

**Point Marion Borough Council Regular Meeting
Minutes
November 11, 2024**

Council meeting was opened with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance by President Joseph Corcoran.

Members present: Jack Stewart, Mitch Cottrell, Anthony Jordan, Joseph Corcoran

Absent: Billie Jo Nicklow, Bob Goodwin, Carl Ables, Officer Wilson, Doug Sholtis and James Cottrell

Others present: Chanell from Smart Cents, LLC, Wendy Cottrell,

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

Minutes of the October 28, 2024 meeting were presented and a motion was made by Anthony Jordan, seconded by Jack Stewart to accept the minutes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Complaint regarding sewage flooding home. Tried to contact council today (office closed). Person wants the Borough to handle the problem and pay for the damages. Mitch gave the gentleman Doug Sholtis' number and asked him to call him. Channell discussed her business regarding her payroll proposal. She answered questions by the council. Question was answered as to who digs for the Borough at this time.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

A report of bills due was provided. The bank statement report was provided to council for review. A motion was made by Jack Stewart, seconded by Mitch Cottrell to pay the current bills. Motion carried. The 2023 borough documents for auditing have been delivered to Beer Ream. Kyla plans to have them done before the year end. The 2024 information is already in order and will be submitted after the new year. The 2025 budget draft was provided for review. A purchase order form has been created and is necessary to submit for all purchases being made.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

A motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Anthony Jordan to establish Doug to be the alternative service for the Blosser house case. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

None

CODE OFFICER'S REPORT:

Jack provided everyone with the code officer's report, to include upcoming court hearings. Jack brought up the 3 day no water and being uninhabitable. 7 people have been removed and arrested for living in vacant homes. Discussion ensued regarding issues with the Big K Building.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Infrastructure: Updates were provided by Mitch Cottrell regarding daily operations of the water, sewage plant and pump station. There were 13 service terminations due to non-payment of bill. Built a curb on Grant Street due to water going into people's yards. Purchased a new compressor and installed at sewage plant. Cyrus Street sewage issue. Sewer line repair & clean out completed on Cyrus Street. Water usage has decreased due to repairs of leaks throughout the town. Electrician coming tomorrow for the pump station – Dave is handling.

Public Safety: Officer Wilson needs his equipment for his car. Linda will reach out to him.

Park: Waiting for the check for the camera's – Doug has approved. Santa in the Park is being held Saturday, December 7th from noon to 3pm.

Unfinished Business: Reduction of council members from 7 to 5 was revisited. The details on how to do so are in the Borough laws. Concerns about quorums was discussed. Council is not holding members accountable for not showing up.

Mountain State Waste: Anthony found that most boroughs are paying \$16 & up to trash companies. Mountain State Waste agreed to reduce costs for the first year, with a 5% interval increase the following years. A new contract sheet was provided.

ACT 13 – this is where the state receives money from gas wells. Once they receive a certain amount, the remainder gets divided between counties, boroughs and townships. You must file every year in order to be part of receiving the monies. A new password is being sent so that the Borough can apply and get up to date.

Dog Contract with the Borough: They charge us \$100 every time someone calls about an animal. Plus, we pay them \$100 per month. They are the only dog catchers in the area. If someone gets mauled by a dog in the area, it is not the Borough's responsibility. Anthony suggested that we cancel the contract – it is not a good situation for the city. Wandering dogs are picked up and destroyed within 48 hours. Doug needs to write something up that states we are not required to have and pay for a dog catcher.

New Business:

Beginning union negotiations. Review of the 2025 Budget proposal.

Announcements:

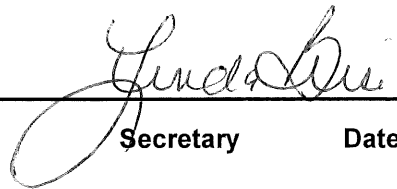
Santa in the Park December 7, Noon to 3:00pm.

A motion was made by Jack Stewart to enter into executive session. Seconded by Mitch Cottrell. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jack Stewart and seconded by Mitch Cottrell to enter into regular session. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Anthony Jordan and seconded by Jack Stewart for the meeting to be adjourned. Motion carried. 8:37pm.


President


Secretary

11.25.24
Date