

MARTINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 4, 2016

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Borough Council was held on Monday, April 4, 2016 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, Pro-Tem Durban D. Metzler, Councilman Edward L. Bennett, Councilwoman Janet E. Blattenberger, Councilman P. Robert Dickson and Councilwoman Linda K. Smith (*Doug Smith was excused*)

In addition to the council, present were Manager Randy Stoltz, Borough Secretary/Treasurer Jane Staily, Chief Kerry Hoover, Attorney Matt Gieg, Attorney Chris Jancula, Richard Brantner Jr., Logan Tornatore and Brian Hess of the Morrisons Cove Herald.

*The **MINUTES** of the regular meeting of March 7, 2016, were approved with correction to page 3 changing "The real estate company for the Gulf Stream Café building is currently asking \$280,000 [not \$200,000]" on a motion by Linda Smith, seconded by Janet Blattenberger. The motion passed unanimously.*

The **FINANCIAL AND TREASURER'S REPORTS** were presented for March 2016, as prepared by Treasurer Jane Staily.

*The **LIST OF BILLS** for March 2016 check nos. 8327-8365 in the amount of \$26,695.60 was approved on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by Rob Dickson. The motion passed unanimously.*

Chief Kerry Hoover presented the **POLICE REPORT** as written. March has been an extremely hectic month.

Chief Hoover reported that members of the Radar Coalition have planned a rally tomorrow in Harrisburg to encourage the passage of bills that would allow municipal police to use **RADAR**. State police are currently the only law enforcement agency in Pennsylvania authorized to use radar. Chief Hoover recommended council adopt a resolution in support of the bill. Chief Hoover is not planning to work the cost of radar into the police budget any time soon. *Council on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by Ed Bennett, adopted Resolution No. 2016-0404-02 in support of Senate Bill 535 and House Bill 71 enabling all municipal police to use the same motor vehicle **SPEED-TIMING EQUIPMENT** as the Pennsylvania State Police. The motion passed with 5 yays and one nay from Durban Metzler.*

On March 10th Chief Hoover hosted a meeting for the Chiefs of Police of Blair County to discuss grant information for the hardware and software needed to install the **MOBILE CAD SYSTEM** that Blair County is implementing. A representative from Patrol PC was also here to demonstrate in-car computers that day. Chief Hoover is not sold on the county's recommended software yet.

LOGAN TORNATORE was present as Chief Hoover's recommended candidate for hire as a part-time patrolman. He is 24 years old and just finished the police academy in November. He still needs to get his MOPEC number. He lives in Altoona and currently works as a bouncer at a night club in Altoona called The Island and has one more year of service in the National Guard. He attended Altoona High School. *Council on a motion by Ed Bennett, seconded by Linda Smith, approved to hire Logan Tornatore as a part-time patrolman subject to his successful completion of the testing and receiving his MOPEC number. The motion passed unanimously.*

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Manager Randy Stoltz reported that he and Jane Staily met with April Ressler from The Teeter Group on March 8 to review the borough's **INSURANCE PACKAGE**; there was a **GARAGE FIRE** on March 18 at 300 E. Allegheny St., across the alley from the municipal building – Manager Stoltz thanked the fire company for their quick response which prevented the fire from spreading; PennDOT is conducting a survey of all **SIGNAL LIGHTS** to document the type and model; met with a representative of the Everett Railroad on April 1 to go over plans for the **TRAIN RIDE** on July 5 which is the night of the Agricultural Parade – the Spring Cove School District has approved for Martinsburg to borrow bleachers at no cost for the event – the train will leave the new Hollidaysburg station with a stop in Roaring Spring and then be in Martinsburg by 5:30 p.m. for the parade; the borough crew put up a banner for the **COUNTRY STORE TOUR** being held on April 8 & 9; Manager Stoltz submitted the **SNOW EMERGENCY** information to the county – our total claim was \$6,175.97 – there will be a meeting at the Hollidaysburg Courthouse on April 11 to continue the process with PEMA; Manager Stoltz received a call from Burgmeier's Hauling indicating that the monthly cost to dump the **RECYCLING** bins will increase from \$141 to \$510 per month beginning immediately – the increase in cost will require a total of 306 recycling participants just to break even and we currently only have 269 participants – the increase in cost is due to the current low oil prices which makes it more costly to recycle than to produce things new – metal is the only recyclable that holds any value right now – Manager Stoltz has been checking into getting a compactor – this would keep costs down because more could be put into each recycling bin requiring them to be dumped less often - council mentioned the idea of opening the recycling center to more municipalities to keep it going; and the **COMMUNITY FUND** has collected \$37,782.94 or 94% of its \$40,250 goal.

Janet Blattenberger mentioned that Penelec was out installing some of the new **STREET LIGHT** bulbs on Easter Sunday afternoon. She made note that the new lights do not spread out as far as the old ones. It is now darker between street lights. Manager Stoltz reported that Penelec is replacing them a few at a time as they get time to put them in.

A **SOLAR LIGHT POLE** was destroyed over the weekend. This is the third one to be damaged. Our insurance does not cover them because the deductible is more than the cost of the poles.

Attorney Matt Gieg reported that he is working on a **NEW SKATE BOARD ORDINANCE**. He has a copy of Williamsburg Borough's skate board ordinance which specifically addresses hover boards. Our current ordinance was adopted in 1987.

Linda Smith reported that **PANSIES** were planted in town center. Kelly Bassler will be bringing the youth volunteers out to help clean the **SIDEWALKS**.

Durban Metzler reported that the Community Development Committee met. The committee had ideas for the **GULF STREAM BUILDING**, but the current asking price is too high.

COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP DAY is Saturday, April 23, 2016 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Volunteers are still needed. The scouts and the high school have been informed of the clean-up day.

*Council on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by Ed Bennett, approved of the **AGRICULTURAL PARADE** to be held on Tuesday, July 5, 2016 subject to the required permitting being obtained. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Council on a motion by Linda Smith, seconded by Janet Blattenberger, authorized Borough Secretary Jane Staily to execute a letter to the Morrisons Cove Memorial Park to let them know that council did authorize the **2016 AGRICULTURAL PARADE** subject to obtaining the required permitting. The motion passed unanimously.*

Multiple motions are necessary in applying for the PEMA reimbursement funding for costs incurred during **SNOW STORM JONAS** as follows:

*Council on a motion by Durban Metzler, seconded by Linda Smith, adopted **RESOLUTION NO. 2016-0404-01 AS THE AGREEMENT FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE** that is available for the Snow Storm Jonas under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Public Law 93-288 as amended by Public Law 100-707) and also designates **MANAGER RANDY STOLTZ TO BE THE BOROUGH'S AGENT/SPOKESPERSON** to execute all PEMA documents for funding reimbursement for Snow Storm Jonas. The motion passed unanimously. Martinsburg may be eligible for a reimbursement of \$6,175.97.*

*Council on a motion by Rob Dickson, seconded by Janet Blattenberger, authorized five councilpersons to execute the **DESIGNATION OF AGENT FORM** for the Snow Storm Jonas application. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Council on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by Rob Dickson, designated Borough Manager Randy Stoltz to sign the **PENNSYLVANIA ELECTRONIC PAYMENT PROGRAM** to have the grant funds transferred electronically into the borough's General Fund checking account no. 1800042 at First National Bank. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Council on a motion by Rob Dickson, seconded by Linda Smith, authorized permission for Borough Manager Randy Stoltz to execute the **PUBLIC DISASTER ASSISTANCE APPLICATION DAPP1** and for Borough Secretary/Treasurer Jane Staily to witness it. The motion passed unanimously.*

Manager Randy Stoltz recommended that council may wish to consider renting a few **PORTA POTTIES** for the upcoming train tour for the Agricultural Parade on Tuesday, July 5, 2016. The cost of \$75 each to rent. Areas such as the Church of God, the park and the fire hall are usually open for restroom use also.

*Council on a motion by Ed Bennett, seconded by Rob Dickson, awarded the Notice to Proceed for Contract 2016-1 Martinsburg Borough **ADA RAMP CONSTRUCTION** to Ventura Construction Services, Inc. in the amount of \$65,451 as recommended by Stiffler, McGraw & Associates Engineering subject to the bid documents being reviewed by our solicitor Gieg and Gieg Attorneys. The motion passed unanimously.*

Minutes of the **MARTINSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY'S** meeting of March 14, 2016 was included in the agenda.

The next **SOUTH CENTRAL COUNTIES BOROUGH'S ASSOCIATION** dinner meeting will be held on April 28, 2016 at Iron Masters Country Club.

*The meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:30 p.m. on a motion by Ed Bennett, seconded by Durban Metzler. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

M. Jane Staily
Borough Secretary