

June 3, 2024

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Tuesday evening, June 3, 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 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 L. Killinen, seconded by M. Manerchia 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 May 2024 totaled \$238,253.25. Motion by L. Killinen, seconded by M. Manerchia to receive and deposit. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

Manager advised that the payment voucher for the time period from May 7, 2024 through June 3, 2024, totaled \$271,542.57. Motion by J. Flynn, seconded by M. Manerchia to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Manager presented for adoption Borough Resolution No. R-24-9 authorizing the destruction of public records as specifically described in subject Resolution and in compliance with the most recent Pennsylvania Municipal Records Manual adopted by Council on August 3, 2009. Motion by J. Flynn, seconded by J. Weigand to adopt Resolution No. R-24-9. All in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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

Manager requested a motion to appoint Joshua DiSylvestro Full-Time Police Officer. Motion by L. Killinen, seconded by J. Flynn. All in favor.

Manager requested a motion to appoint Bassam Farid Full-Time Police Officer. Motion by J. Johnson, seconded by M. Manerchia. All in favor.

Manager requested a motion to appoint Matthew Morse Part-Time Police Officer. Motion by M. Manerchia, seconded by L. Killinen. All in favor.

Manager read the resignation of Full-Time Police Officer Matthew Elliott and requested a motion to accept the resignation. Motion by L. Killinen, seconded by J. Johnson. All in favor.

Manager requested a motion to accept the Costars bid in the amount of \$1,460.00 from Phoenix Security to install audio/video equipment into the holding cells by the end of July. Motion by J. Weigand, seconded by M. Manerchia. All in favor.

Manager requested a motion to approve the bid to do a three year compilation firehouse audit from Barbacane Thornton & Company in the amount of \$9,500.00. This audit bid was also accepted by Trainer Borough. Motion by M. Manerchia, seconded by J. Flynn to accept the bid from Barbacane Thornton & Company to do the three year firehouse audit. All in favor. Manager Hurst will advise Trainer Borough that they will be responsible for 50% of the audit in the amount of \$4,750.00. An invoice will be sent to Trainer Borough.

HIGHWAY AND SANITATION

Manager requested a motion to accept the Costars bid from Fred Beans Ford of West Chester in the amount of \$67,651.94 for a 2023 F-350 Highway Vehicle. Motion by J. Flynn, seconded by M. Manerchia. All in favor. Councilor Manerchia asked Manager Hurst to get the 10 year, 75,000 warranty in writing.

Manager requested a motion to approve a raise for highway employee Jake Persing to \$27.42 an hour. Motion by M. Manerchia, seconded by J. Johnson. All in favor.

Manager reported that Council is holding discussions on repairing the existing street sweeper or purchasing a new street sweeper. M. Manerchia explained the situation to Council.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Manager announced that the Delaware County PY 2024 Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan Proposed List of Awards, as approved by Delaware County Council on May 1, 2024, included CDBG funding for the next phase of the Viscose Village Streetscape Project, Walnut Street - Dalton Lane to Pine Street, in the amount of \$236,125.00. Motion by L. Killinen, seconded by M. Manerchia to receive and file. All in favor.

Manager announced that the pre-construction meeting for the Viscose Village Streetscape Project, Cedar Street - Pine to Chestnut, was held on May 24, 2024. The contractor is Albert G. Cipolloni & Sons. The start date is mid-July. Motion by L. Killinen, seconded by M. Manerchia to record and file. All in favor.

PARKS, RECREATION and SHADE TREES

Manager announced that the Wildlife Services branch of the U.S. Department of Agriculture has agreed to conduct a geese round up at Market Square Memorial Park between June 20 and July 10 of this year. The USDA maintains an office at the Philadelphia International Airport staffed by Albert Polillo, a Wildlife Biologist. Motion by M. Manerchia, seconded by L. Killinen to positively acknowledge the assistance from the USDA Wildlife Service and to offer any assistance required in support of the geese round up operation. All in favor. This will not affect the summer concert that night.

Manager requested a motion to approve the low bid from P.J.G. Property Maintenance in the amount of \$4,700.00 to repair the elevator at the Community Center. Motion by J. Weigand, seconded by M. Manerchia. All in favor.

Manager requested a motion to advertise for bids for the Community Center upgrades. Motion by J. Weigand, seconded by M. Manerchia. All in favor.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Presented for first reading was Ordinance Number O-24-2 to amend the Code of the Borough of Marcus Hook, Delaware County, Pennsylvania, Chapter 196, entitled Zoning, to regulate the use of storage containers. Motion by M. Manerchia, seconded by

J. Weigand to advertise Ordinance Number O-24-2, submit the proposed amendment to the Delaware County Planning Department and the Marcus Hook Planning Commission for their recommendations, and schedule a public hearing pursuant to public notice. All in favor.

LIBRARY

1. The Chichester School District is now connected through Public Library Connect, providing students with access to the SORA app for eBooks and audiobooks. Thank you, Larry Weigand, for helping us connect with the school district.
2. On Wednesday, June 12th, the library will host an Emergency Preparedness Workshop for our seniors at Cokesbury United Methodist Church.
3. This summer, the library will offer a variety of programs for children, including reading, craft, STEM, and cultural activities. Our goal is to increase community engagement and library usage.
4. Additionally, the library offers home delivery services exclusively for Marcus Hook residents.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor Killinen read the MHTFD Fire Report for the month of May 2024.

Councilor Manerchia reported that a meeting will be held on June 13th at 2:00 at the Community Center with Anthony Luker from the Governor's office, along with Mike Shorr from DCED to discuss the Pier Project.

The street signs law has been changed. Councilor Manerchia suggested that we apply for a grant to upgrade the street signs. The highway gas card limit needs to be increased.

Mayor Taylor wished everyone a Happy Father's Day.

Councilor Killinen would like a weed company to be hired to come and clean the weeds between the sidewalk cracks. Infra-Source needs to replace the missing bricks. IMC needs to remove the "Penn Avenue Closed" sign.

Councilor Weigand asked if the Borough owns the property at the base of the bridge at 11th and Market Streets, across from Platt's Collision Center. The grass needs to be cut and the planters need to cut back.

President Laird stated that nothing has been done to clean up the Omega property. The owner needs to be cited.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Janine Boykin, 1040 Yates Avenue, stated that PECO removed a telephone pole and left the previous pole laying on her property. Manager Hurst will reach out to Michele Garrity to have the pole removed.

Awilda Laureano, 24 Chestnut Street, stated she still has an ongoing issue with the neighbor at 26 Chestnut Street using a handicap spot that was put there for her mother who no longer lives there. Chief Ireland explained to Ms. Laureano what she needed to do previously and that she did give the police department what they needed. She needs to videotape the resident parking in the handicap spot and getting out of the car without her mother being a passenger. This is the only way they can get the evidence they need to prove that she is using a handicap placard that does not belong to her. He also told Ms. Laureano that she will be called to testify at district court once the complaint is filed.

Ms. Laureano asked when something will be done with the small park on Yates Avenue.

Sherry McClure, 2 Plum Street, complained that the branches and growth from the neighbor's tree is hanging onto her property. Mayor Taylor and Councilor Manerchia told Ms. McClure that she can cut down anything that is hanging on her property. President Laird suggested she reach out to the owners of WMB Properties, Eugene and Gus and see if there they can get someone to cut the branches and growth off the property.

Thomas Donahue, Monroe Energy, let everyone know that they cleaned up tons of trash and debris from the creek from Penn Avenue up to Trainer. Mayor and Council thanked Mr. Donahue and Monroe Energy for a job well done!

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by M. Manerchia, seconded by L. Killinen to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Deborah Hurst
Borough Secretary