

October 2, 2023

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Monday evening October 2, 2023, 7:00 PM, in Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

Josephine Laird, Council President, called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Present were Councilors William Cox, Cheryl Evernham, Joseph Flynn, John Johnson, Larry Killinen, Josephine Laird and Michael Manerchia, Also present were Mayor Gene Taylor and Borough Manager Deborah Hurst.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by _____ seconded by _____ to dispense with the reading of the minutes of the last meeting and that they stand as written. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF RECEIPT VOUCHER

Manager advised that the receipt voucher for the month of September totaled \$_____. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to receive and deposit. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

Manager advised that the payment voucher for the time period from September 6, 2023 through October 2, 2023 totaled \$_____. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Borough Council was advised prior to the last business day of September the expected municipal financial obligation for the uniformed and non-uniformed pension plans in 2024, as required by Act 205 of 1984. The Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the uniformed pension plan is \$432,263 (\$350,089 for 2023) and for the non-uniformed plan the figure is \$27,092 (\$31,954 for 2023). Motion by _____ second by _____ to receive and file. All in favor.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and October 20th is National Mammography Day. Breast Cancer is the most common cancer among women except for non-melanoma skin cancers; it's also the second leading cause of cancer death in women, exceeded only by lung cancer. According to the CDC, approximately 250,000 new cases of female invasive Breast Cancer and 2,300 cases of male invasive Breast Cancer are diagnosed each year. Death rates from Breast Cancer have been declining, and this change is believed to be the result of treatment advances, earlier detection, and increased awareness. A Mammography, or an "x-ray of the breast", is recognized as the single most effective method of detecting breast changes that may be cancer long before physical symptoms can be seen or felt. The Borough will hold a drive where we will be selling breast cancer awareness wristbands and pins for \$5 and Councilor J. Flynn donated pink and white, hand-crafted stuffed bears, we will be selling for \$10 a piece at the Municipal Building, Marcus Hook Police Station, and Mary M. Campbell Library during the month of October, with all proceeds received to be donated to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Motion by J. Flynn second by M. Manerchia to adopt Borough Resolution No. R-23-9, proclaiming October, 2023 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and October 20, 2023 as Mammography Day in the Borough of Marcus Hook, as well as resolving to donate all proceeds from our breast cancer awareness drive to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. All in favor.

Manager presented the Monthly Code Enforcement Report for the month of September, 2023. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to receive and file the Monthly Code Enforcement Report. All in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Taylor presented the Police Report and related statistics for the month of September, 2023. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to receive and file the Mayor's Public Safety Report. All in favor.

The Marcus Hook Trainer Fire Department would like approval to hold a Tag Day in October. The date is still to be determined. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve the Marcus Hook Trainer Fire Company to hold a Tag Day in October. All in favor.

Manager noted that the Marcus Hook Police Department is requesting approval to take part in the "No Shave November Campaign". No-Shave November is a month long campaign to raise awareness in which participants forgo shaving and grooming for the month of November in order to raise awareness and funding for cancer prevention, research and education. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to approve the Marcus Hook Police Department to take part in the "No Shave November Campaign". All in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAY

The Borough of Marcus Hook plans on hosting a bulk trash/e-waste/shredding event at the Marcus Hook Highway Garage on Saturday, October 21, 2023 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Residents are entitled to one free bulk trash item, free television disposals, and free shredding. Collected items will be turned over to ECOvanta for recycling, at no cost to the Borough of Marcus Hook. Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to record and file. All in favor.

PARKS, RECREATION AND SHADE TREES

Manager reported that there are two openings on the Recreation Board. President Gail LaVallee has resigned. Lauren Ottinger has been appointed President. Residents interested in joining the Recreation Board should contact Lauren Ottinger through the Recreation Board website. All members are required to get a child abuse clearance, FBI clearance and PA State clearance.

LIBRARY

Manager read the following report submitted by Librarian, Tianjia Wang:

HISTORY

The Marcus Hook Preservation Society was positively acknowledged for coordinating the Pirate Festival held on September 16th. The Marcus Hook Preservation Society unveiled the National Register roadside marker funded by the William G. Pomeroy Foundation. The Pomeroy Foundation provides grants so public properties and historic districts on the National Register of Historic Places can commemorate their designation and share this achievement with their community. The Plank House, at 221 Market Street in Marcus Hook, PA is the recipient of this prestigious marker.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor L. Killinen reported the following July and August MHTFD reports. MHTFD responded to 42 fire alarms in July and 41 in August 2023.

PUBLIC COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at _____ PM.

Deborah A. Hurst
Borough Secretary