

July 7, 2021

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Wednesday evening July 7, 2021, 7:00 PM, in Council Chambers.

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, Michael Manerchia, and Brian Mercadante. 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 June totaled \$203,163.00. Motion by C. Evernham second by W. Cox to receive and deposit. All in favor.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Officer Chris Reynolds was presented with a "Life Saving Award" of the National Awards Program of the American Police Hall of Fame for his bravery and courage demonstrated during an automobile accident in the Borough on September 14, 2020 where he saved an individual's life.

Patricia Lakin was presented with a Certificate of Recognition. Mrs. Lakin has been an active resident of the Borough of Marcus Hook for over 60 years, has served on the Borough's Recreation and Park Board and Library Board as well as participated in the Borough's Town Watch program for a number of years. Mrs. Lakin also served as the Librarian at Marcus Hook Elementary for 45 years from 1968 to 2013; among other roles at the school including Instructional Assistant, Lunch Assistant, Library Aide and Recess Aide.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

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

PUBLIC SAFETY

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

The Marcus Hook Civil Service Commission presented to the Mayor and Borough Council a certified list of the top three candidates for the position of full-time Police Officer, based on the results of the Civil Service Examination. The three candidates from high to low on the eligibility list are James Dalrymple, Jordan Culbreath, and Ginger Dunbar. Motion by J. Flynn second by M. Manerchia to appoint James Dalrymple as a full-time police officer with the Borough of Marcus Hook effective July 7, 2021. All in favor.

Manager reported that the Borough advertised a 2002 Ford Crown Victoria as surplus property for sale in June, 2021 on the online municipal auction website municibid.com. The winning bid for the 2002 Ford Crown Victoria was in the amount of \$2,327 from Lamar Johns of Horsham, PA. Motion by W. Cox second by C. Evernham to approve the execution of a sales agreement with Lamar Johns in the amount of \$2,327 for the sale of the 2002 Ford Crown Victoria. All in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Manager reported that milling and repaving is expected to commence on Market and Church Streets between 8th Street and 10th Street in mid to late July, 2021. This work is being performed by A F Damon Company Inc. Motion by B. Mercadante second by P. Ewing to record and file. All in favor.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Manager reported that the five year trash collection contract with B&L Disposal Services ends on December 31, 2021 and requested authorization to advertise bids for collection and disposal of trash/refuse for once a week collection for either a two, three, four, or five year period beginning January 1, 2022. Motion by W. Cox second by M. Manerchia to authorize the advertisement. All in favor.

PARKS, RECREATION, and SHADE TREES

Announced was the start of the Summer Music Festival (35th year) which began on Tuesday, June 29th, and continuing for five consecutive Tuesdays with the last performance on August 3rd. Motion by P. Ewing second by B. Mercadante to record and file. All in favor.

Letter was received from Gail LaVallee, noting her interest to serve on the Recreation and Park Board. Motion by J. Flynn second by C. Evernham to appoint Gail LaVallee to the Recreation and Park Board, term to expire on December 31, 2025. All in favor.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Zoning application received from Apex Lab Solutions, granted equitable rights of standing from the property owner representative St. John Fisher Parish, for property located at 4 W. 8th Street, to change the nonconforming use of the building, located in the Residential-2 zoning district, from the previous use as a school building to general office, medical and diagnostic laboratory, diagnostic research and development. Borough Council held a public hearing on June 24, 2021 to review the application. Motion by W. Cox second by B. Mercadante to approve the proposed change of use of the building located at 4 W. 8th Street (Tax Folio #24-00-00579-04), from its previous use as a school building, to general office – medical and diagnostic laboratory – diagnostic research and development, such use being no less restrictive than the previous use and no more objectionable in its external effects than the previous nonconforming use, with the following conditions to insure no expansion of the previous nonconforming use status: 1) All biohazard and test specimen materials for testing and disposal are to be accepted inside the building and disposed from inside the building and secured in proper enclosures. 2) Disposal of biohazard and medical waste materials will be handled by contracted professional medical waste management companies. Applicant will provide copies of contracts to the Borough. 3) Obtain any Pennsylvania required licensing for operating a bioanalytical lab and any state and/or federal licensing to administer, dispense, or test Controlled Dangerous Substance, if applicable. 4) Any future leasing of office/lab space to remain consistent with the approved use of the building for conducting clinical assay development, provide laboratory management operations, receive and distribute clinical diagnostic lab supplies, provide space for affiliated medical IT providers. All in favor.

ENVIRONMENT

FMC Corporation is hosting a public meeting during which FMC will share results of the environmental study and cleanup plan for the East Tenth Street site in Marcus Hook, PA. The meeting will be 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Thursday, July 15, 2021, at the Marcus Hook Community Center, 7 West Delaware Ave. Re-development of the Site will be the focus of a separate, future meeting. Documents relating to the environmental study and cleanup plan are available for review at the Marcus Hook Municipal Building, 1111 Market St. FMC will accept public comments during the meeting, electronically or through the U.S. Postal Service through July 30, 2021. Send comments to either: christina.moretti@fmc.com OR Christina Moretti, FMC Project Manager, FMC Corporation, 2929 Walnut St., Philadelphia, PA 19104. Motion by C. Evernham second by M. Manerchia to record and file. All in favor.

Manager noted that the Borough of Marcus Hook received copies of the Remedial Investigation/Risk Assessment Report, Notice of Intent to Remediate, Public Participation Plan, and Cleanup Plan for the East 10th Street site in the Borough of Marcus Hook from FMC Corporation. These documents have been prepared and submitted to Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection to comply with the Act 2 Public Participation regulations covered in Pennsylvania's Land Recycling and Environmental Remediation Standards Act. Motion by W. Cox second by M. Manerchia to support the submission of the Cleanup Plan to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection and the implementation of the cleanup by FMC Corporation. All in favor.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor P. Ewing reported that the MHTFD in June responded to 57 fire alarms.

Councilor J. Flynn congratulated Mrs. Lakin on her award and noted that she will be missed.

Councilor M. Manerchia reminded residents that there is a lot of construction ongoing in Linwood, which is taking up lanes of traffic, and urged drivers to be careful with workers in or near the street.

Councilor C. Evernham congratulated Mrs. Lakin on her award and also noted that she will be missed.

Councilor W. Cox noted that Mrs. Lakin's award was well deserved.

Mayor G. Taylor asked Mrs. Lakin how many years she served on the Recreation and Park Board. To which Mrs. Lakin replied 19 years. Mayor Taylor also thanked Borough Council for approving the hiring of James Dalrymple.

Councilor J. Laird congratulated Mrs. Lakin on her award and requested that she keep in touch.

Manager A. Weldon congratulated Mrs. Lakin, Chris Reynolds, and James Dalrymple for their awards and appointment, respectively.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Kathy Marshall, 29 Marshall Ave., questioned whether the Borough of Marcus Hook has a fireworks ordinance as there were fireworks being set-off in her street until 11PM on July 4th. Manager A. Weldon informed Kathy that the Borough adopted a fireworks ordinance last month. Mayor G. Taylor explained the specifics of the ordinance and informed Kathy to dial 911 in the future. Mayor G. Taylor also asked Officer Elliott whether Kathy could report this anonymously to which Officer Elliott confirmed she could.

Lorraine Daliessio, 1050 Yates Avenue, noted that the current Chair, Vice-Chair, and Secretary of the Environmental Advisory Council all hold their titles in violation of the by-laws of the EAC, as they cannot hold another elective office. Lorraine noted that she made a big deal of this when these elections took place, and she further noted that it's 6 months past when the reorganization of officers should have taken place for the EAC.

Councilor C. Evernham questioned whether we can ask solicitor, Mark Much.

Manager A. Weldon noted that we can ask Mark Much about this, but he noted that the EAC by-laws were adopted by the EAC and while regular and alternate member appointments are handled by Borough Council, all officer appointments are made by the EAC, so this is an issue that should be dealt with by the EAC.

Lorraine also noted who the current members of the EAC were for the Borough of Marcus Hook, regular members are Lorraine Daliessio and Paula Ewing, and alternate members are Michael Manerchia and Patrick Koch.

Robert Hughes, 1121 Green Street, thanked Mayor and Borough Council for hiring James Dalrymple as a full-time officer in the Borough. Robert noted that James works well in the community and while Robert is also an employee of the Borough, he is saying this as a resident of the Borough.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

Manager advised that the payment voucher for the time period from June 8, 2021 through July 7, 2021 totaled \$157,010.13. Motion by W. Cox second by C. Evernham to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by W. Cox second by C. Evernham to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:42 PM.

Andrew Weldon
Borough Secretary