

February 1, 2021

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Monday evening February 1, 2021, 7:00 PM, via Teleconference due to the COVID-19 health crisis.

CALL TO ORDER

Josephine Laird, Council President, called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

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

The following individuals were also present on the call: John Ireland – Chief of Police.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by W. Cox second by P. Ewing 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 \$87,169.88. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Flynn to receive and deposit. All in favor.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Manager presented for adoption Borough Resolution No. R-21-2 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 C. Evernham to adopt Resolution No. R-21-2. All in favor.

Manager presented the Monthly Code Enforcement Report for the month of January, 2021. Motion by P. Ewing second by W. Cox to receive and file the Monthly Code Enforcement Report. All in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor G. Taylor presented the Police Report and related statistics for the month of January, 2021. Motion by C. Evernham second by P. Ewing to receive and file the Mayor's Public Safety Report. All in favor.

Chief Ireland presented a summary of the various community policing events and activities the Marcus Hook Police Department either hosted or participated in, in 2020. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Flynn to receive and file. All in favor.

Manager presented for the second reading and adoption Borough Ordinance number O-21-1, amending the Borough Code Section 31 to align the DROP program's eligibility language to what is included in the Marcus Hook Police's Collective Bargaining Agreement. Motion by J. Flynn second by P. Ewing to adopt Ordinance No. O-21-1. All in favor.

Letter received from William Cox indicating his resignation from the Civil Service Commission. Motion by J. Flynn second by P. Ewing to accept the resignation of William Cox from the Civil Service Commission. All in favor.

Letter was received from Brian Mercadante 20 E. Delaware Ave. noting his interest to serve on the Civil Service Commission. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Flynn to appoint Brian Mercadante to the Civil Service Commission, term to expire on December 31, 2022. W. Cox, J. Flynn, J. Laird, C. Evernham, P. Ewing – YES; M. Manerchia - NO. Motion carried 5-1.

Mayor Taylor asked Council to request the Civil Service Commission establish an eligibility list for the position of police officer. Motion by P. Ewing second by J. Flynn to contact the Civil Service Commission with a request to establish an eligibility list for the position of police officer consistent with the established rules and regulations. P. Ewing, J. Flynn, J. Laird, W. Cox, C. Evernham – YES; M. Manerchia – NO. Motion carried 5-1.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Manager presented Borough Resolution No. R-21-3 authorizing an application to the Delaware County Council for an allocation of \$3,105 from the County Liquid Fuel Tax Funds in 2021 to be used toward the Borough's 2021 Street Improvement Program. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Flynn to adopt Resolution No. R-21-3. All in favor.

PARKS AND RECREATION

It was announced that the Marcus Hook Preservation Society's Pirate Festival is scheduled for September 18th, 2021 at Market Square Memorial Park, 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM, and the event planners have requested Borough logistical support for the festival, including police, highway, and port-o-potties, as provided in previous years. Motion by W. Cox second by P. Ewing to reaffirm the use of Market Square Memorial Park for the Pirate Festival and to provide the same level of logistical support as provided in previous years. All in favor.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Manager presented for the second reading and adoption Borough Ordinance number O-21-2, amending the Borough Code Section 157, Property Maintenance, to change the fee and frequency of registering vacant, abandoned, and foreclosed properties from an annual \$200 fee to a semi-annual \$300 fee. Motion by W. Cox second by M. Manerchia to adopt Ordinance No. O-21-2. All in favor.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Letter received from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP), notifying FMC Corporation that the DEP has reviewed and approved their revised Remedial Investigation/Risk Assessment Report (RI/RA Report) submitted on December 15, 2020. Within 90 days, FMC Corporation must submit the final certified Remedial Investigation/Risk Assessment Report, a Remediation Plan (Act 2 Cleanup Plan), and an implementation schedule to satisfy the requirements of paragraph 4(h) of the June 23, 2003 Consent Order and Agreement (CO&A). Because PCB's were identified as a contaminant of concern on FMC's property, their implementation schedule should include a process for obtaining USEPA's approval of the remediation plan with respect to PCB's. Motion by J. Flynn second by W. Cox to record and file. All in favor.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor P. Ewing reported that the MHTFD in December, 2020 responded to 55 fire alarms and in January, 2021 responded to 36 fire alarms.

Mayor G. Taylor and all members of Council thanked Bill Cox for his service on the Civil Service Commission over the years.

Councilor J. Flynn questioned when the telephonic meetings would be over and we can go back to meeting in person, as the telephonic meetings can be very frustrating. Manager Weldon noted that the Borough has telephonic meetings advertised through our March, 2021 Council Meeting.

Mayor G. Taylor thanked Borough Council for agreeing to call on the Civil Service Commission to put together an eligibility list for a full-time officer.

Manager Weldon noted the following, although snow is predicted through the night on Monday into Tuesday, please place your trash where it's normally collected with the hope our trash collector will be through town on Tuesday to collect. If they are unable to collect on Tuesday then they will come through on Wednesday to collect. Manager Weldon also noted after discussion with Council President J. Laird, the decision was made to close the Municipal Building on Tuesday, due to the threat of inclement weather.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

Manager advised that the payment voucher for the time period from January 5, 2021 through February 1, 2021 totaled \$194,463.15. Motion by W. Cox second by P. Ewing to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by W. Cox second by C. Everngham to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Andrew Weldon
Borough Secretary