

May 7, 2018

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Monday evening May 7, 2018, 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, Joseph Flynn, Josephine Laird and Michael Manerchia. Also present were Mayor Gene Taylor and Borough Manager Andrew Weldon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by C. Evernham 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 March totaled \$1,210,956.95. Motion by C. Evernham second by W. Cox to receive and deposit. All in favor.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Manager presented for adoption Borough Resolution No. R-18-7, a resolution to make health a priority when adopting Borough policies. The Borough of Marcus Hook is engaged in the WalkWorks program which was created to increase opportunities for physical activity, and ultimately to improve the health status of the residents of the Borough of Marcus Hook and Delaware County. Motion by W. Cox second by M. Manerchia to adopt Resolution No. R-18-7. All in favor.

Manager requested an allocation of \$23,000, which was not budgeted for in 2018, from the Capital Expenditures Fund in order to purchase a new Code Enforcement Vehicle. Motion by M. Manerchia second by J. Flynn to authorize \$23,000 to be spent from the Capital Expenditures Fund to purchase a new Code Enforcement Vehicle. All in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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

Manager presented for adoption Borough Resolution No. R-18-8, updating the Marcus Hook Police Department Policies and Procedures Manual to Version 2018.1. 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. The nature of the changes included in Version 2018.1 are limited to the Table of Contents and aligning this to accurately reflect what is included in the Policies and Procedures Manual. Motion by M. Manerchia second by W. Cox to adopt Resolution No. R-18-8. All in favor.

Manager noted the need to appoint an Animal Control Officer in the Borough of Marcus Hook. Motion by M. Manerchia second by W. Cox to approve a temporary Contract for the period May 3, 2018 through September 30, 2018 with Brandywine Valley SPCA and designate Brandywine Valley SPCA the Animal Control Officer for the Borough of Marcus Hook. All in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Manager reported Council's Highway Committee has recommended the following location for the 2018 Street Improvement Project pending the receipt of bid proposals: Green St from 6th St. to 10th St. Motion by W. Cox second by M. Manerchia to authorize Catania Engineering to prepare the plans and specifications and advertisement for bids for the 2018 Street Improvement Project. All in favor.

Manager mentioned that May is annually recognized as clean-up month in the Borough, therefore in an effort to promote this message, the Borough of Marcus Hook has scheduled an e- Waste/Shredding/Bulk Trash event at the Marcus Hook Highway Garage, located at 1111 Market Street: Saturday, May 12th. The event will take place rain or shine from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The Borough is offering one free television disposal, per Borough of Marcus Hook resident, additional televisions will be \$25 for normal televisions and \$50 for rear projection/console-type televisions. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Flynn to receive and file. All in favor.

Manager and Council's Highway Committee noted the need to increase staff capacity in the Highway Department and recommended part-time laborer, John Rankin, be promoted to a full-time laborer position. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Flynn to appoint part-time Highway Department laborer, John Rankin, to a full-time laborer position within the Highway Department. All in favor.

PARKS, RECREATION and SHADE TREES

The 2018 Arbor Day Program was held on April 27th at Mickey Vernon Park. One Little Leaf Linden Tilia Cordata tree was planted in Mickey Vernon Park along the fence line next to Marcus Hook Elementary. Joseph Frassetta, District Forester Bureau of Forestry Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, presented the Borough with its 33rd Year Tree City USA recognition materials. Students from the Marcus Hook Elementary School kindergarten and third grade classes attended and participated in the program. Motion by C. Everngham second by M. Manerchia to record and file. All in favor.

Manager reminded residents that the Annual Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for Saturday, May 26th, 2018 starting at 12 Noon. Motion by W. Cox second by M. Manerchia to approve the Entertainment Contracts totaling in the amount of \$15,800 for the Memorial Day Parade. All in favor.

Acknowledged were the members of the Marcus Hook Recreation and Park Board who coordinated the Mother's Day Craft Event on April 28, 2018 at the Community Center. Motion by C. Everngham second by W. Cox to record and file. All in favor.

In support of the Borough's grant application to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources to expand the playground areas, provide improved ADA accessibility, and replace the backstop on Mickey Vernon 1 softball field at Mickey Vernon Park, letters of support were received from Tom McLaughlin, Treasurer of the Delco over 50 Modified and Suburban Women's Softball leagues and Rich Malascalza, President of Marcus Hook Softball Nation. These letters were included with the grant application that was submitted on Monday, April 16th, 2018. Motion by W. Cox second by M. Manerchia to receive and file. All in favor.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councillor J. Laird reported that the MHTFD in April responded to 25 fire alarms.

Councillor J. Flynn reminded residents that the Fishing Derby is scheduled for Father's Day, June 17th, 2018. Councillor J. Flynn also noted that all of the prizes have been ordered and the first 30 kids (15 and under) will receive a free t-shirt. Councillor J. Flynn mentioned that he's seen a lot of dogs getting loose recently, with the Marcus Hook Police doing a good job of knocking on doors and posting to social media to

reunite the lost dogs with their owners. Councillor J. Flynn urged residents to get their dogs licensed and chipped to make it easier going forward to reunite a dog with their owner.

Councillor C. Everngham thanked the Marcus Hook Recreation and Park Board for stepping up and doing a great job. Councillor C. Everngham also thanked the Marcus Hook Police Department, as her daughter is a teacher at Marcus Hook Elementary and saw an officer playing ball with the children one morning, and appreciates that level of outreach to the community.

Councillor M. Manerchia reminded residents to look out for potholes and to notify the Borough if they come across. Councillor M. Manerchia also reminded residents to watch out for construction workers and workers who are in vehicle traffic lanes for road construction and the like. He urged residents to slow down and pay extra attention while in close proximity to these workers.

Mayor G. Taylor informed residents that the Marcus Hook Police Department has deployed a portable speed limit sign, which will be moved from location to location within the Borough. Mayor G. Taylor also reminded residents that the Memorial Day Parade is Saturday, May 26th, at 12 Noon, to please come out and enjoy the parade in the Borough. Mayor G. Taylor wanted to wish all of the mothers in the Borough a Happy Mother's Day!

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Pat Lakin, 31 Marshall Avenue, informed the Borough that a child on Marshall Avenue fell into a hole where the Borough formerly had a handicapped parking sign. Pat noted that she informed the Borough there was a hole and nothing was done until this child fell. Manager Weldon noted that this hole was previously filled in with sand by the Marcus Hook Highway Department, which was incorrect. The Borough has since fixed this hole and has gone through the Borough and corrected any other holes that were left from poles being removed. Further, the Highway Department has been instructed not to use sand or any other temporary fill, but to only use concrete to permanently fill these holes.

Lorraine Daliessio, 1050 Yates Avenue, informed the Borough that the Marcus Hook Seniors' craft event which was held on Saturday, May 5th, resulted in two new members. The seniors did wood burning and earring making. Lorraine noted that everyone had a good time, however she covered all of the costs associated with this event, and if there is a future event then she will have to have her costs covered by charging for the event. Lorraine also mentioned that she was at the most recent Environmental Advisory Council meeting, at which ETP was present. Lorraine noted that ETP has been absent from many of the recent meetings and were requested to attend. Lorraine also noted that Monroe and Braskem connected with her and expressed interest in keeping the lines of communication open between them. Lorraine also encouraged Mayor and Borough Council to attend the next EAC meeting, which takes place at the Marcus Hook Community Center on Thursday, June 7th at 5PM.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

Manager advised that the payment voucher for the time period from April 3, 2018 through May 7, 2018 totaled \$235,785.26. Motion by W. Cox second by M. Manerchia 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 7:25 PM.

Andrew Weldon
Borough Secretary