

Point Marion Borough Council Meeting

Minutes

JULY 08th, 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 Douglas Sholtis.

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

Others present: Rosemary Costa

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

Minutes of the June 24th, 2024 meeting were presented a motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Anthony Jordan to accept the minutes adding Cyndi Fisher to others present. M.C.

Engineering Report:

None

Public Comment:

Rosemary Costa asked about the audits Secretary Treasurer Harold Whyel explained that the 2022 audit had been filed and a copy can be seen on the Municipal Statistics Website (D.C.E.D.) and if not, the secretary would provide a copy. Also stated that the 2023 auditing firm has been engaged and hope to have the 2023 audit completed by the end of October.

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 updated Council on the 2022 Audit as of today it was completed and posted on the D.C.E.D. website.

Status of Liability Insurance Secretary Whyel informed council that a meeting took place with ESI Ed Schmidt and that they would assist the Borough in obtaining a new policy by August 1, 2024. However, had not heard anything since the meeting with Ed Schmidt will contact Ed this week.

Secretary updated Council on the status of the Capital improvement fund. Documents would be signed at First United Bank (My Bank) in Saberton on Tuesday July 09th, 2024 2:00 P.M.

Solicitor's Report:

A discussion took place on 13 Jeanette St and who actually owns the property. A discussion took place concerning 103 Grant St. After the discussion a motion was made by Mitch Cottrell and seconded by Jack Stewart to withdraw the citations. M.C. Lastly a discussion took place on the dangerous structures' ordinance.

A motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to have the solicitor draw up an ordinance making Railroad St one way along with no parking signs. M.C.

Code Officer's Report:

Jack passes out code officers report for activities that took place for the month. Other discussion on the report took place.

Committee Reports:

Public Safety:

Mitch Cottrell stated that the police officer will now have a first net account cell phone along with its own hotspot, cost should be around \$45 a month.

Infrastructure:

Mitch Cottrell gave a report on the following Daily operations of the water, sewage, and 4th Ave plants and pump stations. Fire hydrants were flushed along with the fire departments assistance. Performed service turn on at 2 Penn St. Water and sewer line repairs created by the gas company. DEP visit on 07/02/2024 Sewer Plant. Hosed out 4th Ave pump station. Assisted with lawn care at the park. Monthly water and sewage reports prepared, also cut grass at the water and sewage plants. Posted shut off notices for nonpayment. Made Pa one calls for Morgantown/Sadler St and Broadway St. Lastly Tier 2 notices for 2nd quarter were delivered.

Administrative

Mitch spoke with Gibson Thomas Engineering and has been informed that the design for the valve box at the water plant has been completed along with the 4th Ave pump station.

Wendy gives her report on the park activities for the month states that the locks have been replaced and requested the Borough pay half the cost of the replacement. A motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to pay half the cost. The secretary suggested the borough pay the bill and the park reimburse the borough half the cost, council concurred.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

None

A motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to enter into executive session at 7:22 P.M.

A Motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Anthony Jordan to exit executive session at 8:56 P.M. M.C.

Considered an appeal on a customers utility bill for an adjustment the appeal was denied.

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 at 9:02 P.M. M.C.

President

Secretary

Date