

**MARTINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**JUNE 5, 2023**

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Borough Council was held on Monday, June 5, 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:** 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 (*Mayor Richard Brantner was absent*)

In addition to council, present were Manager Richard Brantner, Jr., Secretary/Treasurer Jane Staily, Lt. Justin Davis, Attorney Nathan Karn, Sandy Weyandt, and Anna Baughman of the Morrisons Cove Herald

*The MINUTES of the meeting of May 1, 2023 were approved on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by James Dell. The motion passed unanimously.*

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

*The LIST OF BILLS for May 2023, check nos. 11044-11069 in the amount of \$191,780.19 (\$70,000 was a transfer to the Reserve Fund) was approved on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by James Dell. The motion passed unanimously.*

MAYOR RICHARD BRANTNER (Sr.) was absent but his written report was presented.

Lieutenant Justin Davis presented the POLICE REPORT as written.

BOROUGH MANAGER Rich Brantner reported:

MAY 2 – the borough crew started painting the municipal authohrity's RENTAL HOUSE inside – the tenant moved out

MAY 5 – had a meeting with the ZIMMERMANS and their contractor – they are hoping to get started in July or August this year

MAY 6 (Saturday) – the ELECTRICAL TRANSFORMER in front of Martinsburg Pizza shorted out causing the power to go out for about 5-6 hours at the signal light – we had to set up the generator – thanks to Chief Hoover for his help

MAY 9 – we officially started supplying CURRYVILLE with water – they will be billed monthly

MAY 18 – attended the municipal authority meeting – they awarded the E. CHRISTIANA STREET WATERLINE project to next lowest bidder T. L. Long Excavating hoping to get started around August - the lowest bidder had things missing in their contract

MAY 22 – put RIVER ROCK around the generator at the municipal building

MAY 23 – MULCHED around shrubs at the municipal building

MAY 24 – we did a test on our new emergency call system which is now RAVE

MAY 25 – we PAINTED turning arrows, stop bars and crosswalks and the parking lot downtown

MAY 26 – PAINTED PARKING SPOTS at the municipal building and ambulance building

Secretary/Treasurer Jane Staily reported that Young, Oakes, Brown and Company are in the process of doing the 2022 ANNUAL AUDIT of the municipal authority and the 2022 Highway Liquid Fuels audit is scheduled for June 7.

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Attorney Nathan Karn reported that the municipal authority is under some new water testing rules since there are traces of **PFAS** in one of the wells. PFAS is an element of fire fighting foam which largely is coming from the airport. PFAS is a forever chemical found in a large list of other products too that does not breakdown in the body. A well filter system will be needed to remove PFAS from our drinking water. Our PFAS levels are incredibly low. No definite studies are even out there to say how much causes health problems. The federal government is going after the makers of such products. The municipal authority has become part of a national litigation to try to get moneys from the makers of the products to help pay for the upcoming expense of PFAS testing. The municipal authority was asked to be a representative of small water companies.

Durbin Metzler reported that Ty Nevins is moving into the **OLD MORRISONS COVE HERALD BUILDING** with his T-shirt silk screening business.

Council is continuing to extend deadlines for the **POLICE EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS**.

Manager Rich Brantner, Jr. mentioned the availability of a **POLLUTION LIABILITY INSURANCE** policy offered by The Teeter Group. Cost of the policy is \$1,200 per year for the borough and \$3,600 per year for the municipal authority for \$1,000,000 coverage. The municipal authority has more liability than the borough with the wastewater treatment plant near the stream, outdoor tanks and hauling liquid manure. It was the consensus of borough council to not purchase the policy at this time since the borough only has fuel tanks inside the garage and they are fairly new.

The Martinsburg Volunteer Fire Company has their **2023 OX ROAST** scheduled for June 16 & 17.

Copies of the minutes for the **MARTINSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY** for March 13, April 10 and May 8, 2023 were included in the agenda packet.

*The meeting **ADJOURNED** at 7:43 p.m. on a motion by Ed Bennett, seconded by Darin Meck. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

M. Jane Staily  
Borough Secretary