

MARTINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 6, 2023

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Borough Council was held on Monday, March 6, 2023 in the municipal building. The meeting started at 7:00 p.m. with prayer by Richard Brantner, Jr. and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Richard A. Brantner, President P. Robert Dickson, Vice-President Durban D. Metzler, Pro-tem Charles E. Kensinger, Councilman Edward L. Bennett, Councilwoman Janet E. Blattenberger, Councilman James C. Dell and Councilman Darin B. Meck

In addition to council, present were Manager Richard Brantner, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer Jane Staily, Chief Kerry Hoover, Attorney Nathan Karn; Susan Rea and Jacob Reilly of Hollidaysburg Ambulance; Sandy Weyandt, and Anna Baughman of the Morrisons Cove Herald

Jacob Reilly, Chairman of Public Relations for the Hollidaysburg Ambulance was present to update council on the associations. The service they provide here in town is a 24-hour service with both Advanced Life Support (paramedic) and Basic Life Support (emergency medical transport). They currently have three stations: two in Hollidaysburg (Scotch Valley and American Legion) and one in Martinsburg. Martinsburg Borough has a contract signed with them until 2025.

*The **MINUTES** of the meeting of February 6, 2023 were approved on a motion by Charles Kensinger, seconded by Janet Blattenberger. The motion passed unanimously.*

The **FINANCIAL AND TREASURER'S REPORTS** for February 2023 were prepared and presented by Secretary/Treasurer Jane Staily.

*The **LIST OF BILLS** for February 2023, check nos. 10967-10986 in the amount of \$40,026.10 (including a transfer to the Reserve Fund for \$28,000.00) was approved on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by Durban Metzler. The motion passed unanimously.*

MAYOR RICHARD BRANTNER (Sr.) presented his report as written.

Chief Hoover presented the **POLICE REPORT** as written. No employment applications have been received yet for either position of part-time officer or full-time officer. In response to a question it costs about \$800 to go through the police academy. Some municipalities are paying this tuition and wages for cadets to get the training. MPOETC can reimburse for 70% of the cost back to the police department. The new cruiser arrived last Wednesday and is at Jack White's for detailing. Training sessions are scheduled for the new RMS System with plans to go live on April 1.

BOROUGH MANAGER Rich Brantner reported:

FEB 8 – the tie in is complete for the **CURRYVILLE** interconnect – not in use yet

FEB 9 – the borough crew cut down the **TREE** behind the ambulance building – it was mostly dead

FEB 22 – we received our **HIGHWAY LIQUID FUELS** money from the State in the amount of \$58,228

FEB 23 – the Martinsburg Fire Company along with about eight other departments was dispatched at about 4:00 a.m. for a **BARN FIRE** at the Metzler Farm – it was pretty big in nature – its unfortunate for the loss of the barn and equipment but there were no injuries or loss of any animals

FEB 28 – the borough crew had to fix a pipe that broke in one of the tanks at the **WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT**

MAR 2 – **COVE SHOE** is having sewer problems – they dug up the line and the pipe was broken

MAR 2 – started to advertise the **2006 DUMP TRUCK FOR SALE** on social media and it will be put in the local newspaper – bids will be due on April 3rd for the next council meeting

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Manager Rich Brantner, Jr. reported that he is in the process of setting up the new notification system to residents. **RAVE** will be replacing the SwiftReach System we currently have in place. DEP requires the municipal authority to have an emergency notification system for the water system.

Manager Rich Brantner, Jr. has been watching the monthly interest rates in the Equipment Fund and feels the borough would do a lot better switching from First National Bank to PLGIT, the difference being about .65% and 4.35%. ***Council on a motion by Ed Bennett, seconded by Darin Metzler, authorized to move the EQUIPMENT FUND account from First National Bank to PLGIT. The motion passed unanimously.***

Attorney Nathan Karn prepared the advertisement for Ordinance No. 2023-645 No Well Drilling and it was properly advertised. The ordinance allows for thermal wells but no wells for consumption. ***Council on a motion by Durban Metzler, seconded by Janet Blattenberger, adopted ORDINANCE NO. 2023-645 NO WELL DRILLING. The motion passed unanimously.***

The information about **ACT 151 OF 2022** regarding the personal information notification was passed on to our IT Tech Chris Brooks.

Council on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by James Dell, officially approved MARK GARTLAND to the Zoning Hearing Board. The motion passed unanimously.

Manager Rich Brantner, Jr. reported that 150,000 gallons of water was used from Henry's Pond to fight Rodney Metzler's large **BARN FIRE**.

Chief Kerry Hoover informed council that the State Police vehicles have recently changed from white to gray vehicles like the Martinsburg **CRUISERS**. The major differences now are the light bars. The state police have outside light bars while ours are inside.

Minutes of the regular meeting of January 9, 2023 and February 13, 2023 of the **MARTINSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY** were included in the agenda packet.

The meeting ADJOURNED at 7:35 p.m. on a motion by Ed Bennett, seconded by Darin Meck. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

M. Jane Staily
Borough Secretary