

**MARTINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**JUNE 6, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Borough Council was held on Monday, June 6, 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, Vice-President Douglas D. Smith, Pro-Tem Durban D. Metzler, Councilwoman Janet E. Blattenberger, Councilman P. Robert Dickson and Councilwoman Linda K. Smith  
*(Ed Bennett was absent)*

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

*The **MINUTES** of the regular meeting of May 9, 2016, were approved with a grammar correction on page 1 and on page 2 to include that Linda Smith also attended the SCCBA dinner meeting on a motion by Linda Smith, seconded by Janet Blattenberger. The motion passed unanimously.*

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

*The **LIST OF BILLS** for May 2016 check nos. 8407-8440 in the amount of \$44,896.62 was approved on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by Doug Smith. The motion passed unanimously.*

Janet Blattenberger reported that there was **HIGH GRASS** on an E. Christiana Street property near her home. Manager Stoltz has called the Gulf Stream realtor about their high grass. The vacant house on E. Spring Street has been mowed three times by the borough and will be liened for the cost.

Manager Stoltz reported that about 99% of the street lights may already be changed over to the **NEW LED BULBS**. We have a total of 125 street lights in town.

Chief Kerry Hoover presented the **POLICE REPORT** as written. Attorney Matt Gieg and prepared a preliminary draft **SKATE BOARD ORDINANCE**. Chief Hoover and Manager Stoltz will be reviewing it before the next meeting.

Janet Blattenberger thanked Chief Hoover for sending the letter out to the North Woodbury Township resident who was repeatedly trespassing into the **COMPOST SITE** which is reserved for paying borough residents only. This individual was confronted by borough personnel several times but would not adhere to our rules.

Manager Randy Stoltz reported that the following **ADA RAMPS** were poured: May 11 at the corner of Woodlawn and Walnut Street – May 16 at the corner of Woodlawn and Mulberry Streets – June 2 at the corner of S. Market and State Street; on May 25 Manager Stoltz met with Trina Illig who is in charge of the CDBG grants – our grant award was higher than the cost of our current project and since there is bad sidewalk within the scope of our current project we can conduct an income survey along Woodlawn Avenue and if 50% of the household incomes do not exceed the limit then we can apply the grant toward the bad sidewalks; and on May 26 Manager Stoltz submitted an application for a **904 PERFORMANCE RECYCLING GRANT**:

Year	Tons Commingle	Tons newspaper	Tons cardboard
2014	99.6	36.3	12.2
2015	127.63	34.86	11.73

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Burgmeier's are going to replace the three commingled dumpsters with (15) 95-gallon containers which will be picked up twice a week by the route trucks which will save us \$50.00 per month.

Council discussed several vacant properties around town that were in need of MOWING. Some of the owners have already been contacted. One property has been mowed three times by the borough so a lien will be placed on the property.

Secretary/Treasurer Jane Staily reported that a sample "CHANGE OF ASSESSMENT NOTICE" was inserted in the council agenda. The county will be mailing them out to every property owner on July 1<sup>st</sup>. The notice includes information and resources and information on the appeal process.

Attorney Chris Jancula reported that a DRAFT ORDINANCE was prepared which includes skateboarding, hover boards and the like for Chief Hoover and Manager Stoltz to review. Attorney Matt Gieg drafted it and recommends making this one all-inclusive so that all prior skateboard ordinances can be repealed when this one is adopted.

There will *not* be a PAVING PROJECT this year. The municipal authority is doing some water and sewer work so there may be one for next year after their work is complete.

Durban Metzler reported that the municipal authority is planning a WATER RATE INCREASE to take effect September 1, 2016 which would be reflected on the bills mailed in January 2017. The water department currently has annual expenses of about \$140,000 just for debt service and nitrate plant costs alone. A \$2.00 per 1,000 gallon increase would generate an additional \$100,000 more a year to help with the costs. As the water lines are aging it would cost an estimated \$9,000,000 to replace all of the water lines.

The MEDICAL CARE REIMBURSEMENT PLAN has been operating as usual. The future of this plan is unknown as it is anticipated that the Obama Care will take a 60% increase after President Obama completes his term of office next year.

Linda Smith reported that the REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE put flowers and mulch out at the square from local greenhouses last Monday. The watering committee has been set up and is thankful for all the rain we have been getting. Some of the spring pansies have been transplanted around the library.

Doug Smith reported that the Martinsburg Volunteer Department is purchasing a NEW FIRE TRUCK. The new truck should arrive in time for the upcoming Agricultural Parade. Thanks to generous donations the fire department only had to borrow \$175,000 of the total cost of \$550,000 for the truck. The 1979 truck being replaced might be going to a Pittsburgh fire company to use.

NEXT MONTH'S MEETING will be held on Monday, July 11, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

*The meeting ADJOURNED at 7:55 p.m. on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by Rob Dickson. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

M. Jane Staily  
Borough Secretary