

July 10, 2023

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Monday evening July 10, 2023, 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, Larry Killinen, Josephine Laird and Michael Manerchia, Also present were Mayor Gene Taylor and Borough Manager Gregory Grillone.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

A Certificate of Recognition was presented to Councilor Bill Cox who served as the Grand Marshal for the 2023 Memorial Day Parade in Marcus Hook Borough on Saturday May 27th at 12:00 pm. He served honorably from 1963 to 1966 in the U.S. Army. He was stationed in Thailand and Korea and completed his service in West Point. Bill, we thank you for serving our county and protecting our freedoms. Today and every day, we are grateful for your sacrifice. Thank you for honoring the Borough by serving as Grand Marshal for our 2023 Memorial Day Parade.

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 June totaled \$101,109.32 Motion by C. Evernham 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 June 6, 2023 through July 10, 2023 totaled \$ 296,643.19. Motion by W. Cox second by M. Manerchia to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Borough Council approved the following administrative appointment of Deborah A. Hurst to the position of Borough Manager/Treasurer/Secretary/Right to Know Officer effective July 24, 2023. Ms. Hurst will work part time beginning July 10, 2023 to facilitate a smooth transition. Motion by L. Killinen second by J. Flynn. All in favor.

Manager presented the Monthly Code Enforcement Report for the month of June, 2023. Motion by C. Evernham second by M. Manerchia to receive and file the Monthly Code Enforcement Report. All in favor.

Manager presented a change order for the Police and Library Renovations Project from the general contractor, BSS Contractors, LLC. The change order is as follows: CO# 18 - \$ 3,480.87 – Installation of two single locker units in locker rooms. This Change Order is recommended for approval by the Borough Engineer. Motion by C. Evernham second by W. Cox to approve Change Order # 18 from BSS Contractors, LLC. in the amount of \$ 3,480.87 and to use funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to cover these costs. W. Cox – Yes, C. Evernham – Yes, L. Killinen – Yes, J. Laird – Yes, J. Flynn – No, M. Manerchia - No. Motion approved 4-2.

Manager presented a change order for the Police and Library Renovations Project from the electrical contractor, Electri-Tech, Inc. the change order is as follows: CO #13 - \$3,286.77 – Installation of electrical and data receptacles. This Change Order is recommended for approval by the Borough Engineer. Motion by J. Flynn second by M. Manerchia to approve Change Order #13 from Electri-Tech, Inc. for the amount of \$3,286.77 and to use funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to cover these costs. All in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Taylor presented the Police Report and related statistics for the month of June, 2023. Motion by W. Cox second by M. Manerchia to receive and file the Mayor's Public Safety Report. All in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Manager presented for second reading and adoption Ordinance No. O-23-04, amending the code of the Borough of Marcus Hook, prohibiting trucks from entering Walnut Street, except for local residence deliveries. This Ordinance was duly advertised on June 20, 2023. Motion by C. Evernham second by M. Manerchia to adopt Ordinance No. O-23-04. All in favor.

PARKS, RECREATION and SHADE TREES

Manager noted the 1st performance of the 2023 Concert Series (37th year) was held on June 28, 2023 (rain date). The Discoteks provided the entertainment and the food vendor was Rollin Phatties BBQ Smokeshack. Motion by W. Cox second by C. Evernham to record and file. All in favor.

LIBRARY

Manager noted the Mary M. Campbell Marcus Hook Library held their "Summer Kickoff", on Thursday, June 15, 2023 from Noon to 2 PM at the Market Square Memorial Park, Market Street and Delaware Avenue. The event was very well attended. Motion by L. Killinen second by M. Manerchia to record and file.

Manager noted the Library was recently granted a Temporary Certificate of Occupancy and can resume normal operating hours for the public. Motion by W. Cox second by M. Manerchia to record and file.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor L. Killinen reported the MHTFD in responded to 36 fire alarms in May 2023 and 51 fire calls in June 2023.

Councilor M. Manerchia noted the recent rain storms and reminded residents not to attempt to drive through flooded roads and emphasized the danger. Green Street was specifically noted.

Councilor W. Cox expressed his thanks and appreciation for being recognized for serving as the Grand Marshal for the 2023 Memorial Day Parade. He accepted the certificate/plaque on behalf of the 'guys left behind' and reminded everyone to thank all Veterans for their service to the Country.

Councilor L. Killinen requested a monthly list of Borough meetings and events for distribution to the residents. Discussion ensued about the various ways the Borough shares information with the residents. The list will be prepared by the Borough Staff.

Mayor Taylor welcomed Deb Hurst to the Borough.

President Laird welcomed Deb Hurst to the Borough and thanked Councilor Cox for his service to the Country.

Chief Ireland welcomed Deb Hurst to the Borough.

PUBLIC COMMENT

'Skip' Merollo, 1024 Market Street, thanked the Council for the renovations to the Library. He thanked Bill Cox for his service to the Borough and the Country and wished him well.

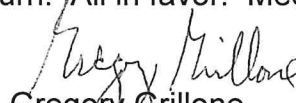
Lorraine Daliessio, 1050 Yates Avenue, thanked Bill Cox for his service and welcomed Deb Hurst to the Borough. She inquired about the status of the new furniture for the Police Department.

Kathy Tull, 29B Marshall Avenue, informed the Council she has moved out of the Borough and this will be the last Council Meeting she would attend.

Jim Hoffman, 1021 Green Street, thanked Bill Cox for his service. He asked if any decision had been reached on the idea to have a fireworks display in the Borough for Labor Day. The idea of a drone show was discussed and M. Manerchia noted the expense is in the range of \$15,000 to \$20,000. Bob Hughes stated these shows are prohibited in the Borough. M. Manerchia offered to investigate the possibility of a fireworks across the river in New Jersey.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by L. Killinen second by W. Cox to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.


Gregory Grillone
Borough Secretary