by Jack Stewart to adjourn the meeting M.C.

President

Secretary

Date