

April 2, 2018

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Monday evening April 2, 2018, 7:00 PM, in Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present were Councillors Cheryl Everngham, Joseph Flynn, John Kennard, Anna Kersey, Josephine Laird and Michael Manerchia. Also present were Mayor Gene Taylor, Solicitor Mark Much, and Borough Manager Andrew Weldon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by M. Manerchia second by J. Kennard 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 March totaled \$463,476.22. Motion by C. Everngham second by M. Manerchia to receive and deposit. All in favor.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Manager reported that the Borough's Annual Audit and Financial Report for the year ending December 31, 2017 has been completed and received. The Condensed Audit and Financial Report will be published in the Daily Times on April 9, 2018, and the audit is available for public inspection at the Borough's administrative office. Motion by J. Flynn second by C. Everngham to receive and file. All in favor.

Manager reported that the Borough of Marcus Hook has signed a Recycling Commitment Form with Gold Metal Environmental to empty the paper recycling bins twice a month. The Borough will receive a fee of \$5/ton, and will be required to hold a minimum of two paper drives, and promote the program. Motion by C. Everngham second by A. Kersey to receive and file. All in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Taylor presented the Police Report and related statistics for the month of March, 2018. Motion by M. Manerchia second by A. Kersey to receive and file the Mayor's Public Safety Report. All in favor.

Manager noted two letters of resignation were received from part-time police officers, Bill Coyle, effective March 30, 2018 and Robert Elliott Singleton, effective March 1, 2018. Motion by C. Everngham second by J. Flynn to receive and file. All in favor.

Mayor Taylor administered the loyalty oath to newly appointed part-time police officers Ryan Feeley and Christopher Reynolds.

Mayor Taylor recommended the appointment of Morgan Ditmer as part-time police officer, upon completion of all required clearances. Motion by C. Everngham second by M. Manerchia to appoint Morgan Ditmer to the position of part-time police officer, upon completion of all required clearances. All in favor.

## PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Manager reported that the Borough advertised surplus property for sale in March, 2018 on the online municipal auction website municibid.com; a 1994 Bobcat 753 Loader and an Aladdin Pressure Washer. The winning bid for the 1994 Bobcat Loader was in the amount of \$11,211 from William Dell. Motion by A. Kersey second by J. Flynn to approve the execution of a sales agreement with William Dell in the amount of \$11,211 for the sale of the 1994 Bobcat 753 Loader. All in favor.

The winning bid for the Aladdin Pressure Washer was in the amount of \$410 from Michael Marino. Motion by M. Manerchia second by J. Flynn to approve the execution of a sales agreement with Michael Marino in the amount of \$410 for the Aladdin Pressure Washer. All in favor.

Manager mentioned that Marcus Hook Borough has scheduled an e-Waste/Shredding/Bulk Trash event at the Marcus Hook Highway Garage, located at 11 11<sup>th</sup> Street: Saturday, May 12<sup>th</sup>. The event will take place rain or shine from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The Borough is offering one free television disposal, per Borough of Marcus Hook resident, additional televisions will be \$25 for normal televisions and \$50 for rear projection/console-type televisions. Motion by A. Kersey second by J. Flynn to receive and file. All in favor.

Manager presented the second reading and adoption of ordinance number O-18-1, amending the Code of the Borough of Marcus Hook, Chapter 157, Property Maintenance, adding article V, to be entitled "Graffiti". This Ordinance was duly advertised in the Wednesday, March 14, 2018 edition of the Daily Times. Motion by C. Everngham second by J. Flynn to adopt ordinance number O-18-1. All in favor.

Manager presented the second reading and adoption of ordinance number O-18-2, amending the Code of the Borough of Marcus Hook, Chapter 191, Vehicles and Traffic, Section 82, Schedule XVIII, Special Purpose Parking Zones/ Residential Parking Zones. This Ordinance was duly advertised in the Sunday, March 11, 2018 edition of the Daily Times. Motion by A. Kersey second by J. Flynn to adopt ordinance number O-18-2. All in favor.

Manager announced that the Borough is accepting applications for employment for summer laborers with the Highway Department, 24 hour work week. Applications will be accepted through the close of business on April 27, 2018. Motion by M. Manerchia second by J. Kennard to record and file. All in favor.

## PARKS, RECREATION and SHADE TREES

Council Recreation Committee Chair C. Everngham announced the entertainment line-up for the Marcus Hook Summer Music Festival - 2018, the thirty-second consecutive year, as follows: July 3 – Diamond State Concert Band, July 10 – South Philadelphia String Band, July 17 – Stray Sounds, July 24 – Wall Street, July 31 – Boy in Black, Aug 7 – Robert Eric, and Aug 14 – Chichester Community Band. Motion by C. Everngham second by M. Manerchia to approve the Entertainment Contracts totaling in the amount of \$10,900 for the summer concerts on July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, August 7, & 14 at Market Square Memorial Park. All in favor.

In keeping with the Borough's annual Arbor Day observance, the Shade Tree Commission has recommended the passage of a municipal Resolution proclaiming April 27, 2018 as Arbor Day in Marcus Hook. The Arbor Day program is scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 PM at the Mickey Vernon Park. Motion by J. Flynn second by M. Manerchia to adopt Borough Resolution No. R-18-5 proclaiming April 27, 2018 as Arbor Day in Marcus Hook. All in favor.

Manager reported that for the thirty-third straight year Marcus Hook has been named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation. The presentation of the Tree City USA flag and other recognition materials will be coordinated with the Borough's Arbor Day ceremony on April 27, 2018. Motion by C. Evernham second by M. Manerchia to receive and file. All in favor.

Acknowledged were the members of the Marcus Hook Recreation and Park Board who coordinated the St. Patrick's Day Craft Event on March 10, 2018 and Breakfast with the Easter Bunny/Easter Egg Hunt held at the Community Center and Market Square Memorial Park on March 31, 2018 where over 50 Borough children attended. Motion by C. Evernham second by J. Kennard to record and file. All in favor.

Councillor Joe Flynn requested Council approval for the 9th Annual Fishing Derby to be held at the Market Square Memorial Park and Marcus Hook Fishing Pier on Sunday, June 17, 2018. Motion by J. Kennard second by M. Manerchia to approve the scheduling and use of Market Square Memorial Park and Marcus Hook Fishing Pier for the Fishing Derby on Sunday, June 17, 2018, 12:00 PM - 2:45 PM. Sign-ups will be on Sunday, June 17th at 11:00 AM and awards will be presented at 3:00 PM. All in favor.

Manager introduced Borough Resolution No. R-18-6 to support and endorse the application of the Borough of Marcus Hook to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for Grant funds to expand the Mickey Vernon Park children's playground with a mega tower, new swings, and a ten spin, as well as provide increased handicapped accessibility to both the playgrounds as well as Mickey Vernon 1 softball field, new fencing, and finally to replace the backstop on Mickey Vernon 1 softball field. Motion by C. Evernham second by J. Kennard to adopt Resolution No. R-18-6. All in favor.

### COUNCIL REPORTS

Councillor J. Laird reported that the MHTFD in February responded to 23 fire alarms.

Councillor J. Flynn expressed his gratitude for getting the Marcus Hook Fishing Pier open on time this year. Councillor J. Flynn also expressed his gratitude and recognition to the Marcus Hook Recreation and Park Board for their efforts during the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31 and for all other events they host.

Councillor C. Evernham expressed her gratitude and recognition to the Marcus Hook Recreation and Park board, especially Sara Malascalza, Marie Swanson, and Pat Koch. Councillor C. Evernham was sorry that she could not attend the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31, but heard the event was wonderful.

Mayor G. Taylor thanked Nick Carvella for painting the cannons at the Marcus Hook War Memorials, and thanked Dan Caratello for donating buffet hams which were given out at Cokesbury church as well as four crates of milk.

Councillor A. Kersey also thanked Dan Caratello for their donation of buffet hams and milk to Cokesbury church.

Councillor J. Laird thanked the Marcus Hook Recreation and Park board for their efforts this past Saturday at the Easter Egg Hunt.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Brian Hughes, formerly of 608 Market Street and currently 312 Market Street, informed Mayor and Council that the police had been called numerous times to his residence for barking dog's complaints. He also said the Code Enforcement Officer had received anonymous complaints regarding access to the property and potential fire hazards. Brian said all of these claims were unfounded. Brian speculated that a

politician in town could be using their power to harm him and his family. Brian wants this to stop and said that he will not hesitate to retain legal counsel and bring suit against the Borough if this continues.

Lorraine Daliessio, 1050 Yates Avenue expressed her appreciation that the Borough was working on better communication with residents when it came to major events in the Borough. Lorraine also expressed her concern with the response from Mayor and Council when she brought her opinion of a lack of communication to the Borough's attention, and her intention to speak about it at last month's Council Meeting. Lorraine felt that the Borough ignored a major event affecting many residents and didn't address the loss of power experienced by residents. After Manager Weldon noted that it was discussed, at length, at March's Council Meeting, Lorraine clarified that she wished Council had started the conversation and taken the initiative with it, rather than allowing Lorraine to start the conversation. Lorraine said she also felt intimidated, ridiculed, bullied, and even threatened, and that residents who care enough about their neighbors and to get involved deserve better treatment.

#### APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

Manager advised that the payment voucher for the time period from March 6, 2018 through April 2, 2018 totaled \$154,153.17. Motion by J. Flynn second by C. Everngham to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by C. Everngham second by M. Manerchia to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:43 PM.

Andrew Weldon  
Borough Secretary