

MARTINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 4, 2024

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Borough Council was held on Monday, March 4, 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 Manager Richard Brantner, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer Jane Staily, Chief Kerry Hoover, Attorney Nathan Karn, and Cati Keith of the Morrisons Cove Herald

The MINUTES of the meeting of February 5, 2024 were approved on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by James Dell. The motion passed unanimously.

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

The LIST OF BILLS for February 2024, check nos. 11285-11300 in the amount of \$93,725.42 was approved on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by Charles Kensinger. The motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR RICHARD BRANTNER presented his report as written.

Chief Hoover presented the POLICE REPORT as written.

Councilman Charles Kensinger made mention that Chief Hoover's daughter ATTORNEY KATELYN HOOVER was recently admitted to the Bar at the Supreme Court which is a very big honor. She was sponsored by two local attorneys. This gives her the ability to present arguments in that court if the need shall ever arise.

BOROUGH MANAGER Rich Brantner reported:

FEB 6 – PADEP came in and did an INSPECTION on the water system – they looked over all records and went to all of the water facilities – the inspection went well

FEB 6 –they started framing at the 114 W. PENN STREET property

FEB 12 – having some issues at the TOWNES EDGE LIFT STATION – had to ut a new level sensor and a new WFD on the one pump

FEB 13 – the borough crew PLOWED about 4-inches of very wet snow

FEB 17 – the borough crew PLOWED about 5-inches of snow

FEB 29 – the fire company got the SIREN working

MAR 4 – SWEPT STREETS

The BOROUGH GARAGE got hit during the lightning storm last week and took out the internet.

A motion was made by Darin Meck, seconded by Charles Kensinger, to officially hire AMY HOCKENBERRY as a permanent full-time office employee following her 90-day probation period which will end March 11, 2024 and increase her rate of pay from \$19.00 per

hour to \$20.00 which reaffirms the motion already made on November 6, 2023. The motion passed unanimously.

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Manager Rich Brantner, Jr. reported that the **FIRE SIREN** is now up and running located at the mill. The second siren that use to be located at the old municipal building has been eliminated. The fire company's **DUTCH MEAL** tickets are now on sale.

SPRING CLEANUP is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, 2024 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Invitation flyers will be mailed out to residents at the end of March.

*The meeting **ADJOURNED** at 7:15 p.m. on a motion by Neil Gartland, seconded by Darin Meck. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

M. Jane Staily
Borough Secretary