

MARTINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 6, 2015

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Borough Council was held on Monday, April 6, 2015 in the municipal building. The meeting started at 7:00 p.m. lead by Vice-President Durban Metzler with prayer by Randy Stoltz and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Rex L. Hartman, Vice-President Durban D. Metzler, Pro-Tem Edward Bennett, Councilwoman Janet E. Blattenberger, Councilman Douglas D. Smith and Councilwoman Linda K. Smith (*President Connie Lamborn was excused; Councilman Dan Smouse was absent*)

In addition to the council, present were Manager Randy Stoltz, Borough Secretary/Treasurer Jane Staily, Chief Kerry Hoover, Rich Brantner, Jr., Attorney Frederick G. Gieg, Jr., and Brian Hess of the Morrisons Cove Herald.

The MINUTES of the regular meeting of March 2, 2015, were approved on a motion by Linda Smith, seconded by Ed Bennett. The motion passed unanimously.

The FINANCIAL AND TREASURER'S REPORTS were presented for March 2015 as prepared by Treasurer Jane Staily.

The LIST OF BILLS for March 2015 check nos. 7931-7957 in the amount of \$17,036.22 was approved on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by Doug Smith. The motion passed unanimously.

Chief Hoover presented the POLICE REPORT as written. The Martinsburg Elementary School held its first career fair on March 5. Chief Hoover served as a first grade reader and received handmade thank-you notes from the students.

Since the last council meeting Chief Hoover was informed that the Tri Star dealer can no longer obtain 2015 Ford Explorers but for \$500 more they could get a 2016. Stuckey Ford Subaru was since contacted and can obtain a 2016 Ford Explorer for about \$200 less than Tri Star's price. *Council on a motion by Ed Bennett, seconded by Janet Blattenberger, RESCINDED last month's motion to order the new 2015 FORD EXPLORER 4 DOOR AWD SUV UTILITY INTERCEPTOR through the Tri Star dealer as a member of Co-Stars (which does not require the purchase to be bid out) at a cost of \$30,836.00 to be paid for from the equipment fund as a three year lease agreement. The motion to rescind passed unanimously.*

Council on a motion by Ed Bennett, seconded by Doug Smith, to purchase the new 2016 FORD EXPLORER 4 DOOR AWD SUV UTILITY INTERCEPTOR through STUCKEY FORD SUBARU for a cost of \$30,363.59 to be paid in three annual installments. This price does include the lighting package. The motion passed unanimously.

Manager Randy Stoltz reported that he was working on a STORM WATER system map on March 17 – he delivered a copy of the map to the Blair County Planning Commission – they are transferring the map into their mapping system – on April 14 the county will bring their draft map out so we can review it on location and then they will print us a final map; on March 19 reviewed along with Jane Staily the WORKER'S COMPENSATION filing procedures with Barb Hoover of The Teeter Group; on March 25 mailed in the 2014 PERFORMANCE RECYCLING 904 GRANT – this year's total from our recycling center was 148.1 tons and last year was only 69.2 – the dollar amount is

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determined by a formula determined by the amount of money available – Manager Stoltz estimates the grant to be \$1,000; on March 27 met with Mike Bowser from PennDOT to review potential streets for the **2015 PAVING PROJECT** - on March 31 Ed Bennett and Manager Stoltz reviewed the streets and verified that they would be recommending paving Locust Street, South Mansard Street and South Ann Street; on April 1 attended an **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MEETING** at the 911 Center – the new Emergency Management Director Mark Taylor introduced himself and informed the local coordinators of upcoming events and his vision for the agency – the county is requesting that we update our plan which was completed in 2012 – Manager Stoltz will review the plan for the next council meeting; on April 6 the annual **COMMUNITY FUND** goal was \$40,250 – to date \$38,392.98 has been raised which is 95% of the goal; and the VFW will be recognized for their generous donations for the **CHRISTMAS SNOWFLAKE DECORATION** when we put them up this fall – three more were purchased this year.

Janet Blattenberger made mention that the key scanner at the **RECYCLING CENTER** requires the keys to be fairly close to the key scanner to activate the gate. She inquired about the dirt mounds at the borough garage. Manager Stoltz was able to acquire the **TOP SOIL** for free from the Grace Brethren Church from the lot where they demolished a house. Janet also inquired if the borough cleans the streets on the state highway on S. Market Street. The borough does sweep it since the state will not. The **STREET SWEEPER** was run over it once already and will be done again a few more times to get all the stone picked up from winter. Its best to use the street sweeper after a rain to keep the dust down.

Janet Blattenberger mentioned that there is an **ALLIANCE WORKSHOP** for Managers on April 29th. Manager Stoltz will not be attending.

The Grace Brethren Church recently **TORE DOWN A HOUSE** removing it from the real estate tax roll.

Attorney Frederick B. Gieg, Jr. recommended that council approve a list of activities that the Martinsburg Volunteer Fire Company schedules which includes the junior firefighters and send a copy of the list to our **WORKERS COMPENSATION COMPANY**.

Ed Bennett reviewed the streets to be paved with Manager Randy Stoltz to include Locust Street and South Mansard Street and South Ann Street for the **2015 PAVING PROJECT**.

Nellie Shultz of the Revitalization Committee planted **PANSIES** from Brubakers Greenhouse and Piney Creek Greenhouse at the town center clock and in the new pots in front of Martinsburg Pizza. They will remain until Memorial Day.

The **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** was unable to get together. They plan to meet before the next council meeting.

Council discussed the **WEB CAM** for town center as mentioned last month by Mike Miller of Only In the Cove. While some thought it was a good idea others weren't so sure feeling it may be an invasion of privacy for others. Council wants the Community Development Committee to contact the town center businesses to get their opinion on the web cam before making any decision on installing one.

*Council on a motion by Ed Bennett, seconded by Linda Smith, approved to advertise to put the **2015 PAVING PROJECT** out for bid. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Council on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by Ed Bennett, approved to send the list of borough approved **ACTIVITIES FOR THE MARTINSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY** and junior fire fighters as it relates to “coverage” under the workers compensation policy to the borough’s workers compensation company AmeriHealth through the Teeter Group. The motion passed unanimously.*

The next **SOUTH CENTRAL COUNTIES BOROUGH’S ASSOCIATION** dinner meeting will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at the American Legion Building at Legion Park in Hollidaysburg. President Connie Lamborn and Mayor Rex Hartman both plan to attend.

A copy of the monthly **MINUTES** of the Martinsburg Volunteer Fire Company from March 9, 2015 was included in the council agenda.

The borough received a **PATRIOTIC CITIZEN AWARD** from the VFW Women’s Auxiliary given in grateful appreciation for unsolicited inspirational patriotic service to the community through the daily display of our National Flag.

Linda Smith complained for the Revitalization Committee that someone actually stuck an advertising **SIGN** in one of the flower pots on the corner of Martinsburg Pizza. The sign will be removed.

*The meeting **ADJOURNED** at 7:55 p.m. on a motion by Ed Bennett, seconded by Linda Smith. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

M. Jane Staily
Borough Secretary