

January 2, 2024

The reorganization and regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Tuesday evening, January 2, 2024, 7:00 PM, in Council Chambers.

OATH OF OFFICE

Magisterial District Judge David Griffin administered the oath of office to Josephine M. Laird, Larry Killinen, Michael Manerchia, John Johnson and Janette Weigand.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Taylor called the meeting to order.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

COUNCIL AND BOROUGH REORGANIZATION

Mayor Taylor stated that this was a reorganization meeting and requested nominations for President and Vice-President of Council.

Motion by Councilor Cheryl Everghnam made a motion to nominate Josephine M. Laird as President of Borough Council, seconded by Councilor Joseph Flynn. All in favor.

Motion by Council President Josephine M. Laird to nominate Councilor Cheryl Everghnam as Vice-President of Borough Council, seconded by Councilor Joseph Flynn. All in favor.

Motion by Council President Josephine to nominate Councilor Joseph Flynn as President Pro Tem who will preside in the event that both the President and Vice-President are absent from a meeting at which there is still a quorum, seconded by Councilor Michael Manerchia. All in favor.

Motion by Council President Josephine M. Laird to nominate William Cox as Chairman of the Vacancy Board, seconded by Councilor Joseph Flynn. All in favor.

Councilor Joseph Flynn advanced a motion continuing the appointment of Mark P. Much as Borough Solicitor. Motion was seconded by Councilor Michael Manerchia. All in favor.

Councilor Larry Killinen advanced a motion continuing the appointment of Charles J. Catania, Jr. as Borough Engineer. Motion was seconded by Councilor Cheryl Everngham. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by L. Killinen, seconded by C. Everghnam 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

Council President advised that the receipt voucher for the month of December 2023 totaled \$163,985.31. Motion by C. Everghnam, seconded by L. Killinen to receive and deposit. All in favor.

## APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

Council President advised that the payment voucher for the time period from December 5, 2023 through January 2, 2024 totaled \$230,064.26. Motion by L. Killinen, seconded by M. Manerchia to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Council President advised that the Borough renewed its 2024 Workers' Compensation Employer's Liability and Heart and Lung/Act 477 coverage effective January 1, 2024, at a premium rate of \$45,257.00, an increase from \$44,942.00 from last year. Motion by L. Killinen to record and file, seconded by J. Flynn. All in favor.

Council President presented Borough Resolution No. R-24-1, a Resolution appointing a voting delegate as well as an alternate and second alternate voting delegates to the Delaware County Tax Collection Committee, which oversees the collection and disbursement of local Earned Income Taxes in accordance with Act 32 of 2008. Motion by M. Manerchia, seconded by L. Killinen to adopt Resolution R-24-1. All in favor.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

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

Mayor Taylor recommended the reappointment of the following part time police officers for 2024: Justin Fornwalt and Cody Magasich. Motion by M. Manerchia, seconded by C. Everghnam, to reappoint the above-named part time police officers for 2024. All in favor.

## PARKS AND RECREATION

Council President reported that the Recreation and Park Board's Winter Wonderland Event was held on December 23, 2023. President Laird stated that the event was a great success. They had 43 kids in the 1<sup>st</sup> session and 23 in the 2<sup>nd</sup> session. Councilor J. Weigand thanked the highway, police and fire departments for all their help.

Council President reported that the Recreation and Park Board's Candy Bar Bingo will be held on February 11, 2024 at noon. The location is still determined.

## COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Council President reported that the Borough's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program application (50<sup>th</sup> Year / FY 2024) for the Viscose Village Streetscape Project was submitted to the Delaware County Office of Housing and Community Development on December 13, 2023. CDBG funds requested totaled \$616,700 based on the construction cost estimate for streetscape work on Walnut Street from 10<sup>th</sup> Street to Pine Street. Motion by C. Everngham, seconded by L. Killinen to record and file. All in favor.

## LIBRARY

1. Library staff Christine Brogan has been terminated December 12, 2023. Reason for termination: poor work performance, not following instructions and often late to work.
2. The library will receive Wi-Fi hot spots & iPads from T-Mobile through a government grant.
3. The library is offering various programs for all ages. Recently our children's programs has been very popular.

4. M. Manerchia made a motion to increase Debbie Brown's hours from 20 hours a week to 25 hours a week, seconded by J. Flynn. All in favor. President Laird asked if this make them eligible for benefits. Solicitor Much stated it does not.
5. I would like to advertise an opening position for Library Assistant.at 20 hours a week, at a salary of \$15.00 an hour. President Laird told the Library Director to contact Clerk Courtney Sendek about the advertisement.

#### COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor L. Killinen read the MHTFD Fire Report for the months of November and December, 2023.

Councilor J. Flynn welcomed Councilor Janette Weigand to Marcus Hook Borough Council and congratulated everyone re-elected to Council.

Councilor M. Manerchia wished everyone a Happy New Year and reminded all that it is supposed to snow, so to be careful on steps and sidewalks. Solicitor Much is still in fire talks with Trainer.

Councilor J. Weigand thanked the Mayor and Council for their support and she is looking forward to working with the community.

Councilor C. Everghnam welcomed Councilor Janette Weigand to Borough Council. Councilor Everghnam announced that a new Borough Calendar will be going to every resident. She thanked the Recreation Board for the wonderful decorating event.

President Laird reported that there is an open position for Tax Collector. You must live in the Borough and be at least 18 years of age. Interested parties should fill out an application and drop it off to Borough Hall.

Council John Johnson welcomed Councilor Weigand and wished everyone a Happy New Year.

Solicitor Much had nothing to report. He thanked the Mayor and Council for their vote of confidence.

Councilor L. Killinen welcomed Councilor Weigand.

Mayor Taylor congratulated Councilor Weigand and announced that Dan Smith is the new Fire Chief.

Borough Clerk Courtney Sendek had nothing to report.

Chief Ireland congratulated Council Weigand and announced that the Police Department has moved back to 1015 Green Street. The Chief thanked the Highway Department for all their help with the move. President Laird thanked the Highway Department for the great job they did with the Christmas decorations and all they do throughout the year.

Library Director Tianjia Wang congratulated Councilor Weigand and all elected officials for their support. They will be hiring a part-time Library Assistant who will work 20 hours per week.

President Laird asked Vice-President Everngham to announce the Councilors committees for the year. President Laird asked Councilor Weigand now that she is appointed Vice-Chairman of the Recreation Board if she would like to stay Vice-Chairman and come off as a citizen of the Committee. Councilor Weigand will stay Vice-on as Chairman. President Laird announced that there is now a vacancy on the Recreation Board for anyone who is interested in joining. President Laird asked if there were any

comments on the committee appointments and there was not. The Committee appointment list is attached to the minutes.

#### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lorraine Daliessio, 1050 Yates Avenue, had the following comments. For months now, the trash has been an issue and she brought up by a Councilmember. She suggests that Council apply for a grant to give each resident a trash can. She would like Council to consider getting a sound system. She would like Council to consider inviting our industrial neighbors to the meetings to give any updates they may need to give. President Laird stated that they attend the EAC meetings. There are items brought up agenda meetings that Ms. Daliessio feel should be on the record. Councilor Everngham stated that minutes for the agenda meeting are not taken and never have been, nor is it required. Ms. Daliessio would like Council to purchase a new fire truck.

Larry Weigand, 17 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, stated that one of the school board members will be attending the Council Meetings.

Jamie McClure, 622 E. 10<sup>th</sup> Street stated there is an ongoing construction issues on 10<sup>th</sup> Street, such as mud, rocks and concrete on the streets. President Laird asked Bobby Hughes from the highway department if he is aware of this situation. Mr. Hughes stated he was and that during the height of the project, they had the street sweeper running ten hours a day. Bobby Hughes will check with them tomorrow. Mayor Taylor told Mr. McClure the situation will be taken care of.

President Laird wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New year.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by L. Killinen, seconded by M. Manerchia to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:47 PM.



Deborah Hurst  
Borough Secretary