

January 7, 2019

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Monday evening January 7, 2019, 7:00 PM, in Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

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

ROLL CALL

Present were Councilors William Cox, Cheryl Everngham, Paula Ewing, Joseph Flynn, John Kennard, 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 December totaled \$114,286.85. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Kennard to receive and deposit. All in favor.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

A Certificate of Recognition was presented to Kevin M. Barkus of Green Street in Marcus Hook, in recognition of his dedication and commitment to the Boy Scouts of America Troop 260 in achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. Kevin is the 93rd Scout to achieve this award in Troop 260.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Manager reported that a correction was needed to be made with the 2019 Budget. The total expenditures for 2019 were previously reported at \$5,802,296. Due to a calculation error on the 2019 Budget Summary sheet, a final tally revealed the correct total expenditures figure is \$5,817,876. With the difference of \$15,580 resulting from a budget of \$5,000 for Code Enforcement software, \$5,580 for the 4th annual payment of the police department taser contract, and \$5,000 for library improvements. Motion by M. Manerchia second by P. Ewing to approve the 2019 Budget correction as presented. All in favor.

Manager advised that the Borough renewed its 2019 Workers' Compensation, Employer's Liability and Heart and Lung/Act 477 coverages effective January 1, 2019, at a premium rate of \$53,866, a \$4,838 decrease from the previous year primarily attributable to a reduction in the rating as well as a decrease in the Borough's Experience Modification Factor. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Kennard to record and file. All in favor.

Manager presented Borough Resolution No. R-19-1, a Fee Schedule Resolution, authorizing fees and charges pursuant to the codified ordinances of the Borough and/or as allowed under Pennsylvania state law. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Flynn to adopt Resolution No. R-19-1. All in favor.

Manager presented a Host Community Agreement between the Borough and Honeywell International Inc. providing for the Borough to serve as the Host Community for Honeywell's Fluosulfonic Acid Plant. Motion by M. Manerchia second by C. Everngham to approve the Host Community Agreement with Honeywell International, Inc. All in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Taylor presented the Police Report and related statistics for the month of December, 2018. Motion by C. Evernham second by P. Ewing 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 2019: Douglas Staffelbach, James Dalrymple, Christopher Asher, Brandon Paslay, John Kuryan, Anthony Grosso, Christopher Reynolds, Matthew Elliott, Morgan Ditmer, and Ryan Feeley. Motion by C. Evernham second by M. Manerchia to reappoint the above-named part time police officers for 2019.

Mayor Taylor noted the need for an additional alternate crossing guard and requested the appointment of Catherine Samsel. Motion by J. Flynn second by W. Cox to appoint Catherine Samsel, 1101 Washington Street, as an alternate crossing guard. All in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Manager reported that the Borough will be advertising surplus property for sale this month, a collection of Dunkin Eagle LK parking meters and associated hardware and a Leaf Receiver Box. Bids can be placed on municibid.com through January 25, 2019 at 2:00 PM, when the auctions will close. Motion by W. Cox second by M. Manerchia to record and file. All in favor.

PARKS, RECREATION and SHADE TREES

Manager reported that the Recreation and Park Board's Lunch with Santa was held on December 15, 2018. There were 53 Borough children in attendance. Motion by C. Evernham second by J. Kennard to record and file. All in favor.

Manager presented the first reading and request of advertisement of ordinance number O-19-1, amending the Code of the Borough of Marcus Hook, Chapter 45 Recreation and Park Board, Section 5, relating to the acceptance of grants and gifts by the Board with approval from Borough Council. Motion by W. Cox second by C. Evernham to advertise ordinance number O-19-1. All in favor.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Manager reported that the Borough's Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program application (45TH Year / FY 2019) for the Viscose Village Streetscape Project was submitted to the Delaware County Office of Housing and Community Development on December 17, 2018. CDBG funds requested totaled \$318,250 based on the construction cost estimate. Motion by W. Cox second by C. Evernham to record and file. All in favor.

Manager commended the Marcus Hook Community Development Corporation for the production of the new Marcus Hook Borough marketing brochure "All Roads Lead To Marcus Hook." The brochure was distributed to Borough residents and businesses on December 6, 2018. Motion by J. Kennard second by C. Evernham to record and file. All in favor.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Motion by W. Cox second by P. Ewing to reappoint the following individuals to various boards and commissions: Cheryl Everngham to the Recreation and Park Board - 5 year term expiring December 31, 2023; Michael Kay Robinson and Paula Ewing to the Library Board - 3 year term expiring December 31, 2021; Michael Manerchia to the Planning Commission - 4 year term expiring December 31, 2022; Shannon Taylor to the Civil Service Commission - 6 year term expiring December 31, 2024; Robert Kersey to the Zoning Hearing Board - 5 year term expiring December 31, 2023; and, Paula Ewing to the Environmental Advisory Council - 3 year term expiring December 31, 2021. All in favor.

Council President J. Laird read the MHTFD Fire Reports for the month of December, 2018.

Mayor Taylor and Borough Council wished everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year!

Councilor J. Flynn encouraged those residents who may or may not have a New Year's Resolution to come to the Marcus Hook Fitness Center at the Community Center. Resident sign up is a one-time fee of \$5 and \$2 per visit for non-residents. The Fitness Center is open Mon., Wed., and Fri. from 6PM – 9PM.

Councilor W. Cox wanted to thank the Highway Department for all of their hard work in decorating the town for Christmas and for their hard work throughout the year.

Councilor C. Everngham commented on the great job the Recreation and Park Board did at the Lunch with Santa event. Councilor C. Everngham also commended Sara Malascalza on her efforts and for the great job she did with the Toys for Tots drive and softball tournament that benefitted underprivileged children in the Borough.

Councilor M. Manerchia commended the Highway Department and the rest of the Borough groups for doing a good job. Councilor M. Manerchia also reminded residents that it's not the Borough's objective to plow cars in during snow storms so if possible, move your car so that the plow can get down the street and then park your vehicle.

Councilor J. Laird thanked Mayor, Council, and all Borough Boards and Commissions for their hard work in 2018.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lorraine Daliessio, 1050 Yates Avenue, noted that Rep. Kirkland gave 28 turkeys to the Marcus Hook Seniors for the holidays. Lorraine also noted that she had emailed the Manager about some ponding at the playground by Williamson Field, Manager Weldon noted that he would speak to Highway Foreman Burgess about possibly grading or filling this in to eliminate the ponding. Lorraine also mentioned at the most recent EAC meeting that she had been nominated for Vice-Chair, however this was not voted on and she was not appointed. Lastly, Lorraine mentioned that Councilor M. Manerchia had been speaking to local industry at the most recent EAC meeting about a Marcus Hook Creek clean-up project.

Tamika Gibson, 1012 Yates Avenue, thanked Mayor and Council for allowing her to volunteer her time to help at the Lunch with Santa event as helping others and volunteering brings her great joy.

Skip Morello, 1021 Market Street, wished everyone a Happy New Year and expressed his appreciation for the work that Mayor and Borough Council put in during the year.

Kathy Marshall, 29 Marshall Avenue, wished everyone a Happy New Year.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

Manager advised that the payment voucher for the time period from December 4, 2018 through January 7, 2019 totaled \$196,456.19. Motion by J. Kennard second by W. Cox to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by W. Cox second by M. Manerchia to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Andrew Weldon
Borough Secretary