

MARTINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 1, 2024

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Borough Council was held on Monday, April 1, 2024 in the municipal building. The meeting started at 7:00 p.m. with prayer by Ed Bennett and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: President P. Robert Dickson, Vice-President Ed Bennett, Pro-Tem Charles E. Kensinger, Councilwoman Janet E. Blattenberger, Councilman James C. Dell, Councilman Neil E. Gartland and Councilman Darin B. Meck (*Mayor Richard Brantner was absent*)

In addition to council, present were Secretary/Treasurer Jane Staily, Chief Kerry Hoover, Attorney Nathan Karn, Sandy Weyandt and Danette Feathers of the Martinsburg Library

DANETTE FEATHERS, Library Director of the Martinsburg Library, gave a synopsis of what all the library does. She passed out a 2022-23 flyer to the council members. She thanked the council members for all their support and the annual donation to the library. The library did receive a generous donation from the W. Gene Henry Memorial Fund

*The **MINUTES** of the meeting of March 4, 2024 were approved on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by James Dell. The motion passed unanimously.*

The **FINANCIAL AND TREASURER'S REPORTS** for March 2024 were prepared and presented by Secretary/Treasurer Jane Staily.

*The **LIST OF BILLS** for March 2024, check nos. 11301-11329 in the amount of \$106,378.49 was approved on a motion by Charles Kensinger, seconded by Janet Blattenberger. The motion passed unanimously.*

MAYOR RICHARD BRANTNER was not present so his report was as written.

Chief Hoover presented the **POLICE REPORT** as written. The three **SOLAR SPEED SIGNS** have been put up on S. Market Street, W. Allegheny Street and E. Allegheny Street. Chief Hoover downloaded the data from each sign and put together some information on his laptop and displayed it up on the screen for council to see. Some of the things you can learn from the information is average speeds, maximum speeds, how many vehicles come in per hour as well as how many go out (records from both directions). He plans to download and review the information weekly. The solar speed sign on the west end of town has noticeably reduced the incoming speed. The speed signs will only record things going over 9 m.p.h. Chief Hoover recommended ordering a fourth sign for on N. Market Street. \$12,000 was budgeted for solar speed signs and \$9,600 was spent (paid December 2023). He was asked to check on a price for the next meeting.

BOROUGH MANAGER Rich Brantner was not present to give his report.

Flowers have been sent on behalf of the Borough of Martinsburg and the Martinsburg Municipal Authority for the **TERRY LONG FUNERAL**.

Manager Rich Brantner, Jr. met with PennDOT to put the bid proposal together for the **2024 PAVING PROJECT**. Streets to be paved will be:

Christiana Street	from Market to Wall
Forshey Street	from Market to Nicodemus
Wall Street	from Allegheny to Woodlawn
N. Railroad Street	from Allegheny to Julian
North 1 st Alley	from N. Market to the funeral parking lot
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Locust Street	from Spring Drive to S. Third Alley

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Ed Bennett reported that from past experience of another town resident he has a concern about the milling of the streets. If not milled low enough the height of the new pavement can cause flooding and the expense of having to rebuild the curb higher as the curb is the responsibility of the home owner. This will be mentioned to Manager Brantner.

Council on a motion by James Dell, seconded by Charles Kensinger, approved to advertise the 2024 PAVING PROJECT for bid proposals. The motion passed unanimously.

PENNDOT'S PAVING PROJECT will begin on Monday, April 8 through 12. They will be paving on North and South Market Street (Rt. 866) from Cross Cove Road to Forshey Street; and E. Allegheny Street from the signal light to about the Subway restaurant; and W. Allegheny Street from the signal light to Nicodemus Street.

Neil Gartland reported that the Martinsburg Municipal Authority was awarded two Community Project Fund Appropriation GRANTS in March: 1) \$1,000,000 for the Elevated Storage Tank Project and 2) \$701,440 for the Hershberger Well Transmission Main.

SPRING CLEANUP is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The Morrisons Cove Memorial Park submits an application to PennDOT each year for the Agricultural Parade and the application needs to be in about six weeks prior to the event. Part of the process is the inclusion of a letter from the Borough of Martinsburg approving the road closings. Council on a motion by *James Dell, seconded by Darin Meck, to allow the pertaining streets to be closed for the 2024 AGRICULTURAL PARADE on July 9, 2024 subject to the Morrisons Cove Memorial Park obtaining the necessary PennDOT permit(s). Council's letter of approval through this motion will be attached to the permit. The motion passed unanimously.*

The meeting ADJOURNED at 8:00 p.m. on a motion by Neil Gartland, seconded by Darin Meck. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Jane Staily
Borough Secretary