

March 4, 2019

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Monday evening March 4, 2019, 7:00 PM, in Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

Josephine Laird, Council President, called the meeting to order. A moment of silence was requested for the passing of Mary Magaw of Trainer Borough who passed away on February 15, 2019.

ROLL CALL

Present were Councillors Paula Ewing, Joseph Flynn, John Kennard, Josephine Laird and Michael Manerchia. Also present were Mayor Gene Taylor and Borough Manager Andrew Weldon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by M. Manerchia second by J. Kennard 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 February totaled \$375,559.57. Motion by P. Ewing second by M. Manerchia to receive and deposit. All in favor.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Manager noted that unpaid 2018 Borough real estate taxes in the amount of \$68,514.54 was submitted to the Delaware County Tax Claim Bureau by the Borough Tax Collector for collection as delinquent. The percent of Borough real estate taxes collected for 2018 was 96.0%. Motion by J. Kennard second by M. Manerchia to receive and file. All in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Taylor presented the Police Report and related statistics for the month of February, 2019. Motion by P. Ewing second by M. Manerchia to receive and file the Mayor's Public Safety Report. All in favor.

The Borough of Marcus Hook has extended the CodeRED Services Agreement with OnSolve, LLC for the period March 12, 2019 – March 11, 2020 at an annual cost of \$2,500. As part of the proposal from Honeywell International, as agreed upon by Borough Council at the March 3, 2014 Council Meeting, the costs of the notification system will be reimbursed by Honeywell International for a period of 15 years. Motion by J. Kennard second by P. Ewing to receive and file. All in favor.

Manager requested an allocation of \$8,000, which was not budgeted for in 2019, from the Capital Expenditures Fund in order to enter into an agreement with CSERT Safety to update the Borough's Emergency Operations Plan. Motion by J. Kennard second by M. Manerchia to authorize \$8,000 to be spent from the Capital Expenditures Fund to have CSERT update the Borough's Emergency Operations Plan. All in favor.

PARKS, RECREATION and SHADE TREES

Acknowledged and summarized was the 2018 Annual Report of the Marcus Hook Shade Tree Commission which included the planned 2019 program submitted to Borough Council on February 28, 2019. This year's Arbor Day program is scheduled for Friday, April 26th at 2:30 PM, at Robert Haebel Plaza park. Motion by P. Ewing second by J. Flynn to receive and file the 2018 Annual Report of the Shade Tree Commission. All in favor.

Councillor C. Evernham arrived late for the meeting

Upcoming Recreation and Park Board scheduled events are the St. Patrick's Day Craft Event, Sunday, March 10th, from Noon to 1:30 PM, for children aged 5 - 13 years old. Children's Easter "Brunch with the Easter Bunny", Saturday, April 6th (age limit 10 years old), from Noon - 2:00 PM. Motion by J. Flynn second by M. Manerchia to record and file. All in favor.

Council Recreation Committee Chair C. Evernham announced the entertainment line-up for the Marcus Hook Summer Music Festival - 2019, the thirty-third consecutive year, as follows: June 18 – Boy in Black, June 25 – Chichester Community Band, July 2 – Reunion - Classic Rock'n Soul, July 9 – Avalon String Band with the Lombardi Trophy, July 16 – City Rhythm Orchestra – Featuring Songs of Frank Sinatra, July 23 – Wallstreet – Tribute to Motown, July 30 – Texas Heat, and Aug 6 – Tongue & Groove. Motion by C. Evernham second by J. Kennard to approve the Entertainment Contracts totaling in the amount of \$12,400 for the summer concerts on June 18th, June 25th, July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, & August 6th at Market Square Memorial Park. All in favor.

PLANNING & ZONING

Letter was received from Larry Killinen, 35 Maple Street, noting his interest to serve on the Planning Commission. Motion by J. Flynn second by P. Ewing to appoint Larry Killinen, 35 Maple Street to the Planning Commission, term to expire on December 31, 2019. All in favor.

ENVIRONMENTAL

Letter was received from Patrick Koch, 2 E. 9th Street noting his interest to serve on the Environmental Advisory Council as an alternate. Motion by M. Manerchia second by J. Flynn to appoint Patrick Koch to the Environmental Advisory Council as an alternate, term to expire on December 31, 2021. All in favor.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor J. Laird reported that the MHTFD in February responded to 25 fire alarms.

Councilor J. Kennard noted that Highway Foreman, Jim Burgess, showed him the new Council Chambers and Offices that have recently been constructed and are in the process of being finished and noted how beautiful they look.

Councilor J. Laird echoed Councilor J. Kennard's comments and added that they will be accessible and accommodating for all residents.

Councilor M. Manerchia reminded residents to watch out for potholes in and around town. Manager Weldon reminded residents to notify the Borough if they see any potholes so either we or PennDOT can repair them.

Mayor G. Taylor reminded residents that clocks go forward this Sunday the 10th, and also reminded residents to check their smoke alarms to make sure they are working and the batteries are replaced if need be. Mayor G. Taylor also wished residents a Happy St. Patrick's Day.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lorraine Daliessio, 1050 Yates Avenue reminded Mayor, Council, and residents that the next Environmental Advisory Council meeting is this Thursday, the 7th at the Marcus Hook Community Center at 5:30 PM. All are welcome.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

Manager advised that the payment voucher for the time period from February 5, 2019 through March 4, 2019 totaled \$146,217.83. Motion by C. Evernham second by M. Manerchia to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by J. Kennard second by M. Manerchia to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Andrew Weldon
Borough Secretary