

March 6, 2023

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Monday evening March 6, 2023, 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 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 L. Killinen 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 February totaled \$320,398.49. Motion by W. Cox 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 February 7, 2023 through March 6, 2023 totaled \$118,786.95. Motion by M. Manerchia second by L. Killinen to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Manager noted that unpaid 2022 Borough real estate taxes in the amount of \$72,664.97, with penalties in the amount of \$7,266.62 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 2022 was 97.02%. Additionally, unpaid 2022 Interim Borough real estate taxes in the amount of \$ (none) with penalties in the amount of \$ (none) was submitted to the Delaware County Tax Claim Bureau by the Borough Tax Collector for collection as delinquent. Motion by C. Evernham second by W. Cox to receive and file. All in favor.

Manager presented Resolution No. R-23-5, a Resolution adopting the 2023 Delaware County Hazard Mitigation Plan as the official Hazard Mitigation Plan of the Borough of Marcus Hook. Motion by W. Cox second by L. Killinen to approve Resolution No. R-23-5. All in favor.

Manager presented a request from the Police Department to submit a grant application for funding of Police vests through the federal Grant Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership. This program funds up to 50% of the purchase of vests. Motion by M. Manerchia second by J. Johnson to approve the submission of a grant application. All in favor

Manager presented a request from the Police Department to submit a grant application for funding of Police vests through the Vest-A-Cop Program. This program funds up to 90% of the purchase of vests. Motion by C. Evernham second by M. Manerchia to approve the submission of a grant application. All in favor

Manager presented for approval a proposal from Siemens Industry, Inc. to renew the service contract for the fire safety system at the Borough Building located at 1111 Market Street. This is a 3-year extension of an existing 3-year contract which expires March 31, 2023. Motion by W. Cox second by M. Manerchia to approve the contract extension with Siemens Industry, Inc. All in favor

Manager presented for approval a proposal from Barsz Gowie Amon Fultz, Certified Public Accountants, dated February 15, 2023, to provide accounting and general financial consulting services on an as-needed basis to be determined by the Borough. Motion by J. Flynn second by L. Killinen to approve the proposal from Barsz Gowie Amon Fultz. W. Cox, J. Flynn, J. Johnson, L. Killinen, J. Laird – Yes; C. Evernham, M. Manerchia – No. Motion carries 5-2.

Manager presented change orders #4 (\$1,499.59), #5 (\$2,414.48), #8 (\$660.15) from BSS Contractors, LLC in the total amount of \$4,574.22 for recommended modifications at 1015 Green Street. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Flynn to ratify change orders #4, #5, #8 to BSS Contractors, LLC in the amount of \$4,574.22 and use funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to cover these costs. All in favor.

Manager presented change order #10 from BSS Contractors, LLC in the amount of \$1,168.00 **credit** for the elimination of a 4x4 pad for an HVAC unit at 1015 Green Street. Motion by L. Killinen second by J. Flynn to ratify change order #10 to BSS Contractors, LLC in the amount of a credit for \$1,168.00. All in favor.

Manager presented change orders #2 (\$1,224.84) and #3 (\$679.71) from Electri-Tech, Inc. in the total amount of \$1,904.55 for recommended modifications at 1015 Green Street. Motion by M. Manerchia second by L. Killinen to ratify change orders #2 and #3 to Electri-Tech, Inc. in the total amount of \$1,904.55 and use funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to cover these costs. All in favor.

Manager presented change order #1 from LGB Mechanical in the amount of \$3,962.40 for additional line sets to accommodate the relocation of an HVAC unit at 1015 Green Street. Motion by W. Cox second by L. Killinen to ratify change order #1 to LGB Mechanical in the amount of \$3,962.40 and use funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to cover these costs. All in favor.

Manager presented change order #15 (\$17,373.44) from BSS Contractors, LLC and change order #4 (\$1,577.82) from Electri-Tech, Inc. for recommended modifications at 1015 Green Street. Due to contractual and procedural requirements these change orders should be processed for approval. The Borough Engineer has agreed to credit these costs against consultant fees. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Johnson to ratify change orders #15 from BSS Contractors, LLC and change order #4 from Electri-Tech, Inc. in the total amount of \$18,951.26 and use funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to cover these costs. All in favor.

Manager presented the Monthly Code Enforcement Report for the month of February, 2023. Motion by W. Cox second by L. Killinen 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 February, 2023. Motion by M. Manerchia second by L. Killinen 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, 2023 – March 11, 2024 at an annual cost of \$2,715. Motion by C. Evernham second by M. Manerchia to receive and file. All in favor.

Mayor Taylor recommended the conditional appointment of John Kuryan as a part-time police officer pending Act 57 and background clearances. Motion by J. Flynn

second by L. Killinen to conditionally appoint John Kuryan to the position of part-time police officer pending Act 57 and background clearances. All in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Manager presented the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. O-23-3, amending the Code of the Borough of Marcus Hook, Chapter 191, Vehicles and Traffic, Sub-section 71 – One Way Streets and Sub-section 80 – Parking Prohibited at All Times. This Ordinance was duly advertised on February 14, 2023. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Flynn to adopt Ordinance No. O-23-3. J. Laird abstain, All others in favor. Motion carries 6-0-1abstain.

PARKS, RECREATION and SHADE TREES

Manager presented the entertainment line-up for the Marcus Hook Summer Music Festival - 2023, the thirty-seventh consecutive year, as follows: June 27 – The Discoteks, July 11 – Reunion, July 18 – Slim and the Percolators, July 25 – York Street Hustle, August 1 – Fabulous Greaseband (Annual National Night Out), August 8 – Quaker City String Band. All concerts begin at 7:00 PM. Motion by J. Flynn second by L. Killinen to approve the contract for Show Stoppers, Unlimited totaling in the amount of \$13,150 for the summer concerts on June 27, July 11, 18, 25, August 1, and August 8 at Market Square Memorial Park. All in favor.

Manager reminded residents that the Annual Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for Saturday, May 27, 2023 starting at 12 Noon. Motion by M. Manerchia second by W. Cox to approve the contract for Show Stoppers, Unlimited totaling in the amount of \$18,650 for the Memorial Day Parade. All in favor.

Acknowledged and summarized was the 2022 Annual Report of the Marcus Hook Shade Tree Commission which included the planned 2023 program submitted to Borough Council on February 6, 2023. This year's Arbor Day is scheduled for Friday, April 28th, and the Borough will be planting a tree at the Marcus Hook Community Center. In 2022 there were 4 trees planted, 12 trees removed and 42 trees pruned. Motion by L. Killinen second by M. Manerchia to receive and file the 2022 Annual Report of the Shade Tree Commission. All in favor.

The Marcus Hook Recreation and Park Board will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt in the Borough this year to take place on Saturday, March 25th at 12:00 PM at the Market Square Memorial Park, with a rain date of March 26th. Signups for the Easter Egg Hunt were held on Monday, February 20th and Thursday, February 23rd from 6PM – 8PM at the Borough Building, 1111 Market Street. Motion by C. Everngham second by M. Manerchia to record and file. All in favor.

Manager reported that a Community Meeting to help create a vision for the Marcus Hook Mini-Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan has been scheduled for Monday, March 13, 2023, 6:30 PM. Motion by W. Cox second by M. Manerchia to record and file. All in favor.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councillor L. Killinen reported that the MHTFD in February responded to 32 fire alarms in the month of February.

Councilor Manerchia inquired about the PennDot paving project for 10th Street and the pothole located near Braskem. President Laird asked the Manager to follow up on these items. Councilor Manerchia reminded residents Daylight Saving Time starts this weekend and clocks spring forward 1 hour.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lorraine Daliessio, 1050 Yates Avenue, discussed the need for increased safety measures regarding rail traffic in town and distributed a handout to the Council and Mayor. Some of the items discussed were the need for additional safety devices at intersections and the increased length of trains. She requested a letter be sent to Federal and State officials. Councilor Manerchia noted in the past Conrail was not responsive to our concerns.

Marilyn Lee, Street, 217 Ward Street introduced herself as a candidate for District Court Judge in the upcoming Primary Election.

Jacqueline Myers, 239 Green Street, expressed her concerns about noise coming from the Energy Transfer site. She stated the noise was 24/7 and she contacted Energy Transfer with no satisfaction. A discussion ensued about the source of the noise and steps the Borough could take to eliminate the problem. Councilor Manerchia noted his familiarity with the site and stated he would investigate the issue.

David DeMarco introduced himself as the District Office Director for State Representative Carol Kazeem. He stated the office staff can provide assistance to residents with tax rebates, SEPTA cards and other State and local programs.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by L. Killinen second by M. Manerchia to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Gregory Grillone
Borough Secretary