

August 7, 2023

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

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present were Councilors Joseph Flynn, John Johnson, Larry Killinen, Josephine Laird and Michael Manerchia, Also present was Borough Manager Deborah Hurst.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by L. Killinen, seconded 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 \$110,932.81. Motion by L. Killinen, seconded by M. Manerchia to receive and deposit. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

Manager advised that the payment voucher for the time period from July 11, 2023 through August 7, 2023 totaled \$444,604.08. Motion by J. Flynn, seconded by L. Killinen to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Manager presented the Monthly Code Enforcement Report for the month of July, 2023. Motion by M. Manerchia, seconded by J. Flynn to receive and file the Monthly Code Enforcement Report. All in favor.

Manager advised that a Costars quote from Phoenix Security Systems, Inc. was received to relocate the existing serve and wires at 1015 Green Street in the amount of \$4,420.00. Motion by J. Flynn, seconded by M. Manerchia. All in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Manager D. Hurst, on behalf of Mayor Taylor, presented the Police Report and related statistics for the month of July, 2023. Motion by J. Flynn, seconded by M. Manerchia to receive and file the Mayor's Public Safety Report. All in favor.

Manager D. Hurst, on behalf of Mayor Taylor, accepted the formal resignation from Patrolman John D. Kuryan effective July 22, 2023. Motion by J. Flynn, seconded by M. Manerchia. All in favor.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Manager presented Resolution No. R-23-7 adopting the Marcus Hook Mini Park, Recreation and Open Space Plan. Motion by J. Flynn, seconded by M. Manerchia to adopt Resolution No. R-23-7. All in favor.

Manager noted that the 2nd performance of the 2023 Concert Series (37th year) was held on July 11, 2023. The Reunion Band provided the entertainment and the food vendor was Rollin' Phatties BBQ Smokeshack. The 3rd performance (Slim and the Perkolators) was postponed due to rain until August 15th. The 4th performance was held on July 25, 2023. The York Street Hustle provided the entertainment and the food

vendor was Boss with the Sauce. Motion by M. Manerchia, seconded by L. Killinen. All in favor.

LIBRARY

Manager advised that the library would like to hire Debbie Brown as Circulation Services, 20 hours per week, \$15.00 per hour, pending her child abuse clearance, FBI clearance and PA State clearance. Motion by J. Flynn, seconded by M. Manerchia to hire Debbie Brown, pending her child abuse clearances. All in favor.

Manager advised that three bids were received for stripping and detailing the library main floors as follows: A&A General Cleaning and Floor Care in the amount of \$850.00; PRO Commercial Services in the amount of \$1,470.00 and CNS Cleaning Company in the amount of \$1,665.00. Motion by L. Killinen to accept the bid from A&A General Cleaning and Floor Care in the amount of \$850.00, seconded by M. Manerchia. All in favor.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor J. Flynn thanked the diehard residents for showing up to the meeting tonight in the bad weather.

Councilor M. Manerchia will be handing out flyers at the concert tomorrow night for the Pirate Festival that will be held on the third Saturday in September. The Memorial Plaque will be dedicated to the Plank House at that event.

The National Park Service left Marcus Hook off of the W3R Trail. Councilor Manerchia is working on getting Marcus Hook back on the W3R trail. All members of the trail will be receiving funding. This would be a great thing to get funding for the Plank House. Councilor Manerchia has been in contact with representatives in Washington D.C. to see if the Borough can receive funding for the Plank House.

Councilor Johnson reported that the pole at the St. Martin's Church is ready to fall down again. There are wires hanging everywhere. Chief Ireland will call PECO to take care of this situation. President Laird asked to have the street blocked off if necessary.

Councilor Killinen reported that the trash situation has been taken care of. President Laird told Councilor Killinen to call Mrs. Hurst, as well as Councilors in charge of trash when there is an issue. Grass cutting needs to be picked up by the trash. It is in their contract.

President Laird reported that the concert tomorrow night is the Quaker City String Band, weather permitting. We have also been asked about having fireworks at the FMC Building. President Laird spoke to Adam from Monroe and they said no. The Code Enforcement Officer also said no. The fireworks need to be a certain amount of feet away from residences. Council agreed that there will be no fireworks. Councilor Manerchia recommended and will looking into doing a drone show at the baseball field. Council agreed that no fireworks or drones will be done this year. We will look into it for next year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Stacey Yates, 1048 Yates Avenue, had the following three items to discuss:

1. Delaware County Council has Delco Greenway Grants available for revitalizing walkways, pathways, parks, playgrounds and trail ways. The application is live and the Borough should apply for one of these grants.
2. Mrs. Yates believes that something should be done by the Borough for Labor Day.

3. Mrs. Yates asked if anything is being done for the kids before they go back to school.

President Laird stated that she believes that Mr. Dorbian is doing something with revitalizing the park on Market Street through a grant. The Borough will look into the Delco Greenways Grant.

Councilor Killinen suggested to the Recreation Board that something be done for the kids and there has been no follow-up.

Malcolm Yates, 1048 Yates Avenue, with regards to the W3R trail, has anyone reached out to Congresswoman Mary Gay Scanlon. Councilor has reached out to her and no response was received. Councilor Manerchia has also reached out to two senators and heard nothing back. Councilor Manerchia has been directed to go to grant.gov. There is also help from the County Community Development Block Grants.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by J. Johnson, seconded by M. Manerchia to adjourn. All in favor.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:19 PM.



Deborah A. Hurst
Borough Secretary