

February 5, 2018

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Monday evening February 5, 2018, 7:00 PM, in Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

Josephine Laird, Council President, called the meeting to order. A moment of silence was requested for Marie Horn, an active member of the Borough who served on many boards and commissions, who passed away on January 19, 2018.

ROLL CALL

Present were Councillors William Cox, Cheryl Evernham, Joseph Flynn, John Kennard, Anna Kersey, Josephine Laird and Michael Manerchia. Also present were Mayor Gene Taylor and Borough Manager Andrew Weldon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by W. Cox second 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 January totaled \$77,352.71. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Kennard to receive and deposit. All in favor.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

The Borough of Marcus Hook would like to recognize Borough resident John Michulka, who performed an act of heroism on December 27th, 2017. John helped save a man's life after he was involved in a car accident on I-95 by pulling him from his vehicle just prior to it catching fire and being destroyed.

The Borough of Marcus Hook would like to recognize James J. Adair, Jr., Principal of Marcus Hook Elementary, who is retiring on February 9th, 2018. James has been Principal of Marcus Hook Elementary for 9 years, and will be missed. The Borough of Marcus Hook also welcomes Susan Gavigan as the newest Principal of Marcus Hook Elementary. Susan is currently the Vice-Principal of Chichester Middle School, and will assume the role of Principal upon James' retirement.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

The Mayor and Council recognized Charles J. Catania, Jr., who will be presented on February 21, 2018 with the Delaware County Chapter, Pennsylvania Society of Professional Engineers' 2018 Engineer of the year award. Charles serves as Marcus Hook Engineer and Building Code Official. He is Vice President of Catania Engineering Associates Inc., whose firm has served as Borough Engineer since 1985.

Manager presented for adoption Borough Resolution No. R-18-2 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 W. Cox second by J. Kennard to adopt Resolution No. R-18-2. All in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Taylor presented the Police Report and related statistics for the month of January, 2018. Motion by C. Evernham second by A. Kersey to receive and file the Mayor's Public Safety Report. All in favor.

Manager presented for adoption Borough Resolution No. R-18-3 adopting the Marcus Hook Police Department Policies and Procedures Manual. The purpose of this manual is to set forth a statement of the current policies, rules and guidelines of the Marcus Hook Police Department, which all Marcus Hook Borough Police Officers are to conform to. Motion by J. Kennard second by M. Manerchia to adopt Resolution No. R-18-3. All in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Manager presented Borough Resolution No. R-18-4 authorizing an application to the Delaware County Council for an allocation of \$3,105 from the County Liquid Fuel Tax Funds in 2018 to be used toward the Borough's 2018 Street Improvement Program. Motion by J. Kennard second by M. Manerchia to adopt Resolution No. R-18-4. All in favor.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Upcoming Recreation and Park Board events announced are the St. Patrick's Day Craft Event, Saturday, March 10th from Noon to 1 PM for children aged 5-13 years old. Sign-ups will be as follows: February 26, 27, & 28 from 6 - 8PM at the MH Community Center. Breakfast with the Easter Bunny, Saturday, March 24th from 11 AM - 1 PM for children aged Infant to 10 years old. Sign-ups will be as follows: March 12 & 13 from 6 - 8 PM at the MH Community Center. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Kennard to record and file. All in favor.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Manager announced that the Borough has extended their contract with Community Champions in order to provide services to register vacant, abandoned and foreclosed properties so that the Borough can properly address violations of the Borough of Marcus Hook's property maintenance codes. The term of the Amendment to the Agreement is for a period of one (1) year. Motion by W. Cox second by C. Evernham to record and file. All in favor.

ENVIRONMENT

Catania Engineering has prepared and filed the required MS4 pollution reduction plan application with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection on September 16, 2017. This application is a component of the Borough's NPDES Permit to discharge storm water from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4). The pollution reduction plan application will outline the Borough's 5-year plan between 2018 and 2023 to reduce sediment loading from the MS4. The Borough is required to reduce sediment loading to each watershed by 10% between 2018 and 2023. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Kennard to record and file. All in favor.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Council President Josephine Laird presented the following Borough Council Committee appointments: General Government - C. Evernham, A. Kersey; Tax Collection - J. Laird, A. Kersey; Highway - W. Cox, M. Manerchia; Police - J. Laird, C. Evernham; Finance - J. Laird, A. Kersey; Recreation - C. Evernham, W. Cox; Municipal Building - W. Cox, J. Kennard; Fire and Water - A. Kersey, J. Kennard; Environment and Health - J. Flynn, C. Evernham; Planning and Zoning - W. Cox, J. Flynn; Trash and Recycling - M. Manerchia, J. Kennard; Library - M. Manerchia, J. Kennard; Economic and Community Development - J. Flynn, A. Kersey; Telecommunications - J. Flynn, W. Cox; History - M. Manerchia, J. Kennard.

Councillor J. Laird reported that the MHTFD in January responded to 27 fire alarms.

Councillor A. Kersey expressed how good of a cook Mayor Taylor is and wanted to thank him for cooking ham and turkey for the Marcus Hook Senior Citizens.

Mayor G. Taylor wished everyone in the Borough a Happy St. Valentine's Day. Mayor Taylor also reminded residents that the Philadelphia Eagles Super Bowl parade is going to be on Thursday February 8th, 2018 and Marcus Hook is one of three open stations on the Wilmington/Newark Line. This means that traffic will be heavy and parking will be limited. The Borough will be issuing a Code Red to Residents, and has also secured additional officers to be on duty that day. Mayor Taylor also mentioned

that Energy Transfer Partners has given permission to the Borough to use their lot on 7th Street to help offset the additional cars in the Borough on this day.

Manager A. Weldon introduced Robert Hughes, the Borough's Code Enforcement Officer, and wished him the best of luck in his new position.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lorraine Daliessio, 1050 Yates Avenue, noted that she attended the Pennsylvania DEP public comment hearing for the Sunoco/Energy Transfer Partners flare stack relocation that was held on Wednesday, January 31, 2018. In that meeting there were many union representatives who spoke in support of the flare stack relocation, and one woman spoke against the stack relocation, citing health concerns. Lorraine mentioned that a resident from Marcus Hook spoke supporting the flare stack relocation, saying the positive economic impact it has had on the Borough. Additionally, public comments would be accepted by the DEP until February 10, 2018. Lorraine attended the most recent Environmental Advisory Council meeting, where she said the topic of sirens at the heavy industrial businesses in town were brought up. Lorraine also attended the Coastal Zone Taskforce meeting where MS4 was talked about. Lorraine said that people don't understand paving on their properties and how creation of impervious surfaces leads to an increase in storm water runoff.

Lorraine mentioned that the Marcus Hook Preservation Society will be hosting the annual Pirate Festival the weekend of September 15-16, 2018 and on Friday September 15th, they will be holding a 10th anniversary event called "A Pirate's Life" event at the Market Square Memorial Park.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

Manager advised that the payment voucher for the time period from January 2, 2018 through February 5, 2018 totaled \$321,244.42. Motion by W. Cox second by M. Manerchia to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by M. Manerchia second by W. Cox to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Andrew Weldon
Borough Secretary