

**MARTINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES  
SPECIAL MEETING  
DECEMBER 15, 2022**

A special meeting of the Martinsburg Borough Council was held on Thursday, December 15, 2022 in the municipal building to review solicitor proposals and to appoint a new solicitor and for general purposes. 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 Durban D. Metzler, Pro-tem Charles E. Kensinger Councilman, Councilman Edward L. Bennett, Councilwoman Janet E. Blattenberger *[by telephone]*, Darin B. Meck and Councilman James C. Dell

In addition to council, present were Manager Richard Brantner, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer Jane Staily, Chief Kerry Hoover, Lt. Justin Davis and Nathan Ormsby of the Martinsburg Municipal Authority

Correspondence was received from the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System that they made a mistake and had an incorrect Normal Cost rate in the 2023 calculation for the police pension plan. *Council on a motion by James Dell, seconded by Ed Bennett, adopted the revised 2023 MMO for the UNIFORMED PENSION PLAN PMRS Plan No. 07-045-3P in the amount of \$21,186.00 (not the incorrect amount of \$21,092 approved in September 2022). The motion passed unanimously.*

*The resignation of PATROLMAN LOGAN TORNATORE effective end of day December 9, 2022 was accepted on a motion by Ed Bennett, seconded Durban Metzler. The motion passed unanimously.*

Since the borough is under the CIVIL SERVICE for the employment of three full-time officers the commission will have to be activated to hire a replacement for Logan Tornatore. The vacant position will be advertised and the personnel committee will meet before January to discuss it. The Civil Service Commission will narrow it down to the top three candidates to bring before council to decide upon. It could be up to two months or so to go through the process and maybe longer since this will be our commissions first time going through the process.

*Council on a motion by Charles Kensinger, seconded by Ed Bennett, approved to close out the W. GENE HENRY MEMORIAL ACCOUNT at First National Bank since the project is paid for and complete. The motion passed unanimously.*

*An EXECUTIVE SESSION to discuss personnel matters was held from 7:12-7:45 p.m.*

*[Nathan Ormsby left at 7:45 p.m.]*

*Council on a motion by James Dell, seconded by Darin Meck, authorized to include Patrolman Adam Hauser to be included in the premium pay for essential workers to active employees in good standing to be paid for from the AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN in the amount of \$375 as a part-time employee. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Council on a motion by Darin Meck, seconded by Charles Kensinger, appointed ATTORNEY NATHAN KARN of Evey Black Attorneys LLC to be the new solicitor for the Borough of Martinsburg beginning January 1, 2023.*

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*The meeting **ADJOURNED** at 7:45 p.m. on a motion by Ed Bennett, seconded by Darin Meck. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

M. Jane Staily  
Borough Secretary