

September 3, 2019

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Tuesday evening September 3, 2019, 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, 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 W. Cox second by P. Ewing 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 August totaled \$239,820.43. Motion by W. Cox second by M. Manerchia to receive and deposit. All in favor.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Manager presented for second reading Borough Ordinance No. O-19-3 amending the Code of the Borough of Marcus Hook, Chapter 148, Parking Lots, Municipal, renumbering current section 148-7 to 148-8, and adding a new section: 148-7, Repairing vehicles in municipal parking lots. This ordinance was duly advertised on August 13, 2019. Motion by W. Cox second by C. Evernham to adopt Ordinance No. O-19-3. All in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Taylor presented the Police Report and related statistics for the month of August, 2019. Motion by C. Evernham second by W. Cox to receive and file the Mayor's Public Safety Report. All in favor.

Michael Tierney was sworn in as part-time police officer. Motion by J. Kennard second by M. Manerchia to record and file. All in favor.

The Marcus Hook Civil Service Commission extended the eligibility list for the position of Police Officer, which was originally adopted on August 27th, 2018 at a Civil Service Commission meeting, and accepted by Borough Council on September 4th, 2018. Per Pennsylvania Borough Code, Section 1184 (a) (3) The eligibility list will be valid for one year from the date the commission formally adopts the eligibility list. And (4) Prior to expiration of the one-year period, the commission may extend the validity of the eligibility list for up to an additional 12 months by a majority vote of the commission at a duly authorized commission meeting. At a Civil Service Commission meeting on August 15th, 2019, the Commission recertified the eligibility list for the position of Police Officer; the top three candidates are Aaron Kintsche, Jim Dalrymple, and Anthony Grosso. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Flynn to accept the extended eligibility list from the Civil Service Commission for the position of Police Officer. All in favor.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Manager noted that there is an e-waste, bulk trash, and shredding event scheduled for Saturday, October 12th, 2019 from 9 AM - 11 AM at the Marcus Hook Highway Garage. The Borough is offering residents free shredding, one free bulk trash item, and one free television disposal; identification showing residency in the Borough of Marcus Hook is required. Additional televisions may be disposed of for a fee of \$25 for most normal televisions, and \$50 for rear projection/console type-televisions. Motion by P. Ewing second by C. Evernham to record and file. All in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Manager reported that the 2019 Street Resurfacing Program is tentatively scheduled to commence during the last week of September on Green Street, from 6th Street to Delaware Avenue. This year's program will include the milling, repaving, and striping of the area noted above. Motion by W.Cox second by C. Evernham to receive and file. All in favor.

Bids were opened on August 22, 2019, at 10 AM for the Marcus Hook Borough – Mickey Vernon Park Improvements project, and tabulated as follows:

<u>Project</u>		<u>Lechmanik, Inc.</u>	<u>Ernel Company, Inc.</u>
Base Bid:	QTY	\$115,506.10 Total	\$149,100.00 Total
1. ADA Accessible Recycle Rubber Paving Walkway	170 SY		
2. ADA Accessible Gate with Automatic Closer	3 EA		
3. Playground Fence	90 LF		
4. New Trees	11 EA		
5. New Shrubs	22 EA		
6. New Perennials	57 EA		
7. Ball Field Fence	190 LF		
8. Backstop	1 LS		
9. Bases and Pitcher's Mound	1 EA		
10. Benches	2 EA		
11. Concrete Sidewalk	115 SY		
12. Project Sign	1 EA		
13. Demolition	1 LS		

Motion by C. Evernham second by P. Ewing to accept the Marcus Hook Borough – Mickey Vernon Park Improvements project bid from Lechmanik, Inc. in the amount of \$115,506.10. All in favor.

PARKS, RECREATION and SHADE TREES

Acknowledged were the members of the Marcus Hook Recreation and Park Board who volunteered their time and energy for the 2019 Summer Concert Series as well as the 2019 Champs N' Charity Softball Tournament. Motion by W. Cox second by C. Evernham to record and file. All in favor.

Letter received from Gail LaVallee, advising of her resignation from the Recreation and Park Board effective August 30, 2019. Motion by J. Kennard second by J. Flynn to receive and file. All in favor.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Borough Council held a public meeting on August 27, 2019 to review a Zoning Application for the modification and expansion of use of the nonconforming property at 801 Market Street, Folio No. 24-00-00417-01. The application is requesting permission to modify the nonconforming use status of the property to allow the area currently being used as a banquet hall/ballroom and catering facility to instead be used as a boxing/wrestling/martial arts gym, including daily classes/training/events. Motion by J. Kennard second by M. Manerchia to approve the issuance of a Zoning Permit, with conditions and safeguards as per the following Specific Requirements. All in favor.

Specific Requirements

1. The previous use of the facility as a banquet/catering hall will cease immediately.
2. The gym use of the facility will be permitted to operate seven days a week with closure no later than 10:00 PM.
3. Boxing, wrestling, martial arts matches are restricted to Sundays and Saturdays no earlier than 1:00 PM and with closure no later than 10:00 PM.
4. General parking for patrons of the gym is restricted to the municipal parking lot behind Mickey Vernon Park. However, in connection with the day to day operations of the gym, not more than one vehicle at a time shall be permitted to park on 8th Street in front of the gym.
5. Where, in the opinion of the Mayor and, in his absence, the Director of Public Safety and/or Officer-In-Charge, the need for extraordinary police protection is attributable to a particular event at 801 Market Street, the owner, operator, person or organization which conducts such an event is required to reimburse the Borough of Marcus Hook for the expense of such extraordinary police service.
6. All activities associated with the gym use of the facility for boxing, wrestling, martial arts training and events will take place within the building. Any use of a municipal park for activities associated with the facility will require the issuance of a separate permit.
7. The use of alcoholic beverages within the building is strictly prohibited.
8. Operation of a concession operation for food and equipment will be permitted. A Marcus Hook Borough Health License must be procured for any food serving operation.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor W. Cox reminded residents to be aware that kids are back in school and will be getting on and off of the busses in town so please be careful when driving.

Councilor J. Kennard commented that the Braskem water issue on Rt. 13/Post Road/10th Street appears to have been corrected, which is very good news. It's been about two weeks since there has been water there.

Councilor C. Everngham wanted to thank Gail LaVallee for all of her hard work this year on the Rec Board, and she is sad to see her go.

Councilor M. Manerchia also noted that kids were back in school and would be out in the mornings at the bus stops in town, so please be careful driving. Councilor M. Manerchia also noted the strange weather that we've been experiencing over the past few years and to be prepared and have something packed away with necessities in the event of a Borough-wide power outage. Councilor M. Manerchia finally reminded residents that the Pirate Festival is taking place on Saturday, September 21st which is the 11th year for the festival; please stop out.

Councilor J. Laird thanked Gail, Michael, and the rest of the Rec Board for all of their hard work, and specifically noted that Gail did a fantastic job during her time as Rec Board President.

Manager A. Weldon noted that DELCORA is hosting two "open houses" for customers to ask questions and learn more about the proposed DELCORA/Aqua Pennsylvania merger. The first open house is on September 4th, at 6:30PM at the Springfield Country Club. The second open house is on September 11th, at 6:30PM at the Chester Community Charter School. Manager A. Weldon also reminded residents that Senator Tom Killion is hosting a public drug abuse forum at the Marcus Hook Elementary School on September 10th at 6:30PM with District Attorney Kat Copeland as well as the Crozer-Keystone Center of Excellence.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Robert Harvey, 801 Market Street wanted to thank Mayor and Council for working with him to get the change of nonconforming use of his property approved. Robert is excited about what he'll be doing there and will notify the Borough once he gets things up and running for an open house.

Lorraine Daliessio, 1050 Yates Avenue, noted that she was contacted by Senator Killion's office and they reiterated what Manager A. Weldon had spoken about at last week's agenda meeting; that they were waiting for DVRPC to complete their grade crossing study and would help facilitate meetings with the Borough and PennDOT once that study was completed.

Skip Morello, 1021 Market Street, commented that the issue he brought up at the agenda meeting last week was going to hopefully work itself out.

Pat Lakin, 31 Marshall Avenue, inquired if the microphones on the council desk were operating as it's hard to hear everyone sometimes. Manager A. Weldon informed Pat that the microphones had not worked in some time, but that we would look to possibly have something at the new Council Chambers when we move to the new building.

Councilor M. Manerchia inquired to Georgiana Montella, who was in attendance and is on the Chichester School Board, if she could find out if the money that was being charged on local cable bills under the line entitled "Regional Sports Network Fee" went back to local sports teams to pay for coverage of their sporting events on the local cable channels. Georgiana said she would inquire about this.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

Manager advised that the payment voucher for the time period from August 6, 2019 through September 3, 2019 totaled \$668,942.17. Motion by W. Cox second by C. Everngham to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by W. Cox second by C. Everngham to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Andrew Weldon
Borough Secretary