

September 5, 2023

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Monday evening September 5, 2023, 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, Joseph Flynn, John Johnson, Larry Killinen, Josephine Laird and Michael Manerchia, Also present were Mayor Gene Taylor and Borough Manager Deborah Hurst.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by W. Cox, 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 August totaled \$259,571.70. Motion by M. Manerchia, seconded by W. Cox to receive and deposit. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

Manager advised that the payment voucher for the time period from August 8, 2023 through September 5, 2023 totaled \$165,796.29. Motion by C. Evernham, seconded by M. Manerchia to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Manager presented the Monthly Code Enforcement Report for the month of August, 2023. Motion by W. Cox, seconded by M. Manerchia to receive and file the Monthly Code Enforcement Report. All in favor.

Manager presented Professional Services Agreement from HERA Property Registry, LLC for providing property registration services for foreclosed and abandoned properties. Motion by M. Manerchia, seconded by L. Killinen to accept the Hera Registry, LLC Agreement to provide registration services for foreclosed and abandoned properties. All in favor.

Manager presented a change order for the Police and Library Renovations Project from LGB Mechanical, Inc. The change order is as follows: CO #2 - \$1,638.00 – repair of pipe and toilet in holding cell. This Change Order is recommended for approval by the Borough Engineer. Motion by M. Manerchia, seconded by J. Johnson to approve Change Order #2 from LGB Mechanical, Inc. in the amount of \$1,638.00. All in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Taylor presented the Police Report and related statistics for the month of August, 2023. Motion by W. Cox, seconded by M. Manerchia to receive and file the Mayor's Public Safety Report. All in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Manager reported that Council has recommended that Highway Employee Slayde Turner be promoted to Assistant Highway Foreman. Motion by M. Manerchia, seconded by J. Flynn to promote Slayde Turner to Assistant Highway Foreman. All in favor.

## PARKS, RECREATION AND SHADE TREES

Manager noted that the 3<sup>rd</sup> rescheduled performance of the 2023 Concert Series (37<sup>th</sup> year) was held on August 15, 2023. The entertainment was Slim and the Perkolators and the food vendor was Rollin' Phatties BBQ Smokeshack. Motion by W. Cox, seconded by J. Johnson to record and file. All in favor. President Laird asked Mrs. Hurst to call Mrs. Ottinger and get a total of the food trucks donations for this year's concerts.

Manager reported that Councilor C. Evernham recommended Janice Sordi and Lori Manerchia be voted off of the Recreation Board effective immediately.

Manager reported that the Recreation Board will hold Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 29 beginning at 5:30 at Market Square Memorial Park.

Manager reported that Charles Catania, Jr. has advised that plans and specifications for the Market Square Memorial Park Riverfront Enhancement Project are complete. Funding in the amount of \$211,025 has been approved from the DELCO Green Ways Grant Program. Motion by J. Flynn seconded by M. Manerchia to authorize Borough Engineer, Charles Catania, to proceed with the advertisement for bids for the Market Square Memorial Park Enhancement Project. All in favor.

Manager presented Resolution No, R-23-8, authorizing the filing of an application for Delaware County Municipal Grant Program Assistance under the fourth round of the Delco Green Ways Grant Program for the Market Square Memorial Park and Mickey Vernon Park Improvement Project. Motion by W. Cox, seconded by J. Flynn to adopt Resolution No. R-23-8. All in favor.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Manager announced that Prologis has agreed to take possession of the Borough's remnant 0.24 acre land parcel (Tax Folio No. 24-00-00638-50) in the rear corner of the distribution center development site located at 601 East 10<sup>th</sup> Street. Prologis will remove the concrete foundations on the property, grade and landscape this parcel. It has been determined that the property has no useful value to Marcus Hook Borough and the cost to clean up this property is not cost effective. Motion by J. Flynn, seconded by M. Manerchia to announce Council's intention to sell the 0.24 land parcel (Tax Folio No. 24-00-00638-50) to Prologis who has agreed to clear, grade and landscape the parcel to advance the perimeter site landscape buffering as part of the redevelopment of the 33 acre property. All in favor. Mr. Manerchia would like a meeting scheduled with Prologis to discuss this action. President Laird asked Mrs. Hurst to set up a meeting and notify the Mayor and Council of the date and time.

## ENVIRONMENT

Manager reported that The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection has scheduled a Public Hearing to explain and allow for questions on an application (Plan Approval No. 23-0119K) from Energy Transfer Marketing & Terminals to expand the ethane chilling capacity at the Marcus Hook Terminal from approximately 75,000 barrels per day to approximately 85,000 barrels per day. The hearing will be held on September 19, 2023, at The Ballrooms at Boothwyn, PA, 1405 Meetinghouse Road, Boothwyn, PA, 6:00 - 8:00 PM. President Laird would like representation from Council at this public hearing. Motion by J. Flynn, seconded by L. Killinen to receive and file. All in favor.

## LIBRARY

Manager read the following report submitted by Librarian, Tianjia Wang:

1. Braskem approved the donation to the MH library. Within the next two weeks the library will receive the check. President Laird asked Mrs. Hurst to find out the amount of the check and what the library will be purchasing with these funds.

2. The library floor was resurfaced. The result was mediocre. As a result A & A General Cleaning and Floor Care reduced the charge from \$850 to \$500.
3. The library will be open 45 hours per week six days a week starting September 5th. That will reach the state requirement.
4. The library received the County Aid. Thank you, library board for helping meet the requirements.
5. The library received the museum pass grant from the Library Foundation of Delaware County.
6. Total circulation went up about 20% more than last month.
7. I would like to have a 100 year anniversary / grand reopening celebration for the library in October.

### COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor L. Killinen reported the following July and August MHTFD reports. MHTFD responded to 42 fire alarms in July and 41 in August 2023.

Councilor M. Manerchia reported that the Pirate Festival will be held on Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. A shuttle will be provided. Now that school is back in session, please watch out for the children. There is a major shut down at Monroe Energy Refinery and traffic will increase on Market Street, so use extra caution when the children are getting out of school as well. It is hurricane season and we are a river town, so everyone stay vigilant.

Councilor C. Evernham asked Chief Ireland if we are down a police vehicle from the accident. Chief Ireland stated that the damaged vehicle was from Trainer Police. There is an EAC meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup>. The meeting is here at Borough Hall. Councilor C. Evernham and President Laird both have a previous commitment. Councilor C. Evernham is hoping that some members of Council can attend that meeting. President Laird asked Councilor Evernham about the previous records from the EAC meetings. Councilor Evernham stated that the previous records were destroyed.

Councilor Killinen reported that he was thoroughly satisfied with the trash pick-up today. He followed them and they picked up everything. President Laird stated they did a great job today picking up numerous bags of trash from her neighbor.

Mayor Taylor stated that the 8:00 p.m. curfew goes into effect tonight. Residents are reminded to get your dogs licensed so they don't receive a fine.

Chief Ireland stated that there needs to be a motion added to the agenda accepting the Costars contract from Phoenix Security Systems, Inc. for access control and camera's for the library and Police Station at 1015 Green Street. Motion by J. Flynn, seconded by I. Killinen to accept the low bid from Phoenix Security Systems, Inc. for access control and camera's for the library and police station at 1015 Green Street in the amount of \$49,960.00. All in favor.

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Lorraine Daliesso, 1050 Yates Avenue, made the following comments: it is disheartening that the EAC destroyed records. Assistant District Melissa Muroff sent Ms. Daliesso an email asking if we have any information about industrial illegal dumping. The Borough needs to post openings on any of our committees and how residents can join a committee. Ms. Daliesso asked if there is still a food bank. Councilor C. Evernham stated there is one at Cokesbury Church. President Laird stated that Marcus Hook Borough has nothing to do with the food bank. Councilor C. Evernham informed everyone that the Cokesbury food bank will be held on September 20<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Daliesso understands that the trash company is complaining about the increased amount of trash. The library is doing an amazing job! It is great that the Pirate Festival is happening again.

The 4<sup>th</sup> Street flooding has been going on for a long time now. Councilor M. Manerchia will bring that up at the next EAC meeting and stated we are still waiting for a manhole.

Awilda Laureano, 24 Chestnut Street, introduced herself to everyone. Councilor L. Killinen thanked Awilda for assisting him in handing out the monthly meeting dates. President Laird and Councilor C. Everngham stated that starting in 2024 calendars will be delivered to each residence. This calendar will contain important borough information, and will be done at no cost to taxpayers.

### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by L. Killinen, seconded by M. Manerchia to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:37 PM.

Deborah A. Hurst  
Borough Secretary