

May 6, 2024

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Tuesday evening, May 6, 2024, 7:00 PM, in Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present were Councilors Cheryl Evernham, Joseph Flynn, John Johnson, Larry Killinen, Josephine Laird, Michael Manerchia, and Janette Weigand. Also present was Mayor Gene Taylor and Borough Manager Deborah Hurst.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by M. Manerchia, seconded 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 April 2024 totaled \$137,259.11. Motion by M. Manerchia, seconded 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 April 3, 2024 through May 6, 2024 totaled \$232,014.64. Motion by M. Manerchia, seconded by J. Johnson to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Manager presented the Monthly Code Enforcement Reports for the month of April 2024. Motion by L. Killinen, seconded by J. Flynn to receive and file the Monthly Code Enforcement Report. All in favor.

Manager requested a motion to appoint Aubrey Daniels, Sr. as the Grand Marshal for the Memorial Day Parade. Mr. Daniels served in the United States Coast Guard from 1957 until 1961 and was last stationed in Atlantic City, NJ. Motion by J. Johnson, seconded by L. Killinen. All in favor.

Manager requested a motion to approve Resolution No.R-24-8 appointing Deborah Hurst as delegate to the Delaware County Tax Collection Committee, appointing Josephine Laird as the alternate delegate and appointing Cheryl Evernham as the second alternate voting delegate. Motion by M. Manerchia, seconded by J. Flynn. All in favor.

Manager requested a motion to approve the proposal from Phoenix Security Systems, Inc., COSTARS # 040-E22-116 in the amount of \$24,188.00 for Surveillance & Access Control Migration NDAA Compliant Software/Hardware to the existing system and add access control to the administrative offices hallway door. Motion by M. Manerchia, seconded by L. Killinen. All in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Taylor presented the Police Report and related statistics for the month of April 2024. Motion by L. Killinen, seconded by M. Manerchia to receive and file the Mayor's Public Safety Report. All in favor.

Manager reported that two more bids were received to do a three year compilation audit at the firehouse. The first was from Barbacane, Thornton & Company who submitted a bid in the amount of \$9,500.00. Based on their current schedule, they should be able to schedule their work between mid-June and mid-July, with a target to have a report ready for acceptance sometime in July. The second bid was from Barsz Gowie Amon & Fultz for a bid amount of \$9,000.00. Based on their current schedule, they would not be able to begin the report until the end of July or beginning of August. Unfortunately, I do not have the bid that Solicitor Much spoke about initially that was estimated to cost over \$19,000.00. This was for a full 3 year audit, not a compilation audit. Manager Hurst will follow-up with Solicitor Much to see which bid Trainer Borough would like to do the audit.

HIGHWAY AND SANITATION

Manager requested a motion to advertise for summer help. Motion made by J. Weigand, seconded by M. Manerchia. All in favor.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Manager presented for adoption Borough Resolution No. R-24-6 authorizing the dedication of a portion of the right-of-way of a public road known as Penn Avenue located to the south of East Tenth Street in the Borough of Marcus Hook and as more fully described by a Deed of Dedication to be recorded in the Office of the Recorder of Deeds for Delaware County. This approval is conditioned on 1. Charles Catania, Jr., Borough Engineer, confirming that the road has been satisfactorily constructed, and 2. Solicitor Much approving the Maintenance/Security Agreement between Duke Realty Limited Partnership and the Borough of Marcus Hook in the amount of fifteen percent (15%) of the cost of the dedicated roadway improvements (\$138,363.07) effective for eighteen (18) months to secure the structural integrity of the improvements. Motion by L. Killinen, seconded by J. Flynn to adopt Resolution No. R-24-6. All in favor. M. Manerchia requested that the fence on Borough property be removed and if there needs to be an application submitted to for road closures. Fees for road closures fees must be paid as necessary.

PARKS, RECREATION and SHADE TREES

The 2024 Arbor Day Program was held on April 26th at Robert Haebel Plaza. Two Norway Spruce trees were planted. During the program Marcus Hook Borough received its 39th year Tree City USA recognition materials. Students from the Marcus Hook Elementary School kindergarten class attended and participated in the program. Motion by L. Killinen, seconded by J. Weigand to record and file. All in favor.

Manager requested a motion to approve Resolution No. R-24-7 authorizing an application to the Commonwealth Financing Authority for a Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program Grant. Motion by J. Flynn, seconded by M. Manerchia. All in favor.

LIBRARY

1. The library has established a connection with the Chichester School District, collaborating on their summer reading list. We are working on adding these titles to our collection. Additionally, there are plans to partner with the school district for a movie night during the summer. A special thanks to Mr. Weigand for facilitating this connection.
2. Outreach efforts with Bridge Church Day Care have been ongoing, and we will continue to host story time sessions with them.
3. Manager requested a motion on behalf of Library Director to appoint Jamie Shaw to the Library Bboard with the submittal of clearances and background check. Motion by C. Evernham, seconded by M. Manerchia. All in favor.

4. The library is proud to offer a diverse range of programs suitable for all age groups. As a result, our daily visitor count has noticeably increased, reflecting growing interest in our services.
5. Manager requested a motion on behalf of the Library Director that Ms. Fely and her Girl Scout troop to plant flowers around the library's parking area. Motion by M. Manerchia, seconded by C. Evernham. All in favor.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Killinen read the MHTFD Fire Report for the months of February, March and April 2024.

Councilor Manerchia wished everyone a happy and safe Memorial Day.

Councilor Weigand reminded all that May 18th is clean-up day from 10:00 a.m. to noon behind the Marcus Hook Elementary back lot. Energy Transfer has agreed to participate, along with Braskem and the Sheriff's Department. Councilor Evernham has 5 kids that will be helping out as well.

Councilor Evernham stated that the wall is finished at New English and looks great.

Mayor Taylor reminded all that the Memorial Day parade begins at noon.

Councilor Killinen stated that people are stealing bricks on 10th Avenue near New English. There are pile of bricks. Chief Ireland informed all that is they see people stealing bricks to call 911. Chief Ireland will make InfraSource aware of the issue.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Bill Cox, 206 Market Street, wanted to let Council know that he was upset after the last agenda meeting where a resident who was arrested in a neighboring town went on the discuss the issue for over 10 minutes. Mr. Cox believes someone should have cut her off since it had nothing to do with Marcus Hook.

Resident Bill Cox and Councilor's Johnson and Manerchia mentioned that there are PECO poles throughout town that only have the bottom half and this is a dangerous situation. Manager Hurst will reach out to Michele Garrity from PECO and make her aware of the problem.

Councilor Weigand state that on May 11th there will be an event "Muffins and Tea with Mom" at 10:00 a.m. at Cokesbury Church.

Councilor Killinen mentioned that there will be a Senior Meeting on May 8th at 12:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by L. Killinen, seconded by M. Manerchia to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Deborah Hurst
Borough Secretary