

**MARTINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**OCTOBER 1, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Borough Council was held on Monday, October 1, 2012, in the municipal building. The meeting started at 7:00 p.m. with prayer by Randy Stoltz and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Mayor Rex L. Hartman, President Connie S. Lamborn, Vice-President Doreen K. Easley, Pro-Tempore Durban D. Metzler, Councilman Edward L. Bennett, and Councilwoman Linda K. Smith

**ALSO PRESENT:** Borough Manager Randy Stoltz, Borough Secretary Jane Staily, Chief Kerry Hoover, Rich Brantner, Jr., Attorney Frederick Gieg, Jr., Junior Councilman Aaron Kreider, Brian Hess of the Morrisons Cove Herald, Ryan Brown of the Altoona Mirror

**AARON KREIDER** was introduced to council as the recommended candidate for the Junior Council Person.

*The **MINUTES** of the regular meeting of September 4, 2012, were approved with a correction to page 2 deleting a line (the Revitalization Committee did not meet on September 6<sup>th</sup>) on a motion by Doreen Easley, seconded by Linda Smith. The motion passed unanimously.*

The **FINANCIAL AND TREASURER'S REPORTS** were presented for September 2012 as written.

*The **LIST OF BILLS** for September 2012, check nos. 6650-6699 in the amount of \$68,400.91 was approved on a motion by Doreen Easley, seconded by Ed Bennett. The motion passed unanimously.*

Mayor Rex Hartman attended the **BLAIR COUNTY RECYCLING COMMITTEE MEETING** to find out that the county has abolished the Blair County Department of Solid Waste and Recycling effective October 1, 2012 due to lack of funds. All Blair County Drop-Off Depots will be removed except for the Blair County Compost Facility at Buckhorn, beginning September 24. Doreen mentioned that there is a place in Williamsburg that takes plastic. Manager Stoltz will check with Paul Kane of Williamsburg about taking plastic recycling.

Police Chief Kerry Hoover presented his **POLICE REPORT** as written. On August 27 he attended **DE-ESCALATION TRAINING** at the Spring Cove Middle School ; picked up the **NEW POLICE CAR** on September 7 from Jack White Studios after the decals were put on and put it into service; participated in a **SAFETY PROGRAM** sponsored by the VFW Ladies Auxiliary on September 9 at the VFW – the fire department, ambulance service and the Pennsylvania State Police all got together to do a safety program for the children; attended a meeting on August 24 with the Spring Cove School district administrators and other police departments and other emergency responders to review the school district's **CRISIS RESPONSE PLANNING GUIDE** - the guide is being updated and future meetings are planned to finalize the updates and prepare for drills at the schools.

Manager Randy Stoltz reported that he applied for \$235,000 from the **TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM**. He gave a fifteen minute oral presentation at the PennDOT office in Hollidaysburg on September 6. Martinsburg was among five other presenters. Martinsburg was awarded \$150,481. We are now waiting to see if we will be awarded any money from the Keystone Grant which we have requested \$100,000 from. We currently have \$98,000 of Federal, \$30,000 CDBG, \$150,481 TEP totaling \$278,481.00.

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Manager Stoltz reported that he, Chief Hoover, and Secretary Staily had a one hour conversation with David Epstein from the **CHARITY ADVANTAGE** web site on September 11 – Mr. Epstein answered all questions in a positive way – it is recommended that we sign on with them; on September 20 met with Rick Truscella of the EADS Group and North Woodbury Township Secretary Sharon Brower to discuss possible members of a committee for our **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN** – letters were mailed on September 27<sup>th</sup> to the names recommended from the borough and township requesting acceptance to be placed on the committee – the first meeting will be October 11 at 7:00 p.m. at the municipal building; met with Burgmeier’s Hauling and spoke with trash haulers Terry Decker and Herb Decker concerning **RECYCLING** on September 26; the borough’s recycling committee met on September 27; the **COMMUNITY FUND DRIVE** letter was not received back from the printer in time to stuff envelopes so it was rescheduled for October 9 at 7:00 p.m. at the municipal building to stuff envelopes. Council commended Manager Stoltz for obtaining the \$150,481 Transportation Enhancement Grant.

Secretary Jane Staily reported that a **BUDGET WORKSHOP** needs to be scheduled.

Attorney Frederick Gieg, Jr. reported that he is working on closing the authority’s land purchase at **EDGEWOOD ACRES**. He will be attending the **PENSION PLAN COMMITTEE MEETING** with PMRS on Tuesday regarding the police plan Killed in Service benefit and updating the pension ordinances.

Durban Metzler reported that the **MARTINSBURG MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY** met on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Manager Stoltz reported that the Wineland Well I permit application has been sent in.

Manager Randy Stoltz reported on his meeting with the **TRASH HAULERS**. He contacted Burgmeier’s Hauling because he offers recycling to his customers. He offers Tyrone a contract to pick up all residential customers in the borough for \$14.99/month each as the sole collector in town. He offers curbside recycling and co-mingle plastic, glass and metal twice a month and paper twice a month. He offers two community clean-up days a year picked up at the curb and two community electronic clean-up days a year picked up at the curb. It takes him three days a week to pick up for the entire borough of Tyrone and Burgmeier does all the billing. Under his agreement Burgmeier would be required to pick up trash even if an owner is not paying for service so he would have to prosecute. Individuals can currently contract with Burgmeier for \$23.95 plus \$1.55 fuel charge = \$25.50 per month. This includes pick up of six 30-gallon bags maximum per week and also includes curbside recycling. Businesses under Burgmeier’s plan would be on their own.

Cove Recycling operated by Terry Decker Sanitation will place dumpsters out and pick them up at no charge for cardboard, magazines, newspaper and non-ferrous metals. He will not pick up plastic at no charge because he must pay to get rid of it.

Council would like to receive input from borough residents to see what they want. Some of council felt that one hauler in town would be more efficient and like the idea of doing it all in one or two days, but they didn’t like the idea of putting any local haulers out of business. The topic of recycling was tabled until next month.

Letters were sent to the prospective members of the **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN** asking them to respond if they were not interested in being on the committee.

Jane Staily noted to council that the **2013 MMO WORKSHEET** for the Non-Uniformed Pension Plan last month was incorrect. The MMO for 2013 was calculated to be \$13,448 but the

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Amortization of the Actuarial Surplus figure was shown as \$833 in the worksheet and should be have been zero; thus changing the end figure. *Council on a motion by Durban Metzler, seconded by Ed Bennett, amended the worksheet for the annual 2013 MINIMUM MUNICIPAL OBLIGATION for the Non-Uniformed pension plan for insertion into the 2013 budget as a requirement of Act 205 of 1984 to be \$14,281. The motion passed unanimously.* (The minutes of September 4, 2012 were approved this evening to reflect the corrected amount of \$14,281; the mistake wasn't noted until after the September meeting but before the October meeting.)

*Council on a motion by Linda Smith, seconded by Doreen Easley, voted to appoint AARON KREIDER as the Junior Council Person for the Borough of Martinsburg. The motion passed unanimously.* Aaron will be sworn in by Mayor Rex Hartman at the November meeting.

The PENSION COMMITTEE will meet on Tuesday, October 2, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. with Anthony Pinto of PMRS to review the necessary changes needed to our current pension ordinances and to address the Killed in Service benefit in the Police Pension Plan.

Manager Stoltz reported that he contacted CHARITY ADVANTAGE regarding the new web page by conference call along with Chief Hoover and Jane Staily. The cost is \$597 up front for sixty months which works out to \$5.97 per month or it would cost \$39.95 per month if paid monthly. The program appears to be very user friendly. *Council on a motion by Durban Metzler, seconded by Linda Smith, authorized to contract with Charity Advantage for \$597 for the five year contract to design and support our web page. The motion passed unanimously.*

Secretary Jane Staily requested that the borough help pay for 1/3 the cost of a NEW OFFICE COMPUTER to replace the current one which is seven years old. The municipal authority has already approved to pay for 2/3 the cost. *Council on a motion by Doreen Easley, seconded by Durban Metzler, approved to pay \$465 as 1/3 the cost of a new Dell computer for the borough office to be purchased from PPCS to be paid for from the Equipment Fund. The Martinsburg Municipal Authority has already approved to pay \$930 as their share of 2/3 the cost. The motion passed unanimously.*

A real estate TAX APPEAL NOTICE scheduled for October 11 was received from the Blair County Board of Assessment, Appeals and Revisions for David and Linda Banaszak to appeal their assessment for their property at 406 E. Julian St. Attorney Gieg was asked to obtain the appraisal information and make the determination as to whether it is worth it for the borough to appeal.

The next SOUTH CENTRAL COUNTIES BOROUGH'S ASSOCIATION meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 18, 2012 at Huntingdon. Anyone interested in attending should contact Jane Staily by October 8<sup>th</sup> to make reservations.

A BUDGET WORKSHOP was scheduled for Monday, October 15, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. The workshop will be advertised.

*The meeting ADJOURNED at 8:02 p.m. on a motion by Doreen Easley, seconded by Ed Bennett. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

M. Jane Staily  
Borough Secretary