

**MARTINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES  
OCTOBER 6, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Borough Council was held on Monday, October 6, 2014 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 Durban D. Metzler, Pro-tem Edward L. Bennett, Councilwoman Janet E. Blattenberger, Councilman Douglas D. Smith, Councilwoman Linda K. Smith and Councilman Daniel R. Smouse

In addition to the council, present were Manager Randy Stoltz, Borough Secretary/Treasurer Jane Staily, Chief Kerry Hoover, Rich Brantner, Attorney Frederick B. Gieg, Jr., Attorney Matt Gieg, Attorney Chris Jancula, Mark Gartland, Cara Ebersole, and Attorney Andy Blattenberger and Brian Hess of the Morrisons Cove Herald.

*The MINUTES of the regular meeting of September 2, 2014, were approved on a motion by Linda Smith, seconded by Janet Blattenberger. The motion passed unanimously.*

*The MINUTES of the 2015 Budget Workshop on October 2, 2014, were approved on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by Durban Metzler. The motion passed unanimously.*

The FINANCIAL AND TREASURER'S REPORTS were presented for September 2014 as prepared by Treasurer Jane Staily.

*The LIST OF BILLS for September 2014 check nos. 7691-7722 in the amount of \$38,370.50 was approved on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by Durban Metzler. The motion passed unanimously.*

Attorney Andy Blattenberger, Secretary of the board for the Morrisons Cove Memorial Park, was present to speak on the park's interest in wanting to allow BEER IN THE BOWLING ALLEY. Those park board members in attendance felt that a policy of "BYOB" (Bring Your Own Bottle) to allow bowlers to bring beer in on specified days of the week and reserving the weekends for family would help bring more money in for the park. Attorney Blattenberger felt that the borough's ordinance prohibiting various things including liquor in Martinsburg was outdated and recommended it be revised or stricken. Manager Randy Stoltz mentioned that he recalled there was a referendum question put on the voting ballot in 1997 regarding a club liquor license for the VFW but he thought it was specifically for the VFW. Attorney Frederick Gieg could not comment until more research was done on the topic as it was just brought up to him this evening. Chief Hoover mentioned that the borough does also have an open container ordinance. Attorney Blattenberger was not aware that an ordained borough street (Dilling Street) ran directly in front of the park between the park building and parking lot. Council tabled the topic until more research could be done.

*[all park representatives left at 7:26 p.m.]*

Chief Kerry Hoover presented the POLICE REPORT as written. Chief Hoover was preparing for the patrol rifle instructor class that is being held here next week.

Vice-President Durban Metzler inquired why Martinsburg never schedules TRICK-OR-TREAT on Halloween night. Chief Hoover explained that he always recommends to council that Martinsburg schedule the same Trick-or-Treat night as the majority of the county so there

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aren't so many out of town trick-or-treaters coming into town. The police department has always asked the volunteer fire department to help out on Trick-or-Treat Night to make it a safer event. *Council on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by Linda Smith, approved to have the 2014 Trick-or-Treat Night on Thursday, October 30<sup>th</sup> from 6-8:00 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.*

Manager Randy Stoltz reported that on September 8 the borough crew installed the street **CLOCK** at the post office, **PAINTED THE CROSSWALKS**, stop bars and parking spaces where the new curbing and sidewalks were installed; on September 15 they painted the remainder of the lines and the borough building parking lot; September 11-12 the "Welcome to Martinsburg" **BANNERS** were put up; on September 23 the **RECYCLING CENTER** concrete slab was increased in size by 16' x 20' to allow for another commingle dumpster and cardboard dumpster – received the commingled dumpster today – our tonnage has doubled from one year ago.

On September 29 the Lift Master Arm Gate was installed for the **COMPOST ENTRANCE**. We currently have 209 keys for the compost gate and 70 of those people also recycle. Council discussed the current cost of the now one-time fee of \$10 to buy a key for the compost site and by consensus decided that \$10.00 per year to have a key would not be out of line as there are expenses in maintaining the site. The card scan keys now used by the recyclers can also be programmed to open the new compost site gate for the convenience of the residents. A discount will be offered to those borough residents who want to recycle AND use the compost area. The current \$20 annual recycling key will be offered at \$25.00 annually if they want to recycle and compost which is a \$5 annual savings.

On October 2 Manager Stoltz walked the downtown area with Blair County representatives to determine eligibility for **CDBG MONEY** – Manager Stoltz is looking into their funding for ADA ramps at the corners – there is \$60,000 already eligible and he has applied for \$44,000 additional funding; October 3 repaired a **SIGNAL LIGHT** restraining cable – received the final draft of the **COMPREHENSIVE PLAN** in CD form – no hard copies were received yet; October 7 the annual **COMMUNITY FUND** request letters will be mailed – a goal of \$40,250 has been set which is the same goal as last year – of that goal \$15,000 is earmarked for the park; and October 7 received another draft copy of the **COMMUNITY MAP** and have been reviewing it for accuracy in hopes of finishing it up this month – the Boy Scouts plan to deliver the borough maps and the township will be mailing theirs.

Clay Shriver was commended for the nice job he did on the 8' circular **BRICK PLANTER** he built around the town clock. He donated the soil and flowers to fill it.

Attorney Frederick Gieg reported that the feasibility study for the **CURRYVILLE WATER** system has been completed. They are now looking for funding to take care of the project as it should not be an expense to our current customers. Curryville is looking for grant monies as opposed to a low interest loan. Attorney Gieg attended the meeting on October 8 regarding Curryville. The project is in need of \$1,000,000 to install one mile of 12" water line.

**BURGMEIER'S HAULING** has agreed to add a third dumpster to the recycling center and will dump all three at no extra cost.

Vice-President Durban Metzler would like to see the **PROHIBITION ORDINANCE** be rewritten. A copy of the budget calendar was included in the council packets. President Connie Lamborn announced that the **DRAFT 2014 BUDGET** proposed at the budget workshop should

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be reviewed by council to be considered at the November meeting and approved for advertisement for a ten-day public inspection. It could then be officially adopted at the regular meeting in December.

The next **SOUTH CENTRAL COUNTIES BOROUGH'S ASSOCIATION** dinner meeting will be held on Thursday, October 23, 2014 at the Duncansville Community Center. President Lamborn and Mayor Hartman plan to attend.

*The meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:06 p.m. on a motion by Ed Bennett, seconded by Janet Blattenberger. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

M. Jane Staily  
Borough Secretary