

MARTINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 8, 2020

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Borough Council was held on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 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 P. Robert Dickson, Vice-President Durban D. Metzler, Pro-tem Edward L. Bennett, Councilman Charles E. Kensinger, Councilman Darin B. Meck and Councilwoman Linda K. Smith

In addition to council, present were Manager Richard Brantner, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer Jane Staily, Chief Kerry Hoover, Attorney Matt Gieg, and four interested candidates for the council vacancy: James Dell, Ryan Myers, Fred Rainear and Neil Gartland

In response to council's request for **LETTERS OF INTEREST** for the council vacancy left by David Harker's resignation, five borough citizens responded. All five letters were copied and inserted in council's agenda packets for their review. The five interested in the position were: Fredrick Rainear, Neil Gartland, Marvin Thomas, Ryan Myers, and James Dell. Four of those interested were able to attend this evening's meeting for an introduction.

*The **MINUTES** of the regular meeting of August 3, 2020 were approved on a motion by Linda Smith, seconded by Durban Metzler. The motion passed unanimously.*

The **FINANCIAL AND TREASURER'S REPORTS** for August 2020 were prepared and presented by Secretary/Treasurer Jane Staily.

*The **LIST OF BILLS** for August 2020 check nos. 10079-10108 in the amount of \$77,243.60 (including a transfer of \$25,000 to the reserve fund) was approved on a motion by Charles Kensinger, seconded by Darin Meck. The motion passed unanimously.*

MAYOR RICHARD BRANTNER, SR. presented his report as written.

Chief Hoover presented the **POLICE REPORT** as written. The department visited the shooting range to get the officers **QUALIFIED IN FIREARMS**. The **NEW BALLISTICS VESTS** were received. A **GRANT** was applied for and the department will be reimbursed for one-half the amount of the vests. Each vest weighs about 10-12 pounds. **PATROLMAN LOGAN TORNATORE** has returned back to work about two weeks ago after being off on short-term disability for the injuries he sustained from a motorcycle accident in May 2020.

BOROUGH MANAGER Rich Brantner reported:

AUG 6 – Dusty took his **WASTEWATER TEST** – he won't get his results back for a few weeks

AUG 11 – we blacktopped some **UTILITY CUTS**

AUG 12 – received an approval letter from DEP on the remedial investigation report for **114 W. PENN STREET** that Stiffler & McGraw submitted

AUG 17 & 18 – Moody and Associates put a **NEW PUMP** in well no. 1 and pump tested it

AUG 20 – put **WELL NO. 1** back on line

AUG 21 – DEP put Blair County under a **DROUGHT WATCH** which means voluntarily cutting back 5% on water usage

AUG 24 & 25 – we ran a **NEW STORM PIPE** off of Spring Street behind the Mennonite Church

AUG 27 – attended a **WATER/SEWER CLASS** in Bedford for continuing education hours

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AUG 28 – participated in a Blair County **TASKFORCE MEETING** on WebEx

SEP 2 – received the **PERFORMANCE RECYCLING GRANT** in the amount of \$2,199.00

SEP 4 – had a preconstruction meeting on the **WATER LOOP PROJECT** for Oakdale Road and Hoover Drive

Linda Smith reported for the **REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE**. Linda and Nelly replaced the parking lot flowers with fall flowers. The watering committee had a lot of watering to do this summer.

Rob Dickson and Darin Meck still need to get their **NIMS I.D. NUMBERS**.

The **SPRING CLEAN UP** was rescheduled for Saturday, September 12 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. for Martinsburg Borough residents only. Flyer invitations were sent out and will be needed to participate in the program.

Manager Richard Brantner, Jr. was contacted by the county and they are requesting that we consider changing the name of N. Market Street to Piney Creek Road. According to them roadways that pass through more than one municipality should bear the same name wherever possible. North Woodbury Township is not in favor of changing Piney Creek Road to N. Market Street. Manager Rich Brantner, Jr. could see a lot of problems for the residents of North Market Street if they had to change their address on all of their different forms of identification. Chief Hoover likes that when an address is called in for either N. Market Street or Piney Creek Road he can tell by that address whether it is our jurisdiction or not. If it were all the same street name we could be responding to calls that are not ours and vice versa. Attorney Matt Gieg recommended leaving it the way it is. It is not required but only a recommendation to make the change. A motion would be needed to keep it the way it is. *Council on a motion by Durban Metzler, seconded by Linda Smith, authorized to keep the name of **NORTH MARKET STREET** the same as it is and not to make the recommended change to Piney Creek Road and to authorize Manager Richard Brantner, Jr. to contact the county with council's decision. The motion passed unanimously.*

Manager Richard Brantner, Jr. reported that DEP has approved Stiffler & McGraw's report for **114 W. PENN STREET**. There still needs to be some clean up of the well holes yet.

Due to an advertising mistake made by the newspaper the **PENSION ORDINANCES** were tabled until next month.

Due to the uncertainty of the pandemic and the social distancing policies **TRICK OR TREAT 2020** was tabled until next month.

Minutes of the August 10, 2020 meeting of the **MARTINSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY** were included in the council agendas. Due to the pandemic the fire company fund drive letter. It wasn't mailed until August this year. The fire company has chicken barbeque tickets for sale.

*The meeting **ADJOURNED** at 7:47 p.m. on a motion by Ed Bennett, seconded by Darin Meck. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

M. Jane Staily
Borough Secretary