

MARTINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES
MAY 2, 2022

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Borough Council was held on Monday, May 2, 2022 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 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, Sandy Weyandt, Paul Nasduch, Bob Risbon, and Anna Baughman of the Morrisons Cove Herald

Bob Risbon and Paul Nasduch of the **BLAIR COUNTY ANTIQUE AUTO CLUB** were present to see if they could incorporate their car show with an event at the park. Manager Rich Brantner, Jr. invited them to the next fire company meeting on Monday at 7:00 p.m. since the annual ox roast will be coming up in July but thought they may want to run it past the park first. The park meeting is this evening also. Both men left to attend the park meeting

[Bob Risbon and Paul Nasduch left at 7:05 p.m.]

*The **MINUTES** of the meeting of April 4, 2022 were approved on a motion by Charles Kensinger, seconded by Janet Blattenberger. The motion passed unanimously.*

The **FINANCIAL AND TREASURER'S REPORTS** for April 4, 2022 were prepared and presented by Secretary/Treasurer Jane Staily.

*The **LIST OF BILLS** for April 2022, check nos. 10665-10700 in the amount of \$38,971.30 was approved on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by James Dell. The motion passed unanimously.*

MAYOR RICHARD BRANTNER (Sr.) presented his report as written. He reported that Thursday, May 5th is the National Day of Prayer – residents may gather on the municipal grounds and at the flag pole. May 15th is National Police Memorial Day and next week is National Police Week. Mayor Richard Brantner commended all those who helped out with the spring clean up this year. Many of the Central sports programs are having a good season. The Central baseball team won the Curve Classic. A lot of the photos have been posted on Face Book which make lasting memories for the students.

Chief Hoover presented the **POLICE REPORT** as written. It is getting busy with the nice weather.

BOROUGH MANAGER Rich Brantner reported:

APR 5 – attended a **WATER/SEWER TRAINING** class in Altoona

APR 6 – Dusty and I went to the **QUARTERLY LEMC MEETING** at the Blair County 911 Center

APR 11 – attended a Zoom meeting with the municipal authority solicitor and engineers on the interconnect with **CURRYVILLE**

APR 12 – finished **SWEEPING STREETS** in the borough

APR 14 – Jane Staily and I met with April Ressler of The Teeter Group and reviewed the **annual INSURANCE POLICY PACKAGE**

APR 14 – Brian Miller **MOWED** at the municipal building

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APR 18 – plowed 4-5 inches of SNOW

APR 19 – had a WATER LEAK on two service lines – one on E. Julian Street and the other on N. Railroad Street

APR 20 – Chief Hoover, Dusty Russell and I attended a TORNADO TABLETOP EXERCISE that the county put together

APR 23 – Martinsburg Borough SPRING CLEAN UP DAY – had about 150 residents attend – 6.75 tons of scrap metal and 9 skids of televisions and computers – Thanks to everyone that helped with this event

Borough Secretary/Treasurer Jane Staily reported the Ritchey, Ritchey & Koontz have completed the 2021 AUDIT and it has been properly advertised. The audit reported will be prepared once the PMRS pension figures are available.

Janet Blattenberger inquired about the E. CHRISTIANA STREET PAVING. Manager Richard Brantner, Jr. reported that the E. Christiana Street water line bids came in a lot higher than expected so no bid was awarded. Paving of that street will be delayed until the water line project is completed.

Attorney Matt Gieg reported that he followed up with the county solicitor Attorney Nathan Karn on the POLICE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT. It was a topic of discussion two years ago but has never been completed. It may be brought up at the new police chiefs meeting as it is very important.

Durban Metzler reported that the Martinsburg Municipal Authority held a special meeting on April 13th to discuss tap fees for the CURRYVILLE WATER AUTHORITY buying water through the interconnection.

Various locations for placement of the W. GENE HENRY MEMORIAL were mentioned at the last council meeting. Council on a motion by Durban Metzler, seconded by James Dell, approved to place the W. Gene Henry Memorial and landscaping on the corner of Walnut and Woodlawn Avenue on the municipal building lot. The motion passed unanimously. The fine details will be worked out in the near future. With all the rain recently the sidewalk project on the Walnut Street side of the municipal building lot was postponed.

During the annual insurance policy review with April Ressler of the Teeter Group she suggested we consider purchasing an UMBRELLA POLICY to the liability insurance as many of her other municipalities have been adding it on their insurance package. Council on a motion by Charles Kensinger, seconded by Durban Metzler, approved to add the umbrella liability policy for an additional \$1,000,000 in liability coverage at a cost of \$1,167 from The Teeter Group. The motion passed unanimously.

Mark Taylor of the BLAIR COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY would like to come and go over with council their responsibility as council members and as public officials. It is a good idea to meet with them once in a while. He would like to come to the next council meeting to review things. *Council on a motion by Ed Bennett, seconded by Charles Kensinger, approved to advertise the meeting for Monday, June 6, 2022 to participate in an Emergency Management Agency Duties and Responsibilities review session at 6:30 p.m., one half hour prior to the start of the regular meeting. The motion passed unanimously.*

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The minutes of the MARTINSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY for the meeting of April 11, 2022 were received as written.

Janet Blattenberger mentioned that the COMPOST AREA was getting full. It was suggested that it be hauled out this fall to make room for more.

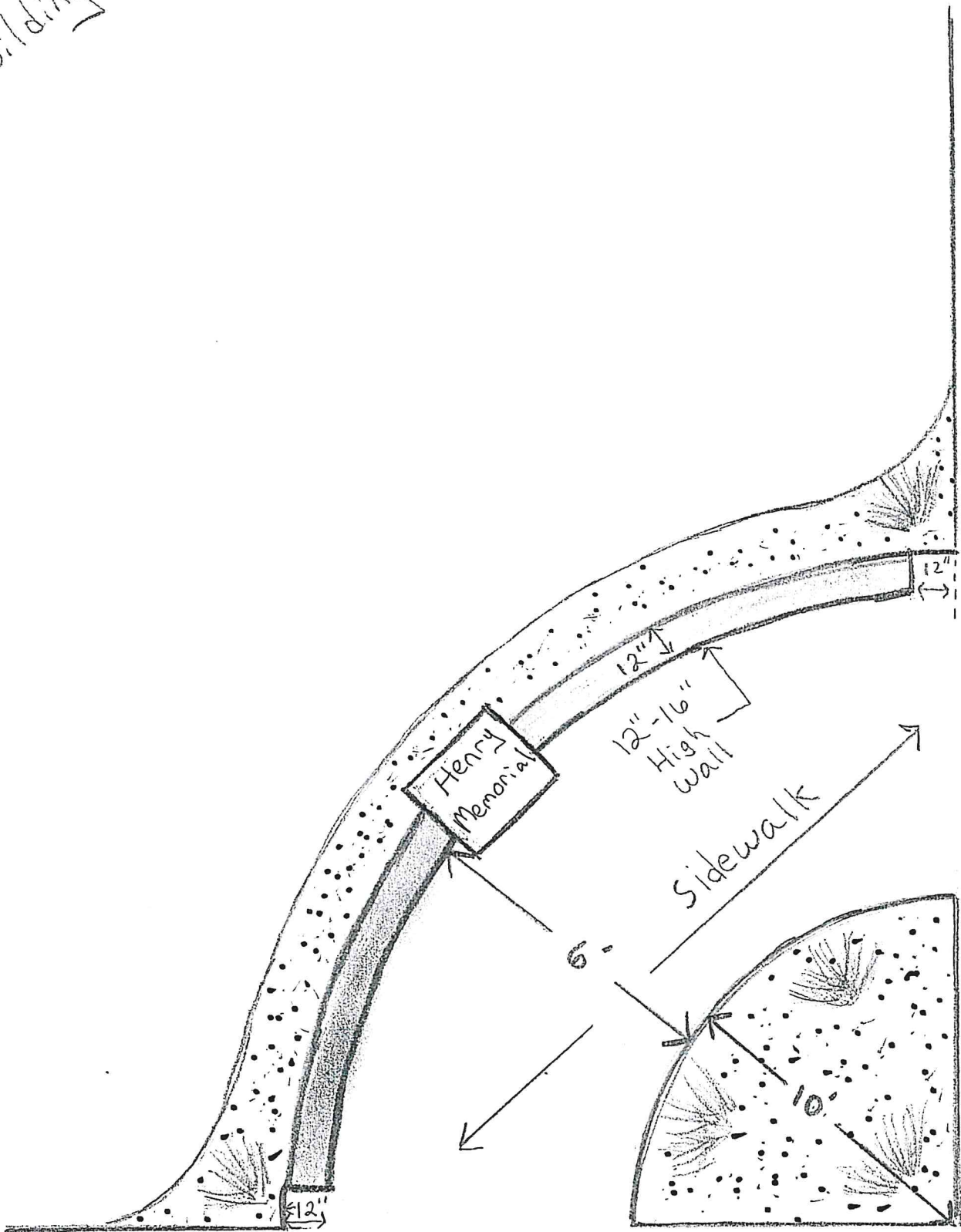
The meeting ADJOURNED at 7:45 p.m. on a motion by Ed Bennett, seconded by Darin Meck. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Jane Staily
Borough Secretary

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Building

S. Walnut St.



Woodlawn Ave.