

September 6, 2022

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Tuesday evening September 6, 2022, 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 Everngham, Joseph Flynn, John Johnson, Larry Killinen, and Josephine Laird. Also present were Mayor Gene Taylor and Borough Manager Andrew Weldon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by W. Cox second 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 August totaled \$539,807.15. Motion by W. Cox second by C. Everngham to receive and deposit. All in favor.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Council President J. Laird noted that a letter of resignation was received from Borough Manager, Treasurer, Secretary, and Right to Know Officer Andrew Weldon, effective September 23, 2022. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Flynn to receive and file. J. Flynn, C. Everngham, W. Cox, L. Killinen, J. Johnson – YES, J. Laird – NO. Motion carried 5-1.

Council President J. Laird noted that Aubrey Mulholland has expressed interest in assisting the Borough during the managerial transition and given her knowledge of the Borough and prior experience as Manager would therefore be appointed to serve as interim Manager, Treasurer, Secretary, and Right to Know Officer, on a part-time and temporary basis, until a permanent replacement could be identified. Motion by W. Cox second by L. Killinen to appoint Aubrey Mulholland to serve as interim Manager, Treasurer, Secretary, and Right to Know Officer, on a part-time basis, until a permanent replacement is identified. All in favor.

Manager mentioned that the Spring/Summer 2022 edition of the Marcus Hook News was distributed to each Borough residence and business on August 17, 2022. The printing was the 65th edition of this publication since its inception in 1983. Motion L. Killinen second by J. Flynn to record and file. All in favor.

Manager reported that the Borough has renewed its flood insurance policy for the property located at 7 W. Delaware Avenue for the period September 7, 2022 – September 6, 2023. The premium cost is \$5,278, a decrease of \$8,716 from the expired program at inception. Motion by W. Cox second by L. Killinen to ratify the renewal of the Borough's flood insurance policy for the 2022/2023 coverage period. All in favor.

Manager presented a change order from BSS Contractors, LLC in the amount of \$3,424.66 for the removal of approximately 30 linear feet of asbestos pipe insulation located in the masonry chase of the ground floor bathroom wall at 1015 Green Street. Motion by L. Killinen second by J. Flynn to ratify the change order to BSS Contractors, LLC in the amount of \$3,424.66 and use funding from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to cover these costs. All in favor.

Manager presented a Purchase Agreement Extension between the Delaware County Public Schools Healthcare Trust and the Borough of Marcus Hook to extend the terms of the Purchase Agreement for an additional term of one year, effective January 1, 2023. Motion by W. Cox second by L. Killinen to approve the Purchase Agreement Extension between the Delaware County Public Schools Healthcare Trust and the Borough of Marcus Hook. All in favor.

Manager presented the Monthly Code Enforcement Report for the month of August, 2022. Motion by W. Cox 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 August, 2022. Motion by L. Killinen second by C. Evernham to receive and file the Mayor's Public Safety Report. All in favor.

Mayor Taylor reminded residents that the Borough curfew reverts back to 8:00 PM this evening, as outlined in Borough Ordinance No. O-22-4, and will continue at 8:00 PM until the Memorial Day holiday in 2023. Motion by W. Cox second by C. Evernham to record and file. All in favor.

Manager noted a letter of resignation was received from part-time police officer, Jeremy Baker, effective August 28, 2022. Motion by W. Cox second by L. Killinen to receive and file. All in favor.

Manager noted that a letter of resignation was received from Robert Kersey, Jr. from the position as Borough Fire Marshal, effective immediately. Motion by W. Cox second by C. Evernham to receive and file. All in favor.

Manager noted that due to the resignation of Robert Kersey, Jr. as Borough Fire Marshal, Assistant Borough Fire Marshal Larry Weigand, III would be appointed to the position of Borough Fire Marshal, effective immediately for the term expiring 12/31/2024. Motion by W. Cox second by L. Killinen to appoint Larry Weigand, III as Borough Fire Marshal. All in favor.

Mayor Taylor administered the Oath of Office to Larry Weigand, III for the position of Borough Fire Marshal.

Alfonse Brooks, President and Joey Smith, Assistant Chief of the Marcus Hook Trainer Fire Department presented Andrew Weldon with a plaque in appreciation of his assistance to the Fire Department through the years he served as Borough Manager.

The Marcus Hook Civil Service Commission presented to the Mayor and Borough Council a recertified list of the top three candidates for the position of full-time Police Officer, based on the results of the Civil Service Examination. The three candidates from high to low score on the eligibility list are Jordan Culbreath, Ginger Dunbar, and Matt Elliott. Motion by J. Flynn second by L. Killinen to appoint Matt Elliott as a full-time police officer with the Borough of Marcus Hook upon the completion of all required clearances. All in favor.

Manager noted that Marie Swanson would be removed from her position as an alternate member on the Civil Service Commission due to no longer residing in the Borough of Marcus Hook. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Johnson to remove Marie Swanson from the Civil Service Commission due to no longer residing in the Borough of Marcus Hook. All in favor.

Chief Ireland requested ratification of authorization to submit a grant application to the Delaware County Interactive Gaming Revenue Authority in the amount of \$1,941.70. This grant is for the purpose of reimbursement of defined community outreach and/or recruiting activities expenses. Motion by L. Killinen second by W. Cox to approve the filing of a grant application to the Delaware County Interactive Gaming Revenue Authority in the amount of \$1,941.70. All in favor.

Manager reported that the Borough will be advertising surplus property for sale this month, a Rock Island Armory M60 7.62 Full Auto Machine Gun, Serial Number 10851, manufactured after May 19, 1986. Motion by J. Flynn second by W. Cox to authorization advertisement of a Rock Island Armory M60 Full Auto Machine Gun for sale in the Delco Times, bids to be opened September 22, 2022 at 10:00 AM at the Marcus Hook Municipal Building. All in favor

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Manager noted the need to fill the part-time position of Code Enforcement Assistant. Jake Persing, who worked for the Borough as a Summer Helper this year has expressed willingness and interest in this position vacancy. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Flynn to appoint Jake Persing to the position of Code Enforcement Assistant, working a part-time schedule of 24 hours per week. All in favor.

PARKS, RECREATION and SHADE TREES

Manager reported that the first meeting of the Marcus Hook Mini-Parks, Recreation and Open Space Plan Study Committee has been scheduled for September 12, 2022, 5:30 PM, at the Municipal Government Office Building located at 1111 Market Street. The Study Committee members, Joe Flynn, Bill Cox, Gail LaVallee, Trish Hoffman, and Ginny Hughes, will be meeting with the project consultant Thomas Comitta Associates to kick-off the study process. Motion by W. Cox second by L. Killinen to record and file. All in favor.

ENVIRONMENT

Manager presented for second reading and adoption Borough Ordinance No. O-22-5 repealing Chapter 174, entitled Stormwater Management, and replacing with a revised Chapter 174, entitled Stormwater Management. The updated ordinance provides general updates as well as compliance with 2022 MS4 requirements, in addition to establishing permit requirements, site plan requirements, providing for inspection and fees, establishing maintenance responsibilities, prohibiting certain discharges and providing for enforcement and penalties. Subject ordinance is designed to comply with the regulatory requirements of Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System (MS4) program. Motion by L. Killinen second by J. Flynn to adopt Ordinance No. O-22-5. All in favor.

Manager noted the Marcus Hook Recycling Drop-Off Center, will be completed shortly and the Borough, in conjunction with Braskem who paid for the cost of paving, fencing, signing, and striping this recycling area, will host a dedication event for the recycling center on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 12:00 PM. Included in the drop-off center will be a single stream recycling dumpster serviced by the Delaware County Solid Waste Authority, along with a Polypropylene (plastics) recycling igloo which will be serviced by Braskem. Motion by W. Cox second by C. Everngham to record and file. All in favor.

Manager noted that a letter of resignation was received from Patrick Koch for his position on the Environmental Advisory Council, effective immediately. Motion by W. Cox second by L. Killinen to receive and file. All in favor.

HISTORY

Manager would like to remind residents that the Pirate Festival is scheduled for September 17, 2022 at the Market Square Memorial Park, from 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM. Motion by C. Everngham second by L. Killinen to record and file. All in favor.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor L. Killinen reported that the MHTFD in July and August responded to 40 and 50 fire alarms, respectively.

Mayor and Borough Council expressed their appreciation and noted that Andrew Weldon would be missed.

Mayor and Borough Council congratulated Larry Weigand, III on his appointment to Borough Fire Marshal.

Councilor C. Everngham noted that school was back in session and to be careful when driving in and around the Borough.

Councilor L. Killinen questioned whether there was a trash ordinance that spoke to when and how residents are to place their trash out to be collected. Manager A. Weldon noted that there is an ordinance in place that states trash is to be placed out for collection in the evening of the day prior to collection and it is required to be placed in a can with a lid. Larry noted that residents in the village had put their cans out on Sunday, and some others just placed bags at the curbs that were now torn open and trash was strewn about. Andrew noted he would speak to code enforcement about this matter.

Mayor G. Taylor reminded residents that the final concert, rescheduled from August will take place next Tuesday, September 13th at 7:00 PM at Market Square Memorial Park, featuring the Joseph A. Ferko String Band.

Councilor J. Laird noted that there is a basketball net outside of Pat Koch's house in the street on 9th Street.

Police Chief J. Ireland reminded residents that curfew in the Borough is now 8:00 PM. John expressed congratulations to Larry Weigand and a thank you to Aubrey Mulholland. John also gave a shout-out to the Marcus Hook Trainer Fire Department and finally, said he was sorry to see Andrew go.

Manager noted the following vacancies on Boards and Commissions: Civil Service Commission – 1 vacancy, Planning Commission – 2 vacancies, Shade Tree Commission – 1 vacancy, Library Board – 1 vacancy, Recreation and Park Board -2 vacancies, Environmental Advisory Council – 2 vacancies.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lorraine Daliessio, 1050 Yates Avenue, reminded everyone that the EAC in the Borough of Marcus Hook and Trainer, and Lower Chichester Township is unique as we meet face to face with our local businesses and industry. Lorraine noted that Congoleum is now located in New Jersey. Lorraine continued that Braskem provided a written report to Jean Beck and noted that they will no longer be participating in-person at the EAC meetings, and will simply be submitting a report each month. Finally, Lorraine noted that she has been communicating with Kathy Chudnofsky, Lower Chichester and is encouraged by how well things have been going. Lorraine and Kathy are coordinating with Michael Daly, Lower Chichester Fire Marshal, on inviting new businesses and industry to the EAC meetings each month.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

Manager advised that the payment voucher for the time period from August 2, 2022 through September 6, 2022 totaled \$228,653.76. Motion by W. Cox second by L. Killinen to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by W. Cox second by L. Killinen to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Andrew Weldon
Borough Secretary