

MARTINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 3, 2023

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Borough Council was held on Monday, April 3, 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, Sandy Weyandt, and Anna Baughman of the Morrisons Cove Herald

*The **MINUTES** of the meeting of March 6, 2023 were approved on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by James Dell. The motion passed unanimously.*

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

*The **LIST OF BILLS** for March 2023, check nos. 10987-10995 in the amount of \$3,891.34 was approved on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by Charles Kensinger. The motion passed unanimously.*

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

Chief Hoover presented the **POLICE REPORT** as written. The **NEW CRUISER** is completed and has been in service since the second week of March. We had several training classes in our conference room on the new **CNET PROGRAM**. Martinsburg went live with the program on March 26. The new program is a learning curve. The old program was used for twenty years. This one is a little different. Chief Hoover recommended everyone check their **ONLINE BANKING** frequently. Recently there have been hackings into the online banking using copies of checks that vendors receive from people and draining their checking account. Chief Hoover was recently a victim of such A scam. He may make a news release about it on Face Book to make people aware. One more patrolman **EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION** was handed out but none have been brought back.

BOROUGH MANAGER Rich Brantner reported:

MAR 7 – Jane and I had a conference call with Attorney Karn on **LIENS AND SHUT-OFF PROCEDURES** for non-payment of water and sewer bills

MAR 9 – had a team meeting on the **CURRYVILLE** connection

MAR 10 – Jane, Renee and I had a Zoom meeting on the **RAVE** procedure for the automated call out system replacing SwiftReach

MAR 13 – had a pre-ops inspection with DEP on the **CURRYVILLE** interconnection

MAR 15 – went to a **SERVICE LINE** inventory training class

MAR 21 – picked up the **NEW TRUCK** from Stucky's

MAR 22 – had a meeting with the **VILLAGE OF MORRISONS COVE** on some zoning issues

MAR 31 – had an individual run into the **FENCE** at the wastewater plant

Manager Rich Brantner spoke with Jake, the Blair County Manager. They are trying to tie in the square with another **PAVING PROJECT** in the district to try and mill down the bad areas and resurface.

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Durban was told that the municipal authority was looking into a possible **NEW BILL FORM** format per his inquiry.

Attorney Nathan Karn prepared a resolution for handling **LIENS** and an attached lien fee schedule. Attorney Karn explained the fees and phases which is pretty standard for municipalities to have and use.

Charles Kensinger wanted to remind citizens that there will soon be more kids on **BICYCLES AND MOTORCYCLES** will be out with the onset of nice weather. He encouraged traffic to slow down.

Truck bids for the borough's 2006 Ford Dump Truck for sale were being received for over \$10,500 until 4:30 p.m. today. The following bids were received. *Council on a motion by Charles Kensinger, seconded by Janet Blattenberger, accepted the bid for \$16,900 from John Miller of Cherrytown PA for the borough's **2006 FORD F-350 SUPER DUTY DUMP TRUCK**. The motion passed unanimously.*

Advantage Auto Service	Johnstown PA	\$11,500
Kevin Smith	Roaring Spring PA	\$11,200
Cove Prep/Cove Secure	Torrance PA	\$15,000
Mike Long	Martinsburg PA	\$16,500
Bill Gigante	State College PA	\$16,300
John Miller	Cherrytown PA	\$16,900
Jeff McConnell	Hollidaysburg PA	\$15,600

It was the consensus of council to continue to **EXTEND THE APPLICATION DEADLINE** for the full-time and part-time police positions. The Pennsylvania Chiefs of Police still have our ad on their website and our Face Book ad can be updated. All the police departments seem to be having the same hiring issues. Logan Township and the City of Altoona use to get hundreds of applications in the recently Logan Township received five. The State Police use to get thousands of applications but recently they have only received less than two hundred. Martinsburg Borough wants good applicants not just applicants. No body can be better than the wrong person hired. The problem getting police officers seems to be nationwide

The Morrisons Cove Memorial Park submits an application to PennDOT each year for the Agricultural Parade and the application needs to be in about six weeks prior to the event. Part of the process is the inclusion of a letter from the Borough of Martinsburg approving the road closings. Council on a motion by *Durban Metzler, seconded by Janet Blattenberger, to allow the pertaining streets to be closed for the **2023 AGRICULTURAL PARADE** on July 11, 2023 subject to the Morrisons Cove Memorial Park obtaining the necessary PennDOT permit(s). Council's letter of approval through this motion will be attached to the permit. The motion passed unanimously.*

*Council on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by Charles Kensinger, adopted Resolution No. 2023-0403-01 Adopting a schedule of attorney's fees for entry of **MUNICIPAL LIENS** and execution thereon pursuant to 53 P.S. §7106. The motion passed unanimously.*

Manager Rich Brantner, Jr. reported that the fire company **CHICKEN BARBEQUE** will be held on Saturday, April 15th.

A Thank You was received from Susan Rea of the **HOLLIDAYSBURG AMBULANCE** for allowing her to address council at the last meeting.

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Thank yous were received from the **MORRISONS COVE MEMORIAL PARK** for the 2023 allocations totaling \$1,500 made to them from the Borough of Martinsburg.

A list was included in the agenda packet of the **JUNE/JULY 2023 ACTIVITIES:**

FRI & SAT	June 16 & 17	Fire Company Ox Roast
MON	July 3	Council Meeting
FRI	July 7	Bargain Days
TUE-SAT	JUL 11-15	Cove Carnival
TUE	JUL 11	Agricultural Parade
	JUL???	Fireworks
SAT	JUL 15	Boosters Chicken BBQ
THU	JUL 20	Martinsburg Municipal Authority meeting

*The meeting **ADJOURNED** at 7:48 p.m. on a motion by Ed Bennett, seconded by Darin Meck. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

M. Jane Staily
Borough Secretary