

May 5, 2025

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Monday evening May 5, 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 Cheryl Evernham, John Johnson, Joseph Flynn, Larry Killinen, Josephine Laird, Michael Manerchia, and Janette Weigand. Also present were Mayor, Gene Taylor, and Borough Manager, Jacqui Guenther.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by John Johnson, seconded by Micheal 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

The manager advised that the receipt voucher for the month of April 2025 totaled \$357,008.00. Motion by Larry Killinen, seconded by Janette Weigand to receive and deposit. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

The manager advised that the payment voucher for the period from April 8, 2025, through May 5, 2025, totaled \$396,016.32 Motion by Larry Killinen, seconded by John Johnson to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

The Borough Manager stated that FMC Corporation, who have been completing the environmental assessment of the former East 10th Street Site (the current warehouse property owned by Duke Realty Corp/Prologis). ERM presented their East 10th Street Final Report to Borough Council. Motion by Cheryl Evernham, seconded by Micheal Manerchia, to accept FMC providing an electronic copy of the report for the Borough to post for review on its website for a 30-day public comment period. A hard copy of the Report is available for review at Borough Hall Monday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM. Motion by. All in favor.

The Borough Manager presented Resolution R-25-8. This Resolution is for the application of the Greenways, Trails and Recreation Program grant of \$100,000 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for the Mickey Vernon Park Improvement Project. Motion by Janette Weigand, seconded by Cheryl Evernham, to adopt and execute Resolution R-25-8. All in favor.

The Borough Manager stated that the EAC Board has a vacancy, and that the Borough received 4 applications for this seat from: Liz Diaz, Lorraine Daliessio, Petricia Hoffman and Lauren Ottinger. Motion by Janette Weigand, seconded by Cheryl Evernham to appoint Liz Diaz to the EAC Board. All in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Taylor presented the Police Report and related statistics for the month of April 2025. Motion by Cheryl Evernham, seconded by John Johnson, to receive and file the Mayor's Public Safety Report. All in favor.

Chief has requested authorization to apply for a Vest-A-Cop Safety Grant in the amount of \$2,000 for Ballistic Helmets. The grant is \$2000.00, there are no matching funds. Each helmet is \$719.55 each. Three (3) helmets at \$719.55 a piece equals \$2,158.65. \$2,158.65 minus \$2,000 in grant funds equals \$158.65. The Borough would be required to pay \$158.65. Motion by John Johnson, seconded by Larry Killinen, to approve and execute the Vest-A-Cop Safety grant application for Ballistic Helmets. All in favor.

ENGINEERING REPORT: April 25,2025

1. Market Street Island Sinkholes
 - DELCORA & Chester Water checked and found no issues
 - Highway Dept dye test was inconclusive - backfill and monitor - possible old tree roots decaying
2. Market Sq Memorial Park/Mickey Vernon Park- Delco Greenways Phase 2
 - DePaul & Company contracts executed - preconstruction Meeting May 6
 - Marcus Hook Hardware Demolition
 - Final restoration issues
3. PY25 CDBG Application
 - Application submitted for Walnut Street - Dalton to Pine; estimated cost \$282,000
 - Award announcements generally in Spring
4. Walnut St-Pine to Dalton Streetscape (CDBG Grant)
 - Preliminary Design/Topographic Survey underway
5. DCED Local Share Account Grant Opportunity
 - Application submitted for the purchase of new fire truck - expected decision in Fall 2025
6. Prologis
 - Final site inspection completed. All work completed except for replacement of dead trees, set for early Spring
7. RACP Grant
 - Working with RACP consultant to provide closeout documents
8. COVID-19 ARPA Small Water & Sewer Grant
 - \$50,634 grant for Stormwater quality improvements (MS4 Requirement)
 - Rain Gardens – Haebel Plaza & Williamson Field
 - Lyons Recreation expect delivery in early June.
9. 2025 Street Resurfacing Project
 - AF Damon Co contracts for execution
10. DCNR Community Conservation Partnership Program
 - Application submitted for Williamson Field Improvements
11. DCED PA Small Water & Sewer Grant
 - Application submitted for Phase 1 of 4th & Market/Green St drainage improvements
12. DCED Greenways, Trails & Recreation Program
 - Parks & Recreation Grant up to \$250,000; 15% match required
 - Application due May 31 for Mickey Vernon Park

FIRE MARSHALL REPORT **Updates for incidents for April:**

April 22nd Energy Transfer Butane leak : Provided liaison for the Borough with ET and Borough Manager. Initial concerns were for the safety of residents and possible evacuations. Officials from ET conducted stoppage of the leak and containment of product to their facility. Air monitoring was done along the areas adjoining the residential areas of the Borough. There was no need for evacuations. The incident was contained to the ET facility. Response by their fire and safety teams kept this incident inside their facility. At the time of the incident, our fire department had 15-17 personnel in station for meeting and training, so there was personnel available if a response was needed.

April 27th 1144 Green St. Building fire : Responded as part of the fire department with the engine. The fire did progress to the adjoining exposure building 1142. Fire was contained to the adjoining wall between 1144 and 1142 Green St. As the incident progressed, transitioned to origin and cause investigation. During the initial response to the incident, the rear of 1144 was found under construction with only a partial floor – there was no placard or warnings for lack of floor. During the investigation, it was confirmed there was work being done on the roof. Building and Codes Ben VanCleve was notified. The work on the roof was the owner/contractor performing torch down of roof area near the chimney. Weather conditions were poor for this type of activity – Mostly cloudy and windy(Approx 25 MPH sustained with 35 MPH gusts). Red Cross was contacted for the residents of 1142 Green. Board up was called for, roof was cut for ventilation along with a few windows being removed. Utilities for both properties were stopped.

Jacqui Guenther presented the Fire Report and related statistics for the month of April 2025. Motion by Micheal Manerchia, seconded by Larry Killinen, to receive and file the Fire Marshal's Report. All in favor.

LIBRARY: **Mary M. Campbell Marcus Hook Public Library Monthly Report**

1. The library would like to hire Baily Walton as a Library Assistant – Collection Development, for 20 hours per week at a rate of \$16.00 per hour.

Motion by Janette Weigand, seconded by Micheal Manerchia, to hire Baily Walton, pending all clearances are met, for 20 hours per week and a rate of \$16.00 per hour. All in favor.

Motion by Cheryl Evernham, seconded by Michael Manerchia, to Approve and execute. All in favor.

2. Wendy VanCleve has submitted an application to join the Library Board.

Motion to appoint Wendy VanCleve to the Library Board by Micheal Manerchia, seconded by Janette Weigand, to approve and execute. All in favor.

3. This month's library circulation total is 1,298.

4. The library's "Community Read" challenge runs from April 16 through May 31, is open to all ages, and participants have a chance to win a prize.

Borough Manager Jacqui Guenther presented the Library Report for the month of April 2025. Motion by Cheryl Evernham, seconded by Janette Weigand to receive and file the Library Report. All in favor.

Marucs Hook Calls: 9

OUT OF TOWN Calls: 18

FIRE REPORT: MARCUS HOOK TRAINER FIRE DEPARTMENT

| <u>INCIDENT TYPE</u> | <u># INCIDENTS</u> | - |
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| <u>Building fire</u> | <u>2</u> | - |
| <u>Medical assist, assist EMS crew</u> | <u>1</u> | - |
| <u>Motor vehicle accident with injuries</u> | <u>1</u> | - |
| <u>Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)</u> | <u>1</u> | - |
| <u>Electrical wiring/equipment problem, other</u> | <u>1</u> | - |
| <u>Power line down</u> | <u>1</u> | - |
| <u>Dispatched & cancelled en route</u> | <u>14</u> | - |
| <u>Smoke scare, odor of smoke</u> | <u>1</u> | - |
| <u>HazMat release investigation w/no HazMat</u> | <u>1</u> | - |
| <u>False alarm or false call, other</u> | <u>1</u> | - |
| <u>Local alarm system, malicious false alarm</u> | <u>1</u> | - |
| <u>Smoke detector activation due to malfunction</u> | <u>1</u> | - |
| <u>Alarm system sounded due to malfunction</u> | <u>1</u> | - |
| <u>TOTAL INCIDENTS:</u> | <u>27</u> | - |

CALLS FROM 6AM – 6PM: 18 CALLS

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TOP RUNNER FOR THE MONTH: Ray Betts & Joe Smith, both with 15 calls

REPORTING OFFICER: Chief Dan Smith

Larry Killinen presented the Fire Report and related statistics for the month of April 2025. Motion by John Johnson, seconded by Micheal Manerchia, to receive and file the Fire Report. All in favor.

HIGHWAY AND SANITATION

PLANNING AND ZONING

PARKS, RECREATION & SHADE TREE COMMISSION

The Borough Manager stated that in keeping with the Borough's annual Arbor Day observance, the Highway Department planted a Cherry Blossom tree at Robert E. Haebel Plaza on April 22, 2025, in a Ceremony led by Ben VanCleve, the Marcus Hook Elementary First Grade Class read a poem and helped plant the tree. A representative from the DCNR,

Kayla Kehres, was also in attendance. The Borough Manager stated that the Highway Department also planted Otto Luyken Cherry Laurels on the islands and at Market Square Monument Park, as well as 2 cedar Atlas Trees and 6 Jane Austen Magnolia Trees.

The Borough Manager announced that a Borough wide clean-up day will be held on May 17, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. Volunteers are encouraged to attend. Highway workers be available that day to pick up the trash collected and to provide them with bags, gloves and grabbers.

The Borough Manager stated that the Marcus Hook Parks and Recreation Board hosted an Easter Egg Hunt in the Borough on Sunday, April 13th at 12:00 PM. They handed out Easter Baskets and fun was had by all.

Janet Weigand stated that the Mother's Day Tea on May 8, 2025, had a great turnout and they plan to do it again next year.

The Borough Manager stated that the Parks & Recreation Board has asked that Borough Council remove Mary LaValle from their board due to lack of participation. Motion by Joseph Flynn, seconded by Larry Killinen, to approve and execute. All in favor.

The Borough Manager stated that the Parks & Recreation Board has 2 vacant seats, and that the Borough has already received two applications: Lisa Hawkins and Tymeir Bush. Motion by Joseph Flynn, seconded by Janete Weigand, to appoint Lisa Hawkins and Tymeir Bush to the Parks & recreation Board. All in favor.

The Borough Manager reminded everyone that the gym at the Community Center is now open to the public. Memberships for residents cost \$5.00. The gym is open Monday & Wednesday and Friday.

The Borough Manager stated that the Borough needs to appoint a voting delegate for PSAB. She further stated that both she and Slayde plan to attend the PSAB Conference for one day only. The Borough Manager thinks this will be a good opportunity for Slayde to start networking. In addition, the Borough Manager would like to be present to vote on behalf of the Borough. One of the resolutions being voted on is to have PennDOT pay the costs to repair storm drains on state roads which would be awesome. Motion to Appoint Jacqui Guenther as the PSAB Voting Delegate for 2025. Motion by Larry Killinen, seconded by Janette Weigand, to approve and execute. All in favor.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Borough Manager reported that the Heritage Commission of Delaware County selected the Viscose Memorial Sign for a 2025 Preservation Award in the Special Project category. Bruce Dorbian attended the award ceremony on behalf of Borough Council, which was held on Sunday, May 4th, at the Redwood Community Center in Upland Park. Recognized with an award certificate was Marcus Hook Borough and Prologis. Motion by Micheal Manerchia second by Larry Killinen to receive and file. All in favor.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Joe Flynn asked about the John Stewart plaque. The Borough Manager stated that it was ordered, and she would check to see when it would be delivered.

Micheal Manerchia stated the there is a PECO pole with a hole in the bottom on Green Street and that directly across the street there is a tree hanging in the high tension wires. The Borough Manager said she would contact PECO to get these issues resolved.

Janette Weigand wished everyone Happy Mother's Day.

Larry Killinen stated that residents are putting trash out as early as Sunday morning and that the trash was not put into a trash can. The Borough Manager said she would let Ben know, but that he doesn't work on Sundays.

Cheryl Evernham stated that the trash cans in the Village should be kept out back, but many people leave them out in front of their homes. The Borough Manager said she would let Ben know to look into this.

The Mayor asked that No Loitering signs be placed at Mickey Vernon Park and that the Pavillion light be left on. Micheal Manerchia asked that a solar light be placed at Mickey Vernon Park to light the playground area at night.

The Mayor asked the Borough Manager if the signs, banners and flowers were ordered in preparation OF THE Memorial Day Parade. The Borough Manager stated that everything was in order for the parade.

Janette Weigand asked the Borough Manager to put their events on the lighted billboard. The Borough Manager stated that she would see that it was taken care of.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lorraine Daliessio, Yates Avenue, asked what was being done about the water issues on Green Street. The Borough Manager stated that Charles applied for a grant to start work on this project but because of the expense, it would be done in phases.

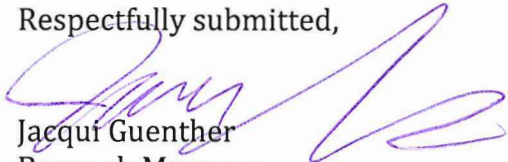
Lorraine Asked about the trees at Market Square Memorial Park. The Borough Manager stated that 3 Jane Austen Magnolia Trees were planted as per the park plans. They are young trees but will grow 30 tall and 30 feet wide with beautiful pink blooms.

Lorraine again stated that we should take minutes at the workshop meeting. The Borough Manager explained that no Borough business was conducted or voted on therefore it's not considered an official meeting and under the law she could not take Minutes. Micheal Manerchia called PSAB to confirm this and they stated that by law, Minutes could not be taken at the workshop meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Micheal Manerchia, seconded by Larry Killinen. All in favor.
Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Jacquie Guenther
Borough Manager