

May 3, 2021

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Monday evening May 3, 2021, 7:00 PM, in Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present were Councillors Cheryl Evernham, Joseph Flynn, Josephine Laird, Michael Manerchia, and Brian Mercadante. Also present were Mayor Gene Taylor and Borough Manager Andrew Weldon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by C. Evernham 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 April totaled \$1,404,677.36. Motion by C. Evernham second by M. Manerchia to receive and deposit. All in favor.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Manager presented an Amendment to Service Agreement from the Delaware County Regional Water Quality Control Authority (DELCORA). This amendment is in anticipation of the pending sale of DELCORA to Aqua Pennsylvania Wastewater, Inc. (Aqua) and will be effective upon closing of the sale of the DELCORA assets to Aqua. Motion by J. Flynn second by C. Evernham to execute an Amendment to Service Agreement with DELCORA, dated May 3, 2021. C. Evernham, J. Flynn, J. Laird, B. Mercadante – YES; M. Manerchia – NO. Motion carried 4-1.

Manager presented Borough Resolution No. R-21-8, a Resolution of the Borough of Marcus Hook updating the Borough's Official Sewage Facilities Plan, an Act 537 Update. Motion by B. Mercadante second by J. Flynn to adopt Resolution No. R-21-8. C. Evernham, J. Flynn, J. Laird, B. Mercadante – YES; M. Manerchia – NO. Motion carried 4-1.

Manager reported that the Borough will be advertising surplus property for sale this month, a 1995 Ford Van. Bids can be placed on municibid.com through May 21, 2021 at 2:00 PM, when the auction will close. Motion by M. Mercadante second by C. Evernham to authorize advertisement of a 1995 Ford Van for sale on municibid.com. All in favor.

Manager presented the Monthly Code Enforcement Report for the month of April, 2021. Motion by M. Mercadante 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 April, 2021. Motion by B. Mercadante second by M. Manerchia to receive and file the Mayor's Public Safety Report. All in favor.

Mayor Taylor recommended the appointment of Jeremy Baker as part-time police officer, upon completion of all required clearances. Motion by M. Manerchia second by B. Mercadante to appoint Jeremy Baker to the position of part-time police officer, upon completion of all required clearances. All in favor.

Manager requested authorization to advertise Borough Ordinance number O-21-4, amending the Borough Code and adding Chapter 97, Fireworks, providing for definitions, use of fireworks, and penalties. Motion by C. Evernham second by J. Flynn to advertise Ordinance No. O-21-4. All in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Bids were opened on April 22, 2021, at 10 AM for the 2021 Street Resurfacing Project for Market Street from 8th to 10th Street (Project Base Bid), with alternates of Market Street from 5th to 8th Street (Alternate Bid 1) and Church Street from 8th to 10th Street (Alternate Bid 2) and tabulated as follows:

Project	A.F. Damon Inc.	INNCON	Berg Construction
Base Bid: 2,951 Milling Sq Yards 40 SY Base Repair 1.5" Bituminous Overlay 9.5 mm 310 TN	\$36,254.85	\$45,268.15	\$42,757.90
Alternate Bid 1: 3,236 Milling Sq Yards 30 SY Base Repair 1.5" Bituminous Overlay 9.5 mm 340 TN	\$36,619.20	\$38,973.40	\$45,784.40
Alternate Bid 2: 2,635 Milling Sq Yards 10 SY Base Repair 1.5" Bituminous Overlay 9.5 mm 280 TN	\$29,352.25	\$33,981.25	\$36,441.50
Total of Bids	\$102,226.30	\$118,222.80	\$124,983.80

Motion by J. Flynn second by B. Mercadante to accept the 2021 Street Resurfacing Project Base Bid and Alternate Bid 2 from A.F. Damon Inc. covering the milling and resurfacing of Market Street from 8th to 10th Street and Church Street from 8th to 10th Street in the amount of \$65,607.10, and to reject Alternate Bid 1 in the amount of \$36,619.20. All in favor.

The Borough of Marcus Hook hosted a bulk trash/e-waste/shredding event at the Marcus Hook Highway Garage on Saturday, April 24, 2021 from 10AM – 12PM. Residents were entitled to one free bulk trash item, two free television disposals, and unlimited free shredding. The Borough collected 23 televisions which will be turned over to ECOvanta for recycling, at no cost to the Borough of Marcus Hook. Motion by M. Manerchia second by C. Evernham to record and file. All in favor.

PARKS, RECREATION and SHADE TREES

Manager noted that the “dogleg pier” at the Delaware River has been reopened for the spring, summer, and fall months of 2021. All of the maintenance/repair items noted by Urban Engineers in their 2016 Structural Condition Survey have been completed for the dogleg pier, including replacing all missing nuts/bolts, replacing decking that was warped, rotted or presented a tripping hazard, replacing the top handrail, and finally visually inspecting the welds of the support beams to confirm their integrity. Motion by J. Flynn second by M. Manerchia to record and file. All in favor.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Zoning application received from 418 Market Street LLC for the property located at 418 Market Street (Tax Folios 24-00-00213-00 and 24-00-00395-00) to continue the commercial/industrial use of 418 Market Street to house four contractor businesses: construction, landscaping, mechanical, and fuel services. The Council public meeting to review and discuss the continuing nonconforming commercial/industrial use of 418 Market Street is scheduled for May 6, 2021 at 6:00 PM. Motion by C. Evernham second by M. Manerchia to record and file. All in favor.

ENVIRONMENT

Manager announced plans to partner with Pennsylvania Cleanways d/b/a Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful for marine debris removal along the Delaware River and Marcus Hook Creek on May 14 and May 15. This activity advances “May Is Cleanup Month in Marcus Hook” and directs efforts to remove contaminants before they enter our waterways. Motion by J. Flynn second by M. Manerchia to support the work of Pennsylvania Cleanways to advance local community based activity to clean up marine area debris before entering and polluting the water of the Delaware Estuary. All in favor.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor J. Flynn informed residents that the short pier is now open and if anyone knows of any children who need a fishing rod and reel to let him know as he has some extras from the fishing derby.

Councilor J. Laird questioned if the people fishing would need fishing licenses and Councilor J. Flynn noted that they would.

Councilor M. Manerchia wanted to thank Mayor and Council for the opportunity to march in the Memorial Day Parade. The pirates will be marching in the parade this year and Michael will be giving tours and explanations of the Plank House.

Councilor B. Mercadante wanted to thank the Marcus Hook Highway Department for removing the broken wooden tables at the water front.

Mayor G. Taylor reminded residents of the Memorial Day Parade scheduled for May 29th at Noon.

Councilor J. Laird thanked the Marcus Hook Trainer Fire Department for coming out on Sunday, May 2nd to honor Tom McLaughlin Jr's son who came home from his service in the military.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lorraine Daliessio, 1050 Yates Avenue, reminded residents to come out to volunteer for the Marcus Hook Creek clean-up on May 15th. Lorraine noted that she was trying to recruit volunteers for this event. Lorraine also noted that she had mentioned the pothole behind her home prior to the meeting but that was still in need of repair.

Pat Lakin, 31 Marshal Ave, questioned where the primary election was being held on May 18th. Councilor J. Laird noted that Pat lives in the 3rd ward and that the 3rd ward primary will be held at the Marcus Hook Municipal Building at 1111 Market Street.

Skip Morello, 1021 Market Street, wanted to thank everyone for the prayers that have come in for his health concerns. Skip is fighting a disease and he is on new medication that seems to be working. Skip and his doctors are hopeful that the medication will continue to be effective. Skip wanted to conclude that he is thankful to Jesus and everyone who has prayed for him and his health.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

Manager advised that the payment voucher for the time period from April 7, 2021 through May 3, 2021 totaled \$166,749.89. Motion by B. Mercadante second by C. Evernham to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by M. Mercadante second by C. Evernham to adjourn. All in favor.
Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Andrew Weldon
Borough Secretary