

Point Marion Borough Council Meeting

Minutes

JULY 22nd, 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: Peter Buss

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

Minutes of the July 08th, 2024 meeting were presented a motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to accept the minutes as amending adding under solicitor's report that solicitor Doug Sholtis presented an ordinance making railroad street from cheat street to state rt. 119 one way with no parking signs. Let the record show that a motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to advertise the ordinance and post the same voting on the same in the August 12th, 2024 council meeting. M.C.

Engineering Report:

Peter Buss was present to update borough council on the 4th Ave pump station grant project and the Morgantown St. waterline replacement grant project. Lastly Peter updated council on the water plant valve box project.

Public Comment:

None

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.

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 as of this meeting he assured council that professional liability public officials' errors and omissions and law enforcement liability should be in place by August 1st, however property and casualty may take a little longer.

Secretary updated Council on the status of the Capital improvement fund.

Solicitor's Report:

An email was sent by solicitor Sholtis explaining in detail that he could not attend tonight's meeting and sent a laundry list of things that his office was working. Other legal matters to be discussed in executive session.

Other matters of discussion were 13 Jeanette St., 103 Grant St. Lastly a motion was made by Mitch Cottrell and seconded by Jack Stewart to withdraw citations on the Betty Justice cases.

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. There was also a discussion on dangerous structures Ordinance. Discussion took place on having Dennis Makel handle litigation on Code enforcement litigation and hearings. A motion was made by Mitch Cottrell and seconded by Anthony Jordan to have Dennis Makel handle litigation code enforcement matters. M.C.

Committee Reports:

Public Safety:

A phone was set up for the borough police department on first net along with a hot spot.

Infrastructure:

Mitch Cottrell gave a report on the following Daily operations of the water, sewage, and 4th Ave plants and pump stations. Waterline repairs at 221 Fayette Ave. A discussion took place on DEP visit at the sewage plant and a good report was given. Delivered shut off notices. Found drawings for the 4th Ave pump station and delivered the same to Gibson Thomas. Monthly water and sewage reports were prepared. Cut grass at both water and sewage plants.

Administrative

A discussion took place on ending Judy Mays services in collection of utility bills as of October 1st 2024. A motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Mitch Cottrell that September 30th 202 would be the last day of utility bill collections, due to the borough going in another direction with collections and billing. M.C. A letter would be sent to Judy Mays from Borough Council.

Park

Wendy asked if Borough Council would be willing to reimburse half the cost of replacing locks on the buildings at the park. A motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to reimburse half the cost of lock replacement in the amount of \$153.50 M.C.

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.

Solicitor Sholtis will respond to the letter sent by Erin Strimel attorney Ms. Solomon, it should be noted that Secretary/Treasurer Whyel noted that Glatfelter's will be employing an attorney to defend the Borough on the matter before the borough.

A motion was made by Mitch Cottrell and seconded by Jack Stewart to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 P.M. M.C.

President

Secretary

Date