

MARTINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 6, 2022

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Borough Council was held on Monday, June 6, 2022 in the municipal building. The Emergency Management meeting started at 6:30 with the regular meeting beginning at 7:10 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, Councilman James C. Dell, and Councilman Darin B. Meck

In addition to council, present were Manager Richard Brantner, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer Jane Staily, Chief Kerry Hoover, Lt. Justin Davis, Attorney Matt Gieg, Christian Gieg, Sandy Weyandt, Cris Frederickson of the Blair County Emergency Management Agency and Anna Baughman of the Morrisons Cove Herald

A council workshop was held at 6:30 p.m. by Cris Fredrickson, head of the Blair County Emergency Management Operating and Training and Deputy Director, to go over their duties and responsibilities with the **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY**.

[Cris Fredrickson left at 7:10 p.m.]

*The **MINUTES** of the meeting of May 2, 2022 were approved on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by James Dell. The motion passed unanimously.*

The **FINANCIAL AND TREASURER'S REPORTS** for May 2022 were prepared and presented by Secretary/Treasurer Jane Staily.

*The **LIST OF BILLS** for May 2022, check nos. 10701-10733 in the amount of \$223,878.39 (including a \$190,000 transfer to the Reserve Fund) was approved on a motion by Charles Kensinger, seconded by Janet Blattenberger. The motion passed unanimously.*

MAYOR RICHARD BRANTNER (Sr.) presented his report as written. He reported that the Central High School boys baseball team won this evening. All of the Central sports have been doing well.

Janet Blattenberger thanked **MAYOR BRANTNER** for all his fine reporting and functions he attends.

Sandy Weyandt commented on how nice the **FAIRVIEW CEMETERY** is taken care of. Bill Hall is the caretaker there.

Chief Hoover presented the **POLICE REPORT** as written. April 30 was **DRUG TAKE BACK DAY** and 34 lbs. of prescription drugs have been collected. The police department provided **TRAFFIC CONTROL** last week for the borough crew to paint speed lines and crosswalks.

BOROUGH MANAGER Rich Brantner reported:

MAY 6 & 7 – we got about 3 ½ inches of **RAIN** – had high flows at the wastewater treatment plant

MAY 12 – dug out dirt for the new **SIDEWALK** along S. Walnut Street

MAY 16 – Garmans formed up the new **SIDEWALK** and we helped with putting the stone in

MAY 18 – Garmans poured 145 feet of **SIDEWALK**

MAY 23 – the borough crew attended a **FLAGGER TRAINING COURSE** which is required every three years

MAY 24 – back filled and planted grass around the new **SIDEWALK**

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MAY 31 – received the **NEW SKID LOADER** from Bobcat of Martinsburg

MAY 31 – **PAINTED** crosswalks and speed lines

Attorney Matt Gieg reported that there will be an **EXECUTIVE SESSION** for personnel matters following the adjournment of the meeting this evening. Accompanying him this evening was his son **CHRISTIAN GIEG**, a second grader at Frankstown Elementary.

Chief Kerry Hoover, Mayor Richard Brantner and Joe Logan made a presentation at Central High School donating signs with the information regarding the late **TROOPER LANDON WEAVER** who died in the line of duty and who had attended that high school memorializing him in a special section of the building and in teacher Joe Logan's class room.

Gene Garman and Borough Manager Richard Brantner, Jr. came up with a final plan for the placement of the **W. GENE HENRY MEMORIAL**. A drawing was included in the council agenda. Once the granite is paid for there should be about \$1,400 left in the account to be used towards the landscaping. The committee may need more donations to complete the project. *Council on a motion by Charles Kensinger, seconded by Janet Blattenberger, approved the final design on Page 24 of the agenda for the **W. GENE HENRY MEMORIAL** to be placed on the corner of Woodlawn Avenue and S. Walnut Street. The motion passed unanimously.*

Janet Blattenberger inquired about the **WATER LINE BIDS** on E. Christiana Street. The municipal authority ended up rejecting all bids because they were too high. They hope to bid it out again in the fall.

A citizen suggested putting out **YIELD TO PEDESTRIAN SIGNS** at the intersection of Mulberry and Allegheny Streets. The daycare could also use them at the intersection of Walnut and Allegheny Streets. We currently only have a few of these signs and they are being used on S. Walnut Street. The cost of one is about \$400 and can be purchased with Liquid Fuels money. *Council on a motion by Charles Kensinger, seconded by James Dell, authorized to purchase four **YIELD TO PEDESTRIAN SIGNS** at \$400 each (4 x \$400 = \$1,600) to be paid for from the Highway Liquid Fuels Fund and the be placed at the discretion of the borough manager and the police chief. The motion passed unanimously.*

Manager Rich Brantner, Jr. found some **MOBILE RADAR SPEED SIGNS** that are not yet PennDOT approved. It was the consensus of council to wait until the signs are PennDOT approved so they can be moved around which will make them more beneficial than permanently placed ones.

The town center **SIGNAL LIGHT** is getting old and parts are becoming obsolete. Mike Biddle of Williamsburg does Multi-mode Transportation Grants that could help us pay for a new signal light. The topic was tabled until more information is obtained.

*The meeting **ADJOURNED** at 7:47 p.m. on a motion by James Dell, seconded by Darin Meck. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

M. Jane Staily
Borough Secretary