

## MARTINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES

JUNE 3, 2024

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Borough Council was held on Monday, June 3, 2024 in the municipal building. The meeting started at 7:00 p.m. with prayer by Richard Brantner, Jr. and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Mayor Richard A. Brantner, 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

In addition to council, present were Borough Manager Richard Brantner, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer Jane Staily, Assistant Chief Justin Davis, Attorney Nathan Karn, Sandra Weyandt, Reba Stuller and Cati Keith of the Morrisons Cove Herald

*The MINUTES of the meeting of May 6, 2024 were approved on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by Charles Kensinger. The motion passed unanimously.*

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

*The LIST OF BILLS for May 2024, check nos. 11357-11384 in the amount of \$153,170.28 was approved on a motion by Charles Kensinger, seconded by Janet Blattenberger. The motion passed unanimously.*

MAYOR RICHARD BRANTNER presented his report as written

Assistant Police Chief Justin Davis presented the POLICE REPORT as written. The SOLAR SPEED SIGN statistics are attached to the police report. The fourth solar speed sign was installed on N. Market Street near the borough line on May 29<sup>th</sup>. Chief Hoover did some research on ELECTRIC SCOOTERS. They do not fall under the definition of assist mobile devices. PennDOT does not permit them to be used on the streets in the commonwealth. You must be 16+ years of age to ride electric bikes on the road which is different than electric scooters. Janet Blattenberger commended Chief Hoover for the excellent articles in the Morrisons Cove Herald regarding electric scooters.

BOROUGH MANAGER Rich Brantner reported:

MAY 13 – the BANNERS were put on the poles

MAY 14 – Amy Hockenberry started her classes online to become a NOTARY for the borough and municipal authority – she has been studying and hoping to take her test in a few weeks

MAY 16 – attended a meeting with the Blair County Airport manager along with the municipal authority's engineer to go over the steps and placement of a WATER STORAGE TANK on the airport property

MAY 20 – had a HAZARD MITIGATION meeting at the Logan Township building with all the municipalities in the county

MAY 28 – attended a meeting with Pennvest and the municipal authority's engineer on grants and loans for the WATER TANK at the airport

MAY 29 – put up the FOURTH SOLAR SPEED SIGN on N. Market Street near the borough line

It was mentioned that about \$6,000 has been paid by the borough so far to the geologist Gary Calvert for soil testing at the 114 W. PENN STREET LOT.

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Grannas Brothers might start **PAVING** on Friday or next Monday. They will not be milling the street just in front of the driveways.

The Boosters marked the borough lot off on the corner of E. Allegheny Street and S. Walnut Street for a **LANDSCAPING PROJECT** but were not prepared to come and answer questions on their plan just yet.

A **THANK YOU** was received from the Morrisons Cove Memorial Park for the 2024 allocations totaling \$1500.

Jonathan and Megan Zimmerman want to put **CURBING AROUND 114 W. PENN STREET** lot they are building the new dentist office on. They would like the borough to help with the cost of the curbing. Curbing is normally done at the cost of the property owner but the borough on rare occasions have helped such as on Blattenberger Street. Curbing would be a benefit for snow plowing and would make the block look nice. *After a lengthy discussion council on a motion by Charles Kensinger, seconded by James Dell, approved to allocate \$2,000 towards the CURBING in front of 114 W. Penn Street. The motion passed with 5 yays and 2 nays from Ed Bennett and Janet Blattenberger.*

Attorney Nathan Karn reported that the Uniform Construction Code requires an appeal board to deal with the building code. The county formed a joint appeal board that is there if we need it. Martinsburg Borough is already a member. Frankstown Township wishes to join the board so a resolution and an update to the Articles of Agreement are required to be adopted to allow them to join. *Council on a motion by James Dell, seconded by Janet Blattenberger, approved to adopt and execute 1) Resolution No. 2024-0603-01 Approval to Join the Blair Region Code Administration Committee and 2) an updated Joint Articles of Agreement for the Establishment of a Blair Region UNIFORM CONSTRUCTION CODE Board of Appeals to include Frankstown Town. The motion passed unanimously.*

Manager Rich Brantner, Jr. reported that the Martinsburg Volunteer Fire Company's **ANNUAL OX ROAST** will be held on June 14-15.

*The meeting ADJOURNED at 7:44 p.m. on a motion by Neil Gartland, seconded by James Dell. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

M. Jane Staily  
Borough Secretary