

# Point Marion Borough Council Meeting

## Minutes

MARCH 25th, 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, Jim Cottrell, Bob Goodwin, and Anthony Jordon, and Solicitor Doug Sholtis, Mayor Carl Ables.

Absent: Billie Jo Nicklow

Others present: Cyndi Fisher

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

Minutes of the March 11, 2024 meeting were presented a motion was made by Bob Goodwin and seconded by Jack Stewart to accept the minutes as corrected. M.C.

### Engineering Report:

Vice-President Mitch Cottrell mentions to council that a meeting with Gibson-Thomas and John Thomas of the D.E.P. will take place on March 26<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 2:00 P.M.

### Public Comment:

Cyndi Fisher states there is a big white dog running lose and wanted to know if the Borough could do anything about it, Cyndi was informed that the Borough has a contract with Hoffman Kennels for animal control.

### Mayor's Report:

None

### Secretary's Report:

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

Secretary updated Council on the 2022 Audit.

Jack discusses Worker's Compensation insurance and premiums; he states that letters were prepared for the cost sharing to both Nicholson and Springhill Townships.

### Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Sholtis states he has information that can only be presented in Executive Session.

### Code Officer's Report:

Jack talks about the drug store (Big K) activities and that a conference call took place between Big K and McMillen Engineering. Jack also gave a report on the code enforcement activities for the Month.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Public Safety:**

Jim gives a report on some issues.

### **Infrastructure:**

Councilman Jim Cottrell gave the following report: Daily operations of the water and sewage plants. Checked on 4<sup>th</sup> Ave. Pump station. Several repairs were made to sewer lines that were hit by the gas company contractor. A surprise visit by the D.E.P. Printed Tier 2 notices to be distributed to customers on the water system. Water meters were read. Assisted at the park with bathrooms and placing of Millings on the park trail. Fueled Dump truck and pick up truck. Took lead and copper samples. C.S.O. signs arrived and were installed. Jim also reported that there will be a meeting with Columbia gas representatives on Wednesday March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. Dollar General Market is moving forward planning on opening in October instead of August because of some permit delays.

### **Administrative**

A brief discussion took place concerning the water at the state store building.

### **Community Development and Enhancement:**

Councilman Bob Goodwin stated millings were placed on the parking trail to fix areas that had been disturbed by recent Columbia gas line construction activities. Easter egg hunt went well. Bob also stated he is working on obtaining quotes for cameras and motion sensors. Also swept parking area.

Wendy stated that she had spoken with numerous boat companies and was given a lead on one that would perform for less funds than the previous boat company that performed at last years regatta boating events. Wendy also stated that they can bring 50-60 boats and have a contract. She is obtaining permission to stage equipment for the boating event at the old Houze Glass Factory from David Jordan.

### **Unfinished Business:**

A brief discussion was held concerning the L.E.D. street light replacement and if anyone had an update.

### **New Business:**

Anthony Jordan proposes to make changes to the burning ordinance to allow Monday through Saturday burning. After the discussion it was decided to table the matter until the next regular council meeting.

Proposes to have someone manage the Borough Web-Site. No further action took place concerning this matter.

Anthony also proposed to post all meetings along with recordings, and financials on the Borough web-site. No further action was taken by the Borough Council.

**Concerning Outfalls (C.S.O.'s) Anthony presented a Quote to have Weaver Pro Works LLC to come in and do the necessary work to bring into compliance with D.E.P. requirements.**

**Mitch suggested calling the correctional facilities to see if they would be interested in completing the work for the Borough.**

**A motion was made by Bob Goodwin and seconded by Jack Stewart to enter into executive session at 8:15 P.M.**

**A Motion was made by Bob Goodwin and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to exit executive session at 8:48 P.M. M.C.**

**The following motions were made:**

**A motion was made by Bob Goodwin and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to raise Linda Bise hourly rate from \$15.00 per hour to \$16.00 per hour. M.C.**

**A motion was made by Jim Cottrell and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to amend the minutes showing that the Borough was seeking \$150,000.00 instead of \$100,000.00. for Capital improvements, Matching Grant funds, and help with the USDA loan payments. M.C.**

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

**A motion was made by Bob Goodwin and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 P.M. M.C.**

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**President**

**Secretary**

**Date**