

December 5, 2022

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Monday evening December 5, 2022, 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, and Josephine Laird. Absent Michael Manerchia (Sick). Also present were Mayor Gene Taylor and Borough Manager Gregory Grillone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by W. Cox second by L. Killinen 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 November totaled \$279,906.56 Motion by C. Evernham second by L. Killinen to receive and deposit. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

Manager advised that the payment voucher for the time period from November 8, 2022 through December 5, 2022 totaled \$109,880.55. Motion by W. Cox second by L. Killinen to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

The Delaware County Board of Assessment Appeals has certified that the aggregate Real Estate Assessment for Marcus Hook Borough for the year 2023 is \$308,912,292. Motion by W. Cox second by L. Killinen to record and file. All in favor.

Manager presented final reading of the 2023 Marcus Hook Borough budget, stating that the availability of the budget for public inspection was duly advertised and was the subject of a public hearing on November 29, 2022. Total expenditures were noted at \$5,474,503 with \$4,153,218 of this amount allocated to the General Fund. Motion by J. Flynn second by W. Cox to adopt the 2023 Borough budget as proposed. All in favor.

Manager presented for second reading and adoption Borough Ordinance No. O-22-7, the Tax Levy Ordinance, fixing the tax rate for 2023 at 8.84 mills. This Ordinance was duly advertised on November 11, 2022. Motion by L. Killinen second W. Cox to adopt Ordinance No. O-22-7. All in favor.

Manager introduced Borough Resolution No. R-22-21 to support and endorse the application of the Borough of Marcus Hook for PY 2023 Community Development Block Grant funds from the forty-ninth program year for the Cedar Street Streetscape Project- Pine Street to Chestnut Street. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Johnson to adopt Resolution No. R-22-21. All in favor.

Manager presented the Monthly Code Enforcement Report for the month of November, 2022. Motion by L. Killinen second by J. Johnson to receive and file the Monthly Code Enforcement Report. All in favor.

Manager mentioned the customary practice of free parking within the central business district during the Christmas/New Year holiday season. Motion by J. Flynn second by J. Johnson to authorize free on-street meter parking within the central business district, two hour time limit, which began on November 23, 2022 and will end on January 2, 2023. All in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Taylor presented the Police Report and related statistics for the month of November, 2022. Motion by C. Everngham second by L. Killinen to receive and file the Mayor's Public Safety Report. All in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Manager presented for second reading and adoption Borough Ordinance No. O-22-8, amending the code of the Borough of Marcus Hook, restricting any person from constructing, erecting or maintaining a basketball stand, backboard or other apparatus in or near a Borough road or right-of-way in the Borough of Marcus Hook. This Ordinance was duly advertised on November 11, 2022. Motion by W. Cox second L. Killinen to adopt Ordinance No. O-22-8. All in favor.

PARKS, RECREATION and SHADE TREES

The Recreation and Park Board together with the Marcus Hook Police Department and the Marcus Hook Trainer Fire Department will be hosting a "Slices with Santa" and "Toys Express" Event for Borough Children, ages 0-11 years old – Friday, December 23rd – Marcus Hook Trainer Fire Station - 4:30 PM – 6:00 PM. Sign ups were held last week on Wednesday 11/30 and Thursday 12/01/2022. Motion by C. Everngham second by J. Flynn to receive and file. All in favor.

Marcus Hook Borough Police Department and Marcus Hook Trainer Fire Department were positively acknowledged for their commendable service to the Borough of Marcus Hook by voluntarily contributing their time and energy to coordinate and oversee their annual Thanksgiving Food Drives. These food drives are imperative and allow for the less fortunate to enjoy a delicious holiday meal. Motion by L. Killinen second by W. Cox to receive and file. All in favor.

Manager reported a public meeting to discuss and provide community input on the Market Square Memorial Park Pier Removal and Reconstruction Master Plan has been scheduled for Wednesday, December 7, 2022, 6:00 PM at the Marcus Hook Municipal Building, 1111 Market Street. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Flynn to record and file. All in favor.

Applications received from William Ottinger, Lori Manerchia and Janice Sordi, noting their interest in serving on the Recreation and Park Board. Motion by C. Everngham second by L. Killinen to appoint William Ottinger, Lori Manerchia and Janice Sordi to the Recreation and Park Board, pending receipt of the required clearances. Terms to expire on December 31, 2022 and December 31, 2026.

ENVIRONMENT

On November 3, 2022 U.S. EPA announced the selection of recipients for Air Quality Monitoring grants funded by monies made available through the American Rescue Plan of 2021 and the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022. One of the projects selected was submitted by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for the installation of air monitors that would collect air quality data and develop mitigation strategies to improve the health outcomes for people who live and work along the waterfront in Delaware County. The study area includes Marcus Hook Borough. Motion by W. Cox second by C. Everngham to receive and file. All in favor.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor and Borough Council wished all a Merry Christmas and a Happy, healthy New Year.

Councilor C. Everngham noted the passing of Frederick "Smoke" Bartholf, Sr. who recently donated a Norman Rockwell diamond painting "The Runaway" to the Marcus Hook Police Department.

Councilor L. Killinen noted that the basketball court has been locked and secured.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lorraine Daliessio, 1050 Yates Avenue, noted that she gave Mayor, Borough Council and Borough Manager G. Grillone copies of the last EAC meeting. She also said that she had 6 bags of yard waste that was not picked up by the Borough Trash hauler last week. Councilors J. Laird and C. Everngham explained that all trash needs to be in trash cans with a lid. Borough Manager G. Grillone advised her to call the Borough office going forward if her trash has not been picked up and we can look into the issue. Lorraine wished all a Merry Christmas.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by C. Everngham second by L. Killinen to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:38 PM.


Gregory Grillone
Borough Secretary