

MARTINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 8, 2019

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Borough Council was held on Monday, July 8, 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 Richard A. Brantner (Sr.), President Connie S. Lamborn, Vice-President Durban D. Metzler, Councilman P. Robert Dickson, and Councilman David L. Harker (*Doug Smith, Linda Smith and Ed Bennett were absent*)

In addition to the council, present were Manager Richard Brantner, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer Jane Staily, Sgt. Justin Davis, Attorney Matt Gieg, Sandy Weyant and Brian Hess of the Morrisons Cove Herald

SANDRA WEYANDT of 307 S. Market Street was present with a concern about street signs. She had an incident where a contractor mistakenly measured her porch for carpeting that was for 307 N. Market Street. She felt the East, West, North and South should be more apparent to avoid this from happening again. Her concern ties in with the recent discussion with Blair 911 regarding addressing. Possibly something could be done at the square to make it more clear, not necessarily every street sign in town.

[Sandra Weyandt left at 7:09 p.m.]

*The **MINUTES** of the regular meeting of June 3, 2019 were approved on a motion by Rob Dickson, seconded by Durban Metzler. The motion passed unanimously.*

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

*The **LIST OF BILLS** for June 2019 check nos. 9644-9675 in the amount of \$89,589.38 was approved on a motion by Durban Metzler, seconded by David Harker. The motion passed unanimously.*

MAYOR RICHARD BRANTNER (SR.) reported that he submitted his letter to the Republican Party to get his name on the ballot this fall.

Sergeant Justin Davis presented the **POLICE REPORT** as written. The Fourth of July events went smoothly. There was one incident during the **AGRICULTURAL PARADE** where a Pennsylvania State Trooper on his way to a standoff accidentally drove into the parade route without incident. Sergeant Davis wanted to thank all those who helped during the parade. The Saxton fire police helped with traffic control on Walnut Street and did a good job. Parade help takes a lot of manpower including 15-20 police officers, the fire police and constables. There were less **FIREWORKS** incidents this year compared to last year. There has been an increase in domestic violence calls and drug arrests lately. The department is thankful for the new third full-time officer.

BOROUGH MANAGER Rich Brantner reported:

JUN 5 – we blacktopped some pot holes and **WATER LEAK UTILITY CUTS**

JUN 5 – had the county **QUARTERLY LEMC MEETING** in at the 911 Center

JUN 11 – Renee took her **NOTARY TEST** and passed

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JUN 11 – that evening the fire department was called out to a **HOUSE FIRE** at 122 S. Market Street – it was pretty much contained to the basement – the firemen did a real good job of containing the fire

JUN 13 – Jane got her **NEW COMPUTER** installed

JUN 13 – Bettwy started putting the **NEW SECURITY CAMERAS** in throughout the borough building – we added five additional cameras giving us a total of nine now and one of those cameras is in the meeting room

JUN 17 – met with Josh from Stiffler and McGraw along with Connie Lamborn and Attorney Matt Gieg on the **REMEDATION INVESTIGATION REPORT**

JUN 25 – met here at the borough building with Blair County 911 along with Connie Lamborn and Chief Kerry Hoover – they want us to adopt an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement Ordinance meaning that the County of Blair will make the recommendations for the **STREET NAMING AND ADDRESSING**

JUN 26 – attended a meeting about the **CURRYVILLE INTERCONNECTION** along with a few municipal authority members, DEP, PennVEST and a representative from Representative Jim Gregory's office

JUN 27 – the brakes went out on the **STREET SWEEPER** – while having them repaired found out that the master cylinders also went out – the street sweeper has two master cylinders for the brakes, one for the front and one for the back – the cost for each master cylinder will cost an estimated \$1,275 each plus labor

JUL 2 – there were 114 people on the **TRAIN RIDE** into Martinsburg for the Agricultural Parade. The closing for **114 W. PENN STREET** is scheduled for Wednesday, July 10, 2019 at 11:30 a.m.

Attorney Matt Gieg recommended that council approve entering into a co-op for the Blair County 911 street naming ordinance. There is no way to avoid this as they have a set way of addressing properties. The county can only recommend the names as the borough needs to actually name the streets. Sergeant Davis made mention that the borough street signs are in good shape but the Huston Township signs are faded. *Council on a motion by Rob Dickson, seconded by Durban Metzler, approved to join in on the shared advertisement cost with the other municipalities on the **BLAIR COUNTY 911 ORDINANCE** advertisement. The motion passed unanimously.*

Attorney Gieg reported that the closing on the **114 W. PENN STREET PROPERTY** is scheduled to happen this week. He also recommended that council vote to approve **DOUG SMITH'S LETTER OF RESIGNATION** from borough council. Connie Lamborn mentioned that a **NEW PRO-TEM** will also need to be appointed to replace Doug Smith.

Manager Rich Brantner, Jr. reported that the borough has been **MOWING** four vacant properties and will continue to lien them for the expense.

If **CURRYVILLE** can afford it they will be installing a master meter to purchase water from the Martinsburg Municipal Authority. The cost to Curryville to run a line will be around \$1.5 million.

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Secretary/Treasurer Jane Staily reported that once PMRS completes the cost study a new **POLICE PENSION ORDINANCE** will need to be adopted to be Act 600 compliant since we now have three full-time police officers.

A county wide meeting is being planned on **RECYCLING**. Martinsburg Borough is not involved in mandatory recycling.

*Council on a motion by Durban Metzler, seconded by David Harker, appointed Mayor Richard Brantner (Sr.) as the representative for Martinsburg Borough to attend the **GOVERNMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE** meetings. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Council on a motion by David Harker, seconded by Rob Dickson, appointed replacements to the **BLAIR COUNTY TAX COLLECTION BUREAU** for the earned income tax and local services tax to replace Ryan Kirsh of the Spring Cove School District (who left two years ago) as Kathy Hazenstab as the Delegate and Karen Greenwood as the Alternate. The motion passed unanimously.*

Secretary/Treasurer Jane Staily (also elected Tax Collector) presented a list of exonerations for the per capita tax. This list has already been approved by the Spring Cove School District. *Council on a motion by Rob Dickson, seconded by Durban Metzler, approved to **EXONERATE** the list of thirty-four (34) tax payers from the **2018-2019 PER CAPITA TAX** duplicate. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Council on a motion by Durban Metzler, seconded by David Harker, accepted **DOUG SMITH'S LETTER OF RESIGNATION** from the Martinsburg Borough Council effective immediately with regret. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Council on a motion by Durban Metzler, seconded by Davis Harker, appointed Rob Dickson as the new **PRO-TEM** to replace Doug Smith. The motion passed unanimously.*

Minutes of the June 10, 2019 meeting of the **MARTINSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY** were included in the council agendas.

*The meeting **ADJOURNED** at 7:48 p.m. on a motion by Rob Dickson, seconded by Durban Metzler. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

M. Jane Staily
Borough Secretary