

MARTINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES
JUNE 7, 2021

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Borough Council was held on Monday, June 7, 2021 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, Sr., President P. Robert Dickson, Pro-tem Ed Bennett, Councilman Neil E. Gartland, Councilman Charles E. Kensinger, Councilman Darin B. Meck and Councilwoman Linda K. Smith (*Durban Metzler was absent*)

In addition to council, present were Manager Richard Brantner, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer Jane Staily, Chief Kerry Hoover, Lt. Justin Davis, Attorney Mike Gieg, James Dell, Jeff Gunnnett and Anna Baughman of the Morrisons Cove Herald

Jeff Gunnnett who works with Ed Bellock Engineering/Surveying presented a power point preview of the proposed addition to the **SPRING DRIVE TRAILER COURT** that was purchased last year by Herb Fisher of Lancaster, PA from W. Gene Henry. The new owner is planning to use the grassy section of the court to add about 36-38 more lots.

*The **MINUTES** of the regular meeting of May 3, 2021 were approved on a motion by Charles Kensinger, seconded by Linda Smith. The motion passed unanimously.*

The **FINANCIAL AND TREASURER'S REPORTS** for May 2021 were prepared and presented by Secretary/Treasurer Jane Staily.

*The **LIST OF BILLS** for May 2021, check nos. 10327-10379 in the amount of \$148,170.78 (including a \$105,000 transfer to the Reserve Fund) was approved on a motion by Charles Kensinger, seconded by Neil Gartland. The motion passed unanimously.*

MAYOR RICHARD BRANTNER (Sr.) presented his report as written.

Chief Hoover presented the **POLICE REPORT** as written. Since the weather is getting nicer the department is getting busier. The police department is using the donated **SHED** that was delivered last week for the pistol range. Chief Hoover has been attending a lot of youth baseball games at the park in the evenings and a lot of kids are on **BICYCLES** in the dark without lights. A reminder will be posted on Face Book advising parents what the bicycle laws are and the Morrisons Cove Herald will be doing a news release on it. The evening shift will be giving out warnings to bicycles without lights and parents will be called. The bicycle rodeos held years ago were very informative on these issues. Still no word from PennDOT on the **2021 AGRICULTURAL PARADE** route. Chief Hoover expects a very large crowd for the parade this year. Council inquired about the cost of **PARKING TICKETS**. Currently a parking ticket is \$15 and \$50 for parking in a handicapped parking space.

BOROUGH MANAGER Rich Brantner reported:

MAY 4 – had a preconstruction meeting with the contractor that is doing the sewer line on **E. CHRISTIANA STREET**

MAY 12 – had a meeting with the **ZIMMERMANS** on the dentist office on Penn Street

MAY 12 – had the planned Penelec **POWER OUTAGE** in about half of the borough – no issues reported

MAY 18 – **PAINTED CROSSWALKS**, stop bars, turning arrows and speedlines

MAY 18 – Dwayne Smith finished pouring the **SIDEWALKS** on the corner lot.

MAY 19 – had a virtual meeting on the interconnection between Martinsburg and **CURRYVILLE**, PADEP, Curryville, Engineer and Pennvest

MAY 24 – T. L. Long Excavating moved in and started the site work at the **FIREHALL**

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Manager Rich Brantner, Jr. received a call from the school that they want to start using **DILLING STREET** again for the school buses in the morning and afternoon. Since about half the kids are being driven and dropped off at school it gets too congested, they way they are doing it now.

Attorney Mike Gieg recommended an **EXECUTIVE SESSION** for legal matters at the end of the meeting.

Charles Kensinger reported that himself along with Mayor Richard Brantner, Bill Replogle as Vice-President of the Fairview Cemetery, and Joe Logan as representative for the Morrisons Cove Memorial Park, (*Herb Whitfield representative for the Martinsburg Volunteer Fire Company was absent*) met on May 18 at the cemetery building to discuss ideas for a **W. GENE HENRY MEMORIAL**. Another meeting will be held on June 8th to discuss plaque prices and memorial ideas. No tax dollars will be used for the memorial. The committee will bring a recommendation to the borough council when they come up with it. The memorial will not require borough crew maintenance. *Council on a motion by Linda Smith, seconded by Charles Kensinger, proclaimed June 29, 2021 as W. GENE HENRY DAY. The motion passed unanimously.*

Linda Smith reported that the **REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE** planted shrubs and flowers with the help of the borough crew on the E. Allegheny Street lot. Mayor Brantner commended the committee for the nice work that they do.

Linda Smith mentioned that Gene Henry donated the E. Allegheny Street lot to the borough with the intention of keeping that corner open to make the municipal building more visible and to relieve the traffic congestion at that intersection. She noticed that since the demolition of the house on the donated lot that two cars still continue to park there. It was mentioned that an ordinance would need to be passed to eliminate public parking at that intersection. Council would like to keep that intersection open with no parking to make that intersection easier for bus and vehicle traffic. Before the next school year they would like to see it resolved. Gene Henry had intended to pay for adding a parking space off the street on the corner house property for the tenants living there that park on the street with the money he donated to the borough for sidewalks if there was any left.

Two bids were received for the **2018 PAVING PROJECT** as follows:

New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. **\$36,677.20**
P. O. Box 77, New Enterprise, PA 16664

Grannas Bros. Stone & Asphalt CO. **\$38,771.95**
P. O. Box 488, Hollidaysburg PA 16648

Council on a motion by Ed Bennett, seconded by Darin Meck, awarded the 2021 PAVING PROJECT to New Enterprise Stone & Lime Co. in the amount of \$36,677.20 subject to the documentation being approved by the borough solicitors. The motion passed unanimously.

Manager Rich Brantner, Jr. contacted a lady about cleaning the municipal building. Leona Weaver of Hoover Drive quoted a price of \$50 per week or \$75 for every other week to be cleaned during the week. *Council on a motion by Neal Gartland, seconded by Linda Smith, approved to hire LEONA WEAVER to clean the municipal building every other week for \$75 to be paid for from the General Fund through payroll. The motion passed unanimously.*

It was reported that **C. WILLIAM BROWN** had a potential buy for the 118 E. Julian Street property that of which have municipal authority liens on. A special municipal authority meeting was scheduled to be held on Friday, June 11th at 2:00 p.m. to discuss the liens.

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An **EXECUTIVE SESSION** to discuss legal matters was held from 8:00 – 8:08 p.m.

Minutes of the **MARTINSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY** of the regular meeting of May 2021 were included in the agenda packets.

*The meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:09 p.m. on a motion by Ed Bennett, seconded by Darin Meck. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

M. Jane Staily
Borough Secretary