

August 5, 2019

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Monday evening August 5, 2019, 7:00 PM, in Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

Josephine Laird, Council President, called the meeting to order. A moment of silence

ROLL CALL

Present were Councillors William Cox, Cheryl Evernham, Paula Ewing, Joseph Flynn, John Kennard, Josephine Laird and Michael Manerchia. Also present were Mayor Gene Taylor and Borough Manager Andrew Weldon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by W. Cox second by M. Manerchia 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 July totaled \$109,546.46. Motion by C. Evernham second by M. Manerchia to receive and deposit. All in favor.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Manager reported that the Borough has renewed its property/casualty insurance coverage for the period of August 1, 2019 - August 1, 2020. The combined premium cost is \$70,766, a decrease of \$27 from the expired program at inception. Motion by W. Cox second by P. Ewing to ratify the renewal of the Borough's insurance package for the 2019/2020 coverage period. All in favor.

Manager presented for first reading Borough Ordinance No. O-19-3 amending the Code of the Borough of Marcus Hook, Chapter 148, Parking Lots, Municipal, renumbering current section 148-7 to 148-8, and adding a new section: 148-7, Repairing vehicles in municipal parking lots. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Flynn to authorize the advertisement of Ordinance No. O-19-3. All in favor.

Manager presented a tax assessment appeal from the Alan McIlvain Company for the parcel of property listed under folio no. 24-00-00480-00 and located at 4th and Market Streets, in the Borough of Marcus Hook. For 2019, this property will have a Fair Market Value of \$3,395,000 and an assessed value of \$1,972,495 and for 2020, this property will have a Fair Market Value of \$3,446,165 and an assessed value of \$1,943,637. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Flynn to accept the tax assessment appeal as noted above for folio no. 24-00-00480-00 for the tax years 2019 and 2020. All in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Taylor presented the Police Report and related statistics for the month of July, 2019. Motion by M. Manerchia second by P. Ewing to receive and file the Mayor's Public Safety Report. All in favor.

Manager noted a letter of resignation was received from part-time police officer, Anthony Grosso, effective May 31, 2019. Motion by W. Cox second by M. Manerchia to receive and file. All in favor.

Mayor Taylor recommended the appointment of Michael Tierney as part-time police officer, upon completion of all required clearances. Motion by J. Flynn second by J. Kennard to appoint Michael Tierney to the position of part-time police officer, upon completion of all required clearances. All in favor.

Manager presented for adoption Borough Resolution No. R-19-6 proclaiming August 6, 2019 as “National Night Out” in Marcus Hook, a unique nationwide program in which the Borough would join forces with communities across the country in promoting cooperative, police-community crime prevention efforts. Marcus Hook Borough is one of 7 municipalities in Delaware County that were recognized by District Attorney Katayoun Copeland and County Council for participating in National Night Out. Motion by W. Cox second by C. Everngham to adopt Resolution No. R-19-6. All in favor.

Notice received from the Marcus Hook Trainer Fire Department that Anthony Capasso has resigned from the position of Fire Marshall and recommended appointment of Bobby Kersey, Jr. to the position of Fire Marshall for the remainder of the current term to expire on December 31, 2021. Motion by J. Kennard second by J. Flynn to appoint Bobby Kersey Jr. to the position of Fire Marshall. All in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Bids were opened on June 26, 2019, at 10 AM for the 2019 Street Resurfacing Project and tabulated as follows:

Project	A.F. Damon Inc.	Jos. E. Sucher & Sons, Inc.
Base Bid: 5,199 Milling Sq Yards 120 SY Base Repair 560 TN 1 ½" Suprepave	\$72,997.00	\$76,116.50

Motion by W. Cox second by M. Manerchia to accept the 2019 Street Resurfacing Project bid from A.F. Damon Inc. covering the milling and resurfacing of Green Street from Delaware Avenue to 6th Street in the amount of \$72,997.00. All in favor.

PARKS, RECREATION and SHADE TREES

Manager presented Resolution No. R-19-7, authorizing application to the 2019 PECO Green Region Open Space Program for the Market Square Memorial Park Landscape Restoration Project. The Market Square Memorial Park Landscape Restoration Project will re-landscape the vegetation buffer at the northeast border of the park to help keep the passive beauty of the park intact. Motion by C. Everngham second by P. Ewing to adopt Resolution No. R-19-7.

Manager presented the Delaware County Open Space and Recreational Municipal Grant Program’s Declaration of Public Trust, Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions to be entered for the parcels of land that make up Market Square Memorial Park. The purpose of this declaration is to ensure that any monies used by the Open Space and Recreational Municipal Grant Program towards an open space, natural areas, natural resource conservation, agriculture and/or public parks, trails and greenways will ensure that the utilization of the Property shall be for open space and free of any use or encumbrance prohibited by this Declaration. Motion by J. Flynn second by C. Everngham to enter into a Declaration of Public Trust, Covenants, Conditions, and Restrictions for the parcels of land that make up Market Square Memorial Park.

Manager presented Resolution No. R-19-8, authorizing application to the Delaware County Open Space and Municipal Grant Program in 2019 for the Market Square Memorial Park Landscape Restoration Project. Motion by W. Cox second by M. Manerchia to adopt Resolution No. R-19-8.

Manager presented Resolution No. R-19-9, authorizing submission of Application and Business Plan for the Redevelopment Assistance and Capital Programs Grant that was awarded to the Borough of Marcus Hook in 2017 for the Marcus Hook Borough Police Station and Library Renovations Project. This project will focus on renovating the first and second floor of the Municipal Building to accommodate additional space for the Police Station and Mary M. Campbell Library. Motion by J. Kennard second by M. Manerchia to adopt Resolution No. R-19-9.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Presented was a Memorandum of Understanding between the Borough of Marcus Hook and PECO Energy Company to concur and accept the plans for a security building to be constructed, for the purpose of enhancing security at the Post Substation, that falls within the 60' setback as outlined in Borough Code section 196-87. The Borough recognizes the importance of safety at this facility and site and supports the construction of the security building, as outlined in the Memorandum of Understanding: Attachment A. Motion by M. Manerchia second by P. Ewing to approve and execute the Memorandum of Understanding with PECO Energy Company. All in favor.

Zoning application received from Robert Harvey to modify the use of a nonconforming property, located at 801 Market Street, to allow the area currently being used as a banquet hall and ballroom to also be used as a boxing/wrestling/martial arts gym including daily classes/training/events. Marcus Hook Borough Council will meet in the Marcus Hook Municipal Building, 10th & Green Streets, Marcus Hook, PA, on August 27, 2019, 5:00 PM, to discuss and review this application. Motion by C. Everngham second by P. Ewing to receive and file. All in favor.

LIBRARY

Letter was received from Grace Amalfitano resigning from the Library Board, effective 7/31/2019. Motion by J. Flynn second by W. Cox to acknowledge the resignation of Grace Amalfitano effective 7/31/2019. All in favor.

Letter was received from Eileen Troutman, 1117 Washington Street, noting her interest to serve on the Library Board. Motion by J. Flynn second by W. Cox to appoint Eileen Troutman to the Library Board, term to expire on December 31, 2019. All in favor.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor P. Ewing read the MHTFD Fire Reports for the month of July, 2019. Councilor P. Ewing also asked Council if they were planning on acknowledging Tony Capasso for his years of service as Fire Marshal in the Borough of Marcus Hook. Council agreed that was a good idea. Lastly, Councilor P. Ewing informed residents that Father Amalfitano from Immaculate Conception passed away.

Councilor M. Manerchia urged everyone to be patient with the construction activity and with the flaggers directing traffic in the area, as he saw something on the news where a flagger was injured due to an impatient driver striking the flagger. Councilor M. Manerchia also informed residents that per the Road-Con construction schedule they should be reopening the Market Street Bridge on Monday, August 12th. Councilor M. Manerchia also indicated that the ADA accessible ramps will be completed thereafter.

Councilor J. Laird questioned whether the traffic light at Hewes Ave and 10th Street is on a timer, to which Police Chief J. Ireland confirmed it was. Councilor J. Laird then questioned whether we can put a tripping device in the pavement as opposed to the timer. Manager A. Weldon indicated that ETP pays for all repair work and electricity for that traffic light but it was certainly something we could request.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lorraine Daliessio, 1050 Yates Avenue, informed Mayor and Council that she hasn't heard back from Senator Killion's Office regarding her letter on safety at the rail crossings in the Borough. Lorraine called and the person who answered indicated that the person working on the issue was on vacation. Lorraine noted that the Borough shouldn't have to pay for these safety devices when the companies who are using the rail are making a lot of money, the local industry should step up. Lorraine further indicated that she would like a call back from the Senator's Office by the end of the week; otherwise she will go to the Governor's Office with this matter.

Skip Morello, 1021 Market Street, indicated that in the past there was a bench at 10th and Market Streets next to Italiano's. Skip asked if it was possible to put a bench back at 10th and Market Streets for the SEPTA bus passengers and others. Council agreed that we would look into it and get back to Skip on the request.

Jackie Myers, 239 Green Street, complained that she has spoken to the Code Enforcement Officer about the property at 237 Green Street for animals, rodents, and other property maintenance issues which haven't been addressed to date. Manager A. Weldon noted that he will speak to the Code Enforcement Officer and make sure any outstanding property maintenance issues are addressed. Jackie also noted that she has had the police called on her when she is running at night in the Borough. Jackie indicated that she doesn't appreciate the police approaching her when she is trying to exercise and wants the person calling to stop.

Police Chief J. Ireland reminded residents to lock their doors as there have been reports of cars that have been rummaged through. Chief noted that these instances were when the car doors were unlocked, so it's people who go from car to car until they find one unlocked.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

Manager advised that the payment voucher for the time period from July 2, 2019 through August 5, 2019 totaled \$184,856.17. Motion by W. Cox second by M. Manerchia to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by W. Cox second by P. Ewing to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.

Andrew Weldon
Borough Secretary