

January 3, 2023

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Tuesday evening January 3, 2023, 7:00 PM, in Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

Josephine Laird, Council President, called the meeting to order and requested a moment of silence for Anna R. Kersey, who passed away on December 29<sup>th</sup>, 2022. Anna served on Borough Council from 2015 through 2018. She belonged to the Marcus Hook Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary and was instrumental in Cokesbury Methodist Church Angel Food Pantry. Charles "Chuck" Taylor who was deeply involved in the development and installation of the Mickey Vernon statue. Reese Moore who was a member of the Marcus Hook Seniors and served as the Treasurer.

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 Gregory Grillone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by J. Flynn 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 December totaled \$53,746.73. Motion by L. Killinen second 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 December 6, 2022 through January 3, 2023 totaled \$249,505.36. Motion by C. Evernham second by L. Killinen to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Manager advised that the Borough renewed its 2023 Workers' Compensation, Employer's Liability and Heart and Lung/Act 477 coverages effective January 1, 2023, at a premium rate of \$44,942, a \$ 2,515 decrease from the previous year primarily attributable to a decrease in the Borough's Experience Modification Factor. Motion by L. Killinen second by C. Evernham to record and file. All in favor.

Manager presented the first reading and request of advertisement of Ordinance No. O-23-1, amending Chapter 180, Taxation, of the code of the Borough of Marcus Hook, adding a new article, Effect of Failure to receive Real Estate Tax notice pursuant to Act 57 of 2022, providing for a severability clause and containing an effective date. Motion by M. Manerchia second by L. Killinen to advertise Ordinance No. O-23-1. All in favor.

Manager presented Borough Resolution No. R-23-1, a Resolution appointing a voting delegate as well as an alternate voting delegate to the Delaware County Tax Collection Committee, which oversees the collection and disbursement of local Earned Income Taxes in accordance with Act 32 of 2008. Motion by M. Manerchia second by L. Killinen to adopt Resolution No. R-23-1. All in favor.

Manager presented Borough Resolution No. R-23-2, a Resolution authorizing application for grant funding for Stormwater Management Improvement Project from the COVID-19 ARPA PA Small Water and Sewer Grant Program. Motion by M. Manerchia second by L. Killinen to adopt Resolution No. R-23-2. All in favor.

Manager presented the Monthly Code Enforcement Report for the month of December, 2022. Motion by J. Flynn second by C. Evernham 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 December, 2022. Motion by C. Evernham second by M. Manerchia to receive and file the Mayor's Public Safety Report. All in favor.

Mayor Taylor recommended the reappointment of the following part time police officers for 2023: Justin Fornwalt, Claire Burkert and Cody Magasich. Motion by J. Flynn second by M. Manerchia to reappoint the above-named part time police officers for 2023.

The Mayor on the advice of Borough Solicitor Mark Much, placed a Borough employee on paid administrative leave effective December 13, 2022. Motion by J. Laird second by L. Killinen to approve the action to place the Borough employee on paid administrative leave as noted. All in favor.

The Council presented a voluntary separation agreement with a Borough Employee, the FOP, and the Borough effective January 3, 2023. Motion by M. Manerchia Second by J. Johnson to accept the voluntary separation agreement. All in favor.

Borough Council requested the Civil Service Commission to meet for the purpose of reorganization and to establish an eligibility list for the position of Full Time Police Officer. Motion by J. Flynn second by M. Manerchia. All in favor

### PARKS, RECREATION and SHADE TREES

Manager reported that the Recreation and Park Board's Slices with Santa Event was held on December 23, 2022. Over 100 Borough children received gifts. Motion by L. Killinen second by M. Manerchia to record and file. All in favor.

Manager reported that the Borough's application for funding in Round 3 of the DELCO Green Ways Grant Program for the Market Square Memorial Park Riverfront Enhancement Project was approved by County Council on December 7, 2022 in the amount of \$211,025. This project proposes to upgrade and improve the cove area where the park meets the Delaware River to and including river bank stabilization. Motion by J. Flynn second by J. Johnson to record and file. All in favor.

### COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Manager presented the first reading and request of advertisement of Ordinance No. O-23-2, vacating a portion of the right-of-way of a public road known as Penn Avenue located to the South of East Tenth Street in the Borough of Marcus Hook and the opening of right-of-way to allow for the relocation of Penn Avenue. Motion by J. Laird second by M. Manerchia to advertise Ordinance No. O-23-2. All in favor.

Manager reported that the Borough's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program application (48<sup>th</sup> Year / FY 2022) for the Viscose Village Streetscape Project was submitted to the Delaware County Office of Housing and Community Development on December 12, 2022. CDBG funds requested totaled \$270,000 based on the construction cost estimate for streetscape work on Cedar Street from Pine to Chestnut Street. Motion by M. Manerchia second by J. Johnson to record and file. All in favor.

## COUNCIL REPORTS

Motion by J. Flynn second by M. Manerchia to reappoint the following individuals to various boards and commissions: William Ottinger to the Recreation and Park Board - 5 year term expiring December 31, 2027; Linda Cobourn to the Library Board - 3 year term expiring December 31, 2025; Michael Manerchia to the Planning Commission - 4 year term expiring December 31, 2026; James McClure to the Zoning Hearing Board - 5 year term expiring December 31, 2027; James Burgess to the Shade Tree Commission - 3 year term expiring December 31, 2025; Patrick LaVallee to the Civil Service Commission - 6 year term expiring December 31, 2028; Bruce Dorbian, Michael Manerchia, Ron Beachboard and Robert Hughes to the Vacant Property Review Committee - 2 year term expiring December 31, 2024; Lorraine Daliessio and Michael Manerchia (alternate) to the Environmental Advisory Council - 3 year term expiring December 31, 2025. All in favor.

There are currently vacancies on the following boards/commissions: One vacancy on the Library Board - 3 year term, meet quarterly. One vacancy on the Recreation and Park Board - 5 year term. One vacancy on the Shade Tree Commission - 3 year term, meet as needed. Two vacancies on the Planning Commission - 4 year term. Two vacancies on the Environmental Advisory Council - 3 year term. Three vacancies on the Historical Commission - 2 year term, meet monthly.

Council President J. Laird commended the Borough Recreation Board and Police Chief J. Ireland for their efforts to make this event a big success.

W. Cox commended the Borough Employees for a job well done in 2022.

L. Killinen mentioned a continuing problem with trash collections.

The Mayor and Council wished everyone a Happy New Year.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lorraine Daliessio, 1050 Yates Avenue, noted she gave the Mayor, Council and Manager copies of reports from 2 meetings she attended; Library Board and EAC. She mentioned the next EAC meeting was scheduled for Thursday, 1/05/2023. She noted complaints from residents about stones coming from the Prologis construction site and causing damage. Mayor Taylor stated he would follow up with Bill Milliniks from IMC Construction.

Bill Draper, Linwood, PA introduced himself to the Council and offered to assist the Borough. He is a member of the Chichester School Board and mentioned a likely increase in school taxes.

## ADJOURNMENT

Motion by L. Killinen second by M. Manerchia to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:41 PM.

  
Gregory Grillone  
Borough Secretary