Point Marion Borough Council Meeting

Minutes

August 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.

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

Others present: Helmut Binder, Kathy Binder, and Cyndi Fisher

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

Minutes of the July 22nd, 2024 meeting were presented a motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Anthony Jordan to accept the minutes as presented. M.C.

Engineering Report:

None

Public Comment:

Helmut Binder expressed his concerns over Borough Finances.

Kathy Binder expressed her concerns over Borough Safety there are a lot of questions but no easy solutions to the problems.

Cyndi Fisher expressed concerns over the park walking trail.

Mayor's Report:

None

Secretary's Report:

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

Status of Liability Insurance Secretary Whyel informed Council that he has been on the phone multiple times with insurance broker Ed Schmidt concerning Vehicle and Property and Causality and Ed informed the Secretary there would be coverage soon. There was an option to go with temporary vehicle liability coverage until the details could be worked out on liability insurance. A motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to go with temporary coverage through Penn Prime. M.C.

Secretary updated Council on the status of the Capital improvement fund and had asked council for direction on the next steps.

Solicitor's Report:

There was no report from the Solicitor however Jack Stewart stated that a list of things to do by the solicitor need to be sent out prior to the next meeting. Council needs advice on the following items: All Around Fencing - car accident damage claim. (Amount 3,292) Doug needs to speak with Nick concerning the individual that damaged the fence.

Dollar General Market Store - inaction, street vacated. (Since the Dollar General Market, we think will not be building a store there we need to reverse the ordinance vacating those 143 feet.)

Railroad St. One-Way, No Parking Ordinance. -no parking was to be from Cheat St to Penn St., not all of RR St. (Ordinance needs that restriction placed in it no vote was taken in the meeting of 08/12/2024)

P.U.C. - this agency is in communication with us on inappropriate rate hikes for 23 SpringHill Township residents - we have a dossier on this issue for the solicitor.

10 Euclid Ave - criminal citation for tampering with the connection.

New - No Parking on Keiser Ave between Union St and Cyrus St.

Court Business - Blosser House and Savino Alley update.

Lastly the ordinance making Railroad St. one-way between cheat and 119 was tabled until it is revised having the no parking restriction limited to the portion of railroad between cheat and Rt 119.

Code Officer's Report:

Jack Stewart passed out a copy of the code officers report of monthly activities.

Committee Reports:

Public Safety:

None

Infrastructure:

Mitch Cottrell gave a report on the following Daily operations of the water, sewage, and 4th Ave plants and pump stations. Cut grass various locations and also at the water and sewage plants. Got gas for park and F-150. Assisted with cutting grass at the park. Posted shut-offs various residence for nonpayment. Backhoe repaired and back in service. Installed meters at various locations.

<u>Administrative</u>

None

<u>Park</u>					
None					
<u>Unfinished Business:</u>					
Anthony Jordan discussed property inspections and presented documentation that proved the borough can perform property inspections.					
New Business:					
None					
A motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to enter into executive session at 8:52 P.M. A Motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to exit executive session at 9:43 P.M. M.C. Council to agree on making criminal referral for a certain act of violence will speak with Officer Wilson. A motion was made by Mitch Cottrell and seconded by Anthony Jordan to enter into a new copier Lease with Ford Business the new lease will include additional copies for overage and will not be a color copier. M.C.					
			A motion was made by Mitch Cottrell armeeting at 9:49 P.M. M.C.	nd seconded by Antho	ny Jordan to adjourn the
			President	Secretary	Date