

July 7, 2020

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Tuesday evening July 7, 2020, 7:00 PM, in Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present were Councillors William Cox, Cheryl Everngham, Paula Ewing, Joseph Flynn, 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 C. Everngham 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 June totaled \$162,237.44. Motion by W. Cox second by M. Manerchia to receive and deposit. All in favor.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Manager presented an Easement Agreement between the Borough of Marcus Hook and 37 Ciba, LLC, authorizing 37 Ciba, LLC to construct and maintain utility water and sewer pipes under Wertz Lane for the purpose of providing said utility service to a property on the southeast corner of Wertz and McClure Lane. Councilor M. Manerchia requested Mike Civitella provide the Borough with an "as-built" plan so we know exactly where the pipes are located going forward. Motion by P. Ewing second by M. Manerchia to approve an Easement Agreement between the Borough of Marcus Hook and 37 Ciba, LLC. All in favor.

Manager noted that the Borough of Marcus Hook has entered into a Customer Agreement with KBS 360 for a postage meter at 1111 Market Street. The agreement is for a term of 63 months at a monthly rate of \$45 per month, billed quarterly. Motion by C. Everngham second by P. Ewing to ratify the Customer Agreement with KBS 360 for a postage meter at the Municipal Building, 1111 Market Street. All in favor.

Manager requested an unbudgeted allocation from the General Fund in the amount of \$5,850 to engage Cisco Masonry to replace concrete sidewalk blocks on Market Street between 9th and 10th Street. Motion by W. Cox second by M. Manerchia to authorize an unbudgeted allocation in the amount of \$5,850 from the General Fund to replace concrete blocks on Market Street between 9th and 10th Street. All in favor.

Manager noted that the Borough has placed an order for a 2021 Ford Champion Challenger Bus from Rohrer Bus Sales in the amount of \$73,910. This bus is being paid for primarily by way of a Federal 5310 Grant in the amount of \$59,200; the remaining portion will be paid from the Borough's Capital Expenditure Fund. Motion by C. Everngham second by J. Flynn to record and file. All in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Taylor presented the Police Report and related statistics for the month of June, 2020. Motion by W. Cox second by P. Ewing to receive and file the Mayor's Public Safety Report. All in favor.

Manager presented the first reading and request of advertisement of Ordinance No. O-20-2, amending the code of the Borough of Marcus Hook, adding Chapter 169, Skateboards, Scooters and Rollerblades. Motion by J. Flynn second by M. Manerchia to advertise Ordinance No. O-20-2. All in favor.

Manager reported that the Borough will be advertising surplus property for sale this month, a 2010 Dodge Charger and a 1994 Chevrolet G30 van. Bids can be placed on municibid.com through July 23, 2020 at 2:00 PM, when the auctions will close. Motion by W. Cox second by P. Ewing to record and file. All in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Bids were opened on June 26, 2020, at 10 AM for the 2020 Street Resurfacing Project for Pine Street and tabulated as follows:

<u>Project</u>	A.F. Damon Inc.	Jos. E. Sucher & Sons, Inc.
Base Bid: 2,505 Milling Sq Yards 30 SY Base Repair 1.5" Bituminous Overlay 9.5 mm 250 TN	\$31,167.50	\$35,620.00

Motion by M. Manerchia second by C. Evernham to accept the 2020 Street Resurfacing Project bid from A.F. Damon Inc. covering the milling and resurfacing of Pine Street in the amount of \$31,167.50. All in favor.

Council's Highway Committee presented the following recommendations for summer/seasonal employment with the Highway Department: Brian Cannon, 58 Green Lane, Aston, PA for a 24 hour week at \$12.00 per hour, beginning June 15, 2020 and ending in August, 2020. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Flynn to approve the recommendation of the Highway Committee covering summer/seasonal employment offering employment to Brian Cannon, as summer laborer, 24 hours per week, \$12.00 per hour. All in favor.

Manager requested Council authorize and ratify the submission of an application to the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation for grant funding from the Automated Red Light Enforcement (ARLE) Transportation Enhancement Grant Program to upgrade and modernize traffic signals at 10th Street and Hewes Avenue and 10th Street and Blueball Avenue. Work to include new mastarms, signal heads, controllers, vehicle detection, emergency pre-emption, pedestrian signals, signage and striping. The requested amount is \$464,965. Motion by W. Cox second by P. Ewing to approve the submission of an application for grant funding from the PennDOT ARLE program for traffic signal modernization at 10th and Hewes and 10th and Blueball Avenues. All in favor.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor P. Ewing reported that the MHTFD in June responded to 35 fire alarms.

Councilor J. Flynn commented on the number of fireworks being set-off in the Borough over the July 4th weekend and that we are lucky nothing major happened or a fire didn't start. Councilor J. Flynn noted that we escaped without many incidents, but we need to address fireworks for next year. Finally, Councilor J. Flynn noted that a trailer was lost in Trainer Borough due to fireworks.

Councilor M. Manerchia noted that the stores selling these fireworks don't tell you the state laws when purchasing them. Councilor M. Manerchia stressed the risk of setting fireworks off in the Borough, because often times when there is a vapor cloud from a gas you won't see or smell it creating a very dangerous situation.

Councilor W. Cox noted that the fireworks went on for 1.5 hours, and noted that if we need to bring additional officers in to deal with this issue, then we should do that. Councilor W. Cox also noted that the new landscaping at Market Square Memorial Park looks great, but questioned the ownership of the fence separating the park and Hueber's Launch. If it's the Borough's fence then we should install privacy slats to conceal the equipment on the other side. Manager Weldon will look into this.

Councilor P. Ewing noted that there is a new water puddle by 10th and Hewes Avenue. This is a result of a fire line at Energy Transfer leaking that they notified the Borough about last week. It was supposed to be fixed within a day so Manager Weldon will follow up with Bill Kelly to see what's going on. Councilor P. Ewing also noted that she recently visited Colorado and while she was out there she used a port-a-potty that sanitized itself and where the user didn't need to touch anything, reducing the chance of passing germs around.

Mayor G. Taylor asked if there was any further discussion on a dog park at 7th Street, possibly using the Act 57 fine money from Energy Transfer. Manager Weldon noted that the Rec. Sub-Committee had met and discussed this, and brought this up to all of Council last week at our agenda meeting and Council wants to move forward with replacing the play equipment at Williamson Field as well as replacing the flag poles at Market Square Memorial Park next to the Veteran's Memorials with the Act 57 fine money from Energy Transfer.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Skip Morello, 1021 Market Street commended Councilors J. Flynn, M. Manerchia, and W. Cox for being concerned about the fireworks this past weekend. Skip encouraged the Borough to get on this ASAP to prevent an emergency.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

Manager advised that the payment voucher for the time period from June 2, 2020 through July 7, 2020 totaled \$151,226.17. Motion by W. Cox second by M. Manerchia to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by M. Manerchia second by W. Cox to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Andrew Weldon
Borough Secretary