

**MARTINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES
JANUARY 7, 2013**

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Borough Council was held on Monday, January 7, 2013, 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, Councilman Daniel R. Smouse and Councilwoman Linda K. Smith

In addition to the council, present were Manager Randy Stoltz, Secretary Jane Staily, Chief Kerry Hoover, Rich Brantner, Junior Councilman Aaron Kreider, Attorney Chris Jancula, Ryan Brown of the Altoona Mirror, Brian Hess of the Morrisons Cove Herald, Amy Kennedy, and Steven Weyant.

Junior Councilman **AARON KREIDER** announced that the Spring Cove School District swim team was selling raffle tickets for \$10.00 for anyone who wants to support the team.

AMY KENNEDY was present to take the Oath of Office to accept the appointment to the office of elected auditor to replace Joe Hinish. The Oath was given by Mayor Rex Hartman.

[Amy Kennedy left at 7:02 p.m.]

*The following council members were appointed to retain their **COMMISSIONS** as follows:*

SAFETY	-Connie Lamborn
STREETS	-Ed Bennett
FINANCE	-Doreen Easley
PROPERTY	-Linda Smith
WATER/SEWER	-Durban Metzler

Attorney Chris Jancula reported that the **HUSTON TOWNSHIP POLICE ORDINANCE** will not be ready for consideration for adoption until next month. Attorney Gibboney did not get back to him in time to get the ordinance advertised early enough for this evening.

Manager Randy Stoltz reported that the **BANK OF AMERICA** was still behind on paying the mowing bill for the W. Allegheny Street property. Manager Stoltz recommended reducing the bill to a judgment. The two bills total \$126.00. *Council on a motion by Ed Bennett, seconded by Doreen Easley, authorized Gieg and Gieg to reduce the Bank of America's mowing bill of \$126.00 for 406 W. Allegheny St. to a judgment. The motion passed unanimously.* Gieg and Gieg will get a letter out to them.

Attorney Jancula reported that Attorney Gieg had responded to Manager Stoltz regarding the **RECYCLING PROGRAM**. Attorney Gieg was originally concerned that Martinsburg's recycling program might have some of the same aspects as the county recycling that put them out of business. Attorney Gieg recommended that Manager Stoltz contact the appropriate officials at Blair County and the Department of Environmental Protection and run his ideas over with them before starting it. As it turns out the Blair County law suit does not appear to pertain to our program.

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The following **STAFF APPOINTMENTS** were made on a motion by Doreen Easley, seconded by Lind Smith. The motion passed unanimously:

CHIEF OF POLICE
 POL. DEPT. OPEN RECORDS OFFICER
 FIRE MARSHALL -Kerry Hoover
 POL SERGEANT -Justin Davis

SOLICITOR -Gieg and Gieg

BOROUGH MANAGER
 EMER. MGMT COOR.
 BLDG CODE ENF. OFFICER
 DEPUTY OPEN RECORDS OFFICER
 ZONING OFFICER -Randy Stoltz

BOROUGH SECRETARY
 BOROUGH TREASURER
 OPEN RECORDS OFFICER
 PENSION PLAN ADM. -Jane Staily

ZONING SOLICITOR -Attorney Lee Oswald, III

The 2013 Engineering Agreement with Stiffler, McGraw & Associates was accepted on an as needed basis on a motion by Doreen Easley, seconded by Dan Smouse. The motion passed unanimously.

Appointments to the following **BOARDS** were made and approved on the following motions:

ZONING HEARING BOARD:

E. Roy Stern (3 yr ending 2016) *motion by Doreen Easley, seconded by Durban Metzler; passed unanimously.*
 Vacancy (Alt #1) (3 yr ending 2016)

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Linda Smith (4 yr ending 2017) *motion by Dan Smouse, seconded by Ed Bennett; passed with 5 yays; no nays; LS abstained*

MUNICIPAL AUTHORITY:

Ken Steele (5 yr ending 2018) *motion by Durban Metzler, seconded by Linda Smith; passed unanimously*
 Loy Kreider (5 yr ending 2018) *motion by Durban Metzler, seconded by Doreen Easley; passed unanimously*

AMBULANCE BOARD:

Dan Smouse (3 yr ending 2016) *motion by Linda Smith, seconded by Ed Bennett; passed unanimously*

*The following **COMMITTEES** were appointed as follows on a motion by Dan Smouse, seconded by Ed Bennett. The motion passed unanimously:*

PENSION COMMITTEE -Randy Stoltz, Doreen Easley, Durban Metzler and Jane Staily

EMP. MED. REIMB. COM. -Randy Stoltz, Shawn Daughenbaugh and Dan Smouse

NEW REV COMMITTEE -Randy Stoltz, Shawn Daughenbaugh, Connie Lamborn, and Linda Smith

24-MEMBER ADVISORY COM. -Rex Hartman

FIRE COMPANY LIASON	-Dan Smouse and Shawn Daughenbaugh
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS & REGS MANUAL:	-Randy Stoltz, Jane Staily, and Connie Lamborn
REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE	-Randy Stoltz and Linda Smith
AMBULANCE COMMITTEE	-Dan Smouse
RECYCLING COMMITTEE	-Doreen Easley, Connie Lamborn and Linda Smith
COMPREHENSIVE PLAN COMMITTEE	-Randy Stoltz, Linda Smith, Dan Smouse, ...

Council on a motion by Linda Smith, seconded by Durban Metzler, removed the COMMUNITY OUTREACH COMMITTEE from the list of monthly reporting committees. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Doreen Easley, seconded by Linda Smith, for the DEPOSITORIES at First National Bank and PLGIT to remain as follows. The motion passed unanimously:

FIRST NATIONAL BANK:

GENERAL FUND CHECKING	GENERAL FUND RESERVE
PAYROLL FUND	COMP PLAN FUND
PENNSYLVANIA LOCAL GOVERNMENT INVESTMENT TRUST	
BUILDING MAINTENANCE	EQUIPMENT FUND
HIGHWAY FUND	VIDEO PRODUCTION FUND
MEDICAL CARE REIMB FUND	CHRISTMAS LIGHT FUND
REVITALIZATION PROJECT	POLICE PISTOL RANGE FUND

Council on a motion by Ed Bennett, seconded by Doreen Easley, authorized to open a new checking account with First National Bank for the recycling program. The motion passed unanimously: RECYCLING ACCOUNT –First National Bank

The MINUTES of the regular meeting of December 3, 2012, were approved on a motion by Durban Metzler, seconded by Doreen Easley. The motion passed unanimously.

The FINANCIAL AND TREASURER'S REPORTS were presented for December 2012 as prepared by Treasurer Jane Staily.

The LIST OF BILLS for December 2012, check nos. 6773-6818 in the amount of \$35,856.43 was approved on a motion by Doreen Easley, seconded by Ed Bennett. The motion passed unanimously.

Police Chief Kerry Hoover presented the POLICE REPORT as written. He introduced PATROLMAN STEVEN WEYANT to everyone. Chief Hoover and Sgt. Davis wanted to thank council for purchasing the new FOUR-WHEELED DRIVE POLICE CRUISER. It goes great in the snow. NIMS 700 TRAINING is coming up at the Blair County 911 Center. It can also be taken online. They are encouraging everyone to also take the NIMS 100 – they are also considering making it a requirement. Chief Hoover may be putting a NIMS 100 class together in the near future for all those interested. Currently the upcoming scheduled classes are: NIMS 100 Wed - Jan 9; NIMS 700 Wed – Jan 16. Chief Hoover said his heart goes out to the friends and family of the casualties of the SANDY HOOK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SHOOTING on December 14 in Connecticut. Two weeks later on December 21, 2012, four people, including the gunman, died in an apparent KILLING SPREE IN FRANKSTOWN TOWNSHIP, PA

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injuring three State Troopers. One of the troopers was shot in the chest but was protected by his **BULLETPROOF VEST**. Chief Hoover wants everyone to keep them all in their thoughts and prayers. The Martinsburg Police Department's new ballistic vests should be arriving in about six weeks. Chief Hoover attended a meeting on the **NEW DIGITAL RADIO SYSTEM** at the Blair 911 Center. Some things have changed from the original plan. Most of the departments in the county will be redoing their frequency layouts which is very time consuming. The county is hoping to be all digital by Monday evening. Chief Hoover will be doing some **HANDS ON TRAINING** with his officers in the next three weeks which will be especially helpful to the new officers.

[Attorney Chris Jancula was excused at 7:34 p.m.]

Manager Randy Stoltz reported that on December 14 the **RECYCLING CENTER** fence posts were set; donations of \$200 from the VFW Ladies Auxiliary and \$2800 from the VFW were received specifically to purchase more street pole **CHRISTMAS SNOWFLAKE DECORATIONS** – Manager Stoltz felt that \$3,000 could probably purchase 8 more snowflakes which could replace eight of our oldest pole lights, the red lanterns which are about twenty-two years old; on December 19 the slab was poured for the **RECYCLING CENTER** - hoping to have it all done by January 21; December 27 got 6” of **SNOW TO PLOW** – snow was hauled from the town center district; on December 29 we got more snow; on January 7 the **COMMUNITY FUND DRIVE** was up to \$36,224.18 which is about 92% of their goal; the **CHRISTMAS TREE CURBSIDE PICK-UP** is on January 8 – all trees set out by 8 a.m. will be picked up – all others can be taken out and dropped off at the borough garage.

ORDINANCE NO. 2013-592 FOR THE HUSTON TOWNSHIP POLICE AGREEMENT was advertised on January 3 and will be considered for adoption next month.

The two pension ordinances, **ORDINANCE NO. 2013-593 NON-UNIFORM RETIREMENT** and **2013-594 UNIFORM RETIREMENT** will be advertised on January 10 for consideration for adoption next month also.

The next **SOUTH CENTRAL COUNTIES BOROUGH'S ASSOCIATION** meeting will be held on Thursday, January 24, 2013 in Hollidaysburg. Connie Lamborn and Rex Hartman plan to attend.

The **2013 ANNUAL FIRE COMPANY REPORT** was received. Council expressed how thankful they are to have a volunteer fire company. Many of them recently gave up their Christmas and New Year's Eve evenings with their families to take care of accidents and fires.

Chief Hoover reported that the list of **2013 SPECIAL EVENTS** has been posted on the borough website.

*The meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:10 p.m. on a motion by Ed Bennett, seconded by Doreen Easley. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

M. Jane Staily
Borough Secretary