

MARTINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES
NOVEMBER 12, 2020

A special meeting of the Martinsburg Borough Council was held on Thursday, November 12, 2020 in the municipal building to discuss the purchase of real estate and for general purposes. The meeting started at 1:00 p.m.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Richard A. Brantner, Sr., President P. Robert Dickson, Vice-President Durban Metzler, Councilman Neil E. Gartland, Councilman Darin B. Meck and Councilwoman Linda K. Smith [*Councilman Ed Bennett and Charles Kensinger were absent*]

In addition to council, present were Manager Richard Brantner, Jr., and Secretary/Treasurer Jane Staily and Chief Kerry Hoover.

W. Gene Henry would like to purchase the corner house at **310 E. ALLEGHENY STREET** to have it demolished so that the corner of E. Allegheny Street and S. Walnut Street is not so congested with traffic and to make the municipal building that he built in 2011 more visible from the highway. He would then donate the lot to the borough. After speaking with his accountant, he would like to donate the money to the borough and the borough would then make the purchase. The amount would be about \$210,000 (\$200,000 for the purchase of the house and \$10,000 for the demo). *Council on a motion by Durban Metzler, seconded by Darin Meck, approved to accept the monetary donation of about \$210,000 to be used to purchase the house at 310 E. ALLEGHENY STREET and have it demolished. The cost of the purchase and the demo will not exceed the amount of his donation. The motion passed unanimously.*

It was mentioned that the number of **COVID-19 VIRUS CASES** in Blair County is spiking again. In the event that any of the fulltime employee contracts the virus and needs to be off work for a length of time the borough's short-term disability will cover them. It was the consensus of the council to approve shutting down the municipal building to all in-person transactions from the public if need be. This was done in the spring for a while and worked well as people used the drop box to drop payments off and the staff was available by phone during normal business hours. Governor Tom Wolf will be making a news release on Friday regarding the pandemic.

Manager Richard Brantner, Jr. sent Patty Teeter a letter updating her on the **SNOWBERGER MEAT MARKET** discussed at the November meeting. There is a "For Sale" sign posted on the market now. The Martinsburg Municipal Authority meets next Thursday if Mike Snowberger wants to attend their meeting to discuss the blood discharge and the sewer surcharge bill.

*The meeting **ADJOURNED** at 1:10 p.m. on a motion by Neil Gartland, seconded by Linda Smith. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

M. Jane Staily
Borough Secretary