

Point Marion Borough Council Meeting

Minutes

August 26, 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, Mayor Carl Ables and Solicitor Doug Sholtis.

Absent: Billie Jo Nicklow, Bob Goodwin, and Anthony Jordan

Others present: Cyndi Fisher and Rosemary Costa

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

Minutes of the August 12th, 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:

Cyndi Fisher expressed concerns over the door being locked during business hours council responded that they understood her concern but the safety of the employees come first.

Rosemary Costa raised a concern since Judy Mays will no longer be accepting utility payments will there be a time set aside to collect payments at the Borough Office.

Mayor's Report:

None

Secretary's Report:

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

Discussion took place on the bills.

Secretary asked about 2023 boxes needing to go to Beer Ream since an email had been received from Kyla Pritts of Beer Ream, Secretary Whyel stated he would deliver the same after the Labor Day holiday during that week.

Secretary updated Council on the status of the Capital improvement fund and had asked council for direction on the next steps. A discussion took place and Council will more than likely move in another direction.

Solicitor's Report:

Solicitor Sholtis asked about if a claim had been filed concerning the person that damaged the fence around the park, Solicitor Sholtis had been informed that the bill for the repairs to the fence had been paid. Doug said he would forward the information.

A question was raised as to the status of the Dollar General Market Councilman Jim Cottrell gave a response and another question was raised concerning the vacation of the alley behind the old Riverside Market.

Solicitor Sholtis amended the Railroad Street ordinance and it can now be voted upon, therefore A motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to restrict Railroad Street one-way from Cheat St to Penn St (119) and to also post No Parking. M.C. Ordinance is adopted.

A resolution was presented to make Keiser Ave. from Union to Cyrus St a no parking area, a motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to make Keiser Ave. from Union St to Cyrus St No Parking. M.C.

Code Officer's Report:

Council Stewart states that Widmer Engineering and McMillen Engineering would be present next week to inspect the Old Drug Store Building (Big K) to see what had been done and what needs to be done. A continuance could happen if the structure is deemed safe.

Jack also brought before Council the possibility of setting up an escrow account for the larger structure issues are funds could be deposited by the parties involved when larger citations and fines are levied.

Committee Reports:

Public Safety:

None

Infrastructure:

Jim Cottrell gave a report on the following Daily operations of the water, sewage, and 4th Ave plants and pump stations. Cut grass at the sewage plant, performed maintenance on the mowers and helped with the grass at the park. Purchased gas for the F-150 and the snowplow. Had the John Deere serviced and cut grass on the walking trail. Read water meters. Turned service on at 413 Railroad St as well as 305 prospect St. Topped off Filter media on Filters 1 & 2. Delivered 82 shut off notices.

Administrative

None

Park

Wendy Cottrell stated there will be a meeting between the Fayette County Chamber of Commerce and the Park Committee.

On September the 7th, 2024 there will be a flea market at the park.

On October 12, 2024 Fall Fest at the park lots of vendors have registered.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business:

None

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

A motion was made by Mitch Cottrell and seconded by Jim Cottrell to exit executive session at 8:53 P.M. M.C.

A motion was made by Mitch Cottrell and seconded by Jack Stewart to pursue the possibility of applying for approval of abandonment or discontinuing water service in Springhill Township thru the P.U.C. M.C.

A motion was made by Mitch Cottrell and seconded by Jim Cottrell to move the Infrastructure Bank Account from First United Bank in W.V. to the United Bank in Point Marion. M.C.

A motion was made by Mitch Cottrell and seconded by Jack Stewart to apply for the infrastructure loan in the amount of \$125,000 for a period of 3 years 8% fixed rate at United Bank and to make Joe Corcoran, Harold Whyel, and Linda Bise as signatures on the Loan and accounts. M.C.

A motion was made by Jim Cottrell and seconded by Joe Corcoran to not renew the Park Loan at United Bank with the intention that when Phase One is approved for the Park Grant to once again seek to renew the Loan. M.C.

Motion by Mitch Cottrell and seconded by Jack Stewart to accept the resignation of Jason Nicklow as of August 11th, 2024. M.C.

A motion was made by Jim Cottrell and seconded by Jack Stewart to adjourn the meeting at 9:00 P.M. M.C.

President

Secretary

Date