

MARTINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 7, 2025

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Borough Council was held on Monday, July 7, 2025 in the municipal building. The meeting started at 7:00 p.m. prayer by Richard Brantner, Jr. and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Richard A. Brantner, President P. Robert Dickson, Vice-President Edward L. Bennett, Pro-Tem Charles E. Kensinger, Councilman James C. Dell, Councilman Mark K. Gartland, Neil E. Gartland and Councilman Darin B. Meck

In addition to council, present were Borough Manager Richard Brantner, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer Jane Staily, Chief Justin Davis, Attorney Nathan Karn, Amy Hockenberry, Dustin Russell, Sandy Weyandt, and Cati Keith of the Morrisons Cove Herald.

The MINUTES of the meeting of June 2, 2025 were approved on a motion by Charles Kensinger, seconded by James Dell. The motion passed unanimously.

The MINUTES of the special meeting of June 27, 2025 were approved on a motion by Charles Kensinger, seconded by James Dell. The motion passed unanimously.

The FINANCIAL AND TREASURER'S REPORTS for June 2025 were prepared and presented by Secretary/Treasurer Jane Staily.

The LIST OF BILLS for June 2025, check nos. 11774-11810 in the amount of \$169,425.34 (including transfers to the Reserve Fund totaling \$85,000) approved on a motion by Jams Dell, seconded by Neil Gartland. The motion passed unanimously.

MAYOR RICHARD BRANTNER presented his report as written.

Police Chief Justin Davis presented the POLICE REPORT as written. For the month of June 2025 the department handled 110 Complaints totaling 315 man hours. There has been an increase in domestics as they handled three in one day last week. Chief Justin Davis wanted to thank the borough crew especially Todd Bookhammer for helping put the 150 sign posts up for no parking for the parade this year. He also wanted to thank the personnel committee and borough council for all the work they put into hiring Troy Jarrett.

The extended family of the late Janet Blattenberger expressed to Neil Gartland their gratitude for what a nice neighbor JUSTIN DAVIS was for Janet which says a lot about what a compassionate officer he is.

BOROUGH MANAGER Rich Brantner reported:

JUN 4 – WATER LEAK on the 6-inch main line behind Long's Outpost

JUN 11 –ran the STREET SWEEPER

JUN 17 – DUSTY attended a class

JUN 17 –we received about 2.5-inches of RAIN in about a 2 hour period

JUN 23 – there was a WATER LEAK on a service line at 209 S. Market Street

JUN 30 – there was a WATER LEAK on a service line at 405 E. Julian Street

JUL 1 – sprayed WEEDS along the curbs

JUL 7 – SWEPT STREETS today for the parade tomorrow

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We still have a WATER LEAK somewhere as we are pumping more than we usually do. We have had a lot of water leaks this year and the pipe line has been hitting and breaking our water lines a few times during their construction work. Our water gallonage per day is finally coming back down.

Mayor Brantner commended the borough crew for spraying the WEEDS in town. Manager Brantner, Jr. thanked the Gartlands for letting us spray under their license.

Upon the Spring Cove School District's recommendation Martinsburg Borough entered into agreement with KEYSTONE COLLECTIONS GROUP at the May 5, 2025 meeting to collect the delinquent Per Capita Tax. Keystone Collections Group will need us to also pass an Act 192 Resolution to do the collection. *Council on motion by Charles Kensinger, seconded by James Dell, adopted Resolution No. 2025-0707-01 Establishing reasonable costs of collection for delinquent taxes and imposing the cost of such collection upon the delinquent taxpayer for KEYSTONE COLLECTIONS GROUP to be our delinquent per capita tax collector. The motion passed unanimously.*

Manager Rich Brantner, Jr. reported that the firemen's OX ROAST sale was a success. They sold over 4,000 sandwiches.

Included in the agenda packet was a sheet from the municipal authority's engineering firm Lennon, Smith, Souleret Engineering, Inc. just for informational purposes only about the upcoming PFAS treatment system, the new WATER TANK and a water TRANSMISSION LINE to the nitrate plant that will be erected over the next few years.

The meeting ADJOURNED at 7:22 p.m. on a motion by Neil Gartland, seconded by James Dell. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Jane Staily
Borough Secretary