

**MARTINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**MARCH 4, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Borough Council was held on Monday, March 4, 2019 in the municipal building. The meeting started at 7:00 p.m. with prayer by Rich Brantner, Jr. and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT:** Mayor Rex L. Hartman, President Connie S. Lamborn, Vice-President Durban D. Metzler, Pro-tem Douglas D. Smith, Councilman Edward L. Bennett, Councilman P. Robert Dickson, Councilman David L. Harker, and Councilwoman Linda K. Smith

In addition to the council, present were Manager Richard Brantner, Jr., Secretary Jane Staily, Chief Kerry Hoover, Sgt. Justin Davis, Attorney Matt Gieg and Attorney Mike Gieg of Gieg Law Offices, PA State Representative Jim Gregory, Attorney Brendan J. Moran of The Beard Legal Group, Five representatives of the Central PA Humane Society: Becky Felton, Paul Lang, Drew Brennan, Casey Brennan, Dave Lurette; and Brian Hess of the Morrisons Cove Herald

**STATE REPRESENTATIVE JIM GREGORY** was present to maintain a connection with Martinsburg. His office is located in the same place where Representatives Jerry Stern and Judy Ward were.

*[Representative Jim Gregory left at 7:05 p.m.]*

Representatives from the Central Pennsylvania Humane Society were present to discuss the **PAWS IN THE PARK** community event they hold every year. Paws in the Park is a huge money maker for the human society. It takes about \$950,000 per year to run the place as it has five buildings and five furnaces and costs about \$5,000 per month just to heat. The past three years the event was held at Legion Park but they are looking for a new location this year. They are considering having it at the Morrisons Cove Memorial Park. The event includes a circus and frisbee show, stray dog strut, kiddy games, a 5K run, and an adult evening with a band. The evening band is an adult event and usually includes alcohol. They were wondering if such an event could be done at our park even though the town is dry. They were thinking of making it a BYOB event and not actually selling alcohol. The use of alcohol at the park was discussed a few years ago and turned out to NOT be permissible. Attorney Matt Gieg will look into the matter further and will contact them with a firm answer.

*[all five representatives from the Central PA Humane Society left at 7:25 p.m.]*

There was an **EXECUTIVE SESSION** to discuss legal matters of a Civil Service Commission from 7:25 p.m. – 8:46 p.m.

*[Attorney Brandon Moran left at 8:00 p.m.]*

President Connie Lamborn thanked Durban Metzler for chairing the meeting last month and thanked the council, mayor and employees for the **FLOWERS** sent to her dad's funeral.

*The **MINUTES** of the regular meeting of February 4, 2019 were approved on a motion by Linda Smith, seconded by Durban Metzler. The motion passed unanimously.*

The **FINANCIAL AND TREASURER'S REPORTS** for February 2019 were presented by Secretary/Treasurer Jane Staily.

*The **LIST OF BILLS** for February 2019 check nos. 9510-9537 in the amount of \$16,278.10 was approved on a motion by Rob Dickson, seconded by David Harker. The motion passed unanimously.*

Chief Kerry Hoover presented the **POLICE REPORT** as written. February was a very busy month. The department spent several days in Huston Township to curb some of the traffic issues down there. The borough only had to pay for three CPR trainings as the other officers already had the training through another department. North Woodbury Township held a meeting at the Morrisons Cove Memorial Park on the DEP septic system issue and they were expecting to possibly have an unruly crowd so we had an officer there but all went well.

**BOROUGH MANAGER** Rich Brantner reported:

**MAR 3 & 4:** – got a few inches of **SNOW**

**FEB 27** – the Martinsburg Municipal Authority had a special meeting to discuss the proposed interconnect for water to **CURRYVILLE** – the municipal authority put a hold on the project for lack of interest by the Curryville residents and they also did not want to burden our existing customers with the cost of Curryville’s debt to do the project

**FEB 27** – had a **WATER LEAK** at 312 S. Market Street

**FEB 20** – the borough crew dealt with 6 inches of **SNOW, SLEET AND RAIN**; Brian and Dusty did a great job with keeping the roads clear – Manager Brantner was unavailable to help as he was dealing with the death of his mother-in-law – he thank borough council, mayor and employees for the flowers that were sent to the funeral; council also commended the crew for the great job of plowing they did

**FEB 13-15** – Cove Flooring replaced the floors in the **AMBULANCE BUILDING**

**FEB 12** – Borough crews dealt with about 4 inches of **SNOW, SOME SLEET, ICE AND RAIN**

**FEB 7** – had a meeting with three board members from the Martinsburg Municipal Authority, Mike Ritchey and a couple representatives from the EADS Group – discussed the proposed interconnection between Martinsburg and **CURRYVILLE**

**FEB 5** – had a **WATER LEAK** at 108 S. Ann Street

A zoning hearing for the **114 W. PENN STREET** property is tentatively planned for Wednesday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. Council persons can attend as long as they do not make a quorum of four.

Borough Secretary/Treasurer Jane Staily reported that Brad Koontz of **RITCHEY, RITCHEY & KOONTZ** has already been in and started the DCED audit for fiscal year ending December 31, 2018 and all is going well.

President Connie Lamborn mentioned that she appreciated the **SWIFTREACH** calls made to the residents of Martinsburg Borough during the recent snow storms. She also reported that the **EMPLOYEE BENEFITS & REGULATIONS MANUAL** Committee is meeting again on the manual.

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Attorney Matt Gieg reported that the sales agreement for the **114 W. PENN STREET** property was signed by the buyer on February 5, 2019. He is also working with M & T Bank, the bank lender for the buyer. The environmental issues on the lot will take an addendum to the sales agreement. Attorney Gieg does not expect that this addendum will change anything. ***Council on a motion by Durban Metzler, seconded by David Harker, authorized to sign the ADDENDUM to the sales agreement for 114 W. Penn Street. The motion passed unanimously.*** The closing needs to be done within 90 days from the signing of the sales agreement on February 5, 2019. The zoning hearing will be held on April 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Zimmermans.

***Council on a motion by Doug Smith, seconded by David Harker, approved to assemble a POLICE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION for the hiring of the third full-time police officer. The motion passed unanimously.***

***Council on a motion by David Harker, seconded by Linda Smith, recommended hiring ATTORNEY BRENDAN MORAN of the Beard Law Group as the Civil Service Consultant to aid in setting up our Police Civil Service Commission. The motion passed unanimously.***

***Council on a motion by Durban Metzler, seconded by David Harker, authorized the Proclamation recognizing April 2019 as PENNSYLVANIA 811 SAFE DIGGING MONTH across our Commonwealth. The motion passed unanimously.***

***Council on a motion by Durban Metzler, seconded by Linda Smith, authorized President Connie Lamborn to put together a LETTER OF SUPPORT for the zoning hearing on the Zimmerman's variance for the 114 W. Penn Street property they are asking for. The motion passed unanimously.***

A thank you note was received for the **COVE CHRISTMAS LOVE** donation the borough made.

Minutes of the February 11, 2019 meeting of the **MARTINSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY** were included in the council agendas.

***The meeting ADJOURNED at 9:00 p.m. on a motion by Durb Metzler, seconded by David Harker. The motion passed unanimously.***

Respectfully submitted,

M. Jane Staily  
Borough Secretary