

November 5, 2018

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

#### CALL TO ORDER

Josephine Laird, Council President, called the meeting to order and requested a moment of silence for the victims of the deadly shooting in Pittsburgh, PA at the Tree of Life – Or L'Simcha Congregation on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018.

#### ROLL CALL

Present were Councilors William Cox, Cheryl Evernham, Paula Ewing, Joseph Flynn, John Kennard, and Josephine Laird. Also present was Borough Manager Andrew Weldon.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by W. Cox second by J. Kennard 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 October totaled \$63,667.77. Motion by W. Cox second by C. Evernham to receive and deposit. All in favor.

#### GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Council President Josephine Laird appointed Paula Ewing as a Council representative on the Marcus Hook Community Development Corporation Board of Directors.

Manager presented the first reading of the proposed 2019 budget, showing total expenditures of \$5,829,996 with \$3,749,060 of this amount allocated to the General Fund. A public meeting on the entire budget will be scheduled for November 27, 2018, 6:00 PM. Motion W. Cox second by C. Evernham to accept the proposed budget as presented, advertise the budget is open for public inspection, and advertise the time, date and place of the public hearing. All in favor.

Manager requested authorization to advertise Ordinance No. O-18-3 fixing the tax rate for the year 2019 at 12.35 mills. Motion by P. Ewing second by C. Evernham to advertise Ordinance No. O-18-3. All in favor.

Manager presented the first reading and request of advertisement of ordinance number O-18-4, amending the Code of the Borough of Marcus Hook, Chapter 76 Building Construction, Section 1, relating to the adoption of standards of the Uniform Construction Code, contained in Pa. Code Chapters 401 to 405, as amended from time to time. Motion by C. Evernham second by P. Ewing to advertise ordinance number O-18-4. All in favor.

Manager presented Borough Resolution No. R-18-13 appointing Barbacane Thornton and Company as independent auditors to examine financial statements of the Borough for the year ending December 31, 2018. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Kennard to adopt Resolution No. R-18-13. All in favor.

Letter received from the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources congratulating the Borough of Marcus Hook on being selected as a recipient of a grant in the amount of \$85,600 from the Community Conservation Partnerships Program for the betterment of Mickey Vernon Park. This grant will be used to purchase new play equipment, provide better access to the play areas through ADA accessible walkways, removal and planting of new trees, new fencing, as well as a new backstop for Mickey Vernon 1 Softball Field. Motion by W. Cox second by C. Evernham to receive and file. All in favor.

Manager mentioned that the fall 2018 edition of the Marcus Hook News was distributed on October 17, 2018. The fall printing was the 59<sup>th</sup> edition of this publication since its inception in 1983. Motion by W. Cox second by P. Ewing to record and file. All in favor.

Manager announced that the funds collected for Breast Cancer Awareness Month through the sale of awareness pins and wrist bands amounted to \$140, which will be donated to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Motion by C. Evernham second by J. Flynn to record and file. All in favor.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

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

Manager noted the need to appoint a permanent Animal Control Officer in the Borough of Marcus Hook. The Borough has been pleased with the animal control services provided by Brandywine Valley SPCA throughout the duration of the interim contract which was from May 3, 2018 – September 30, 2018. The Borough seeks to extend this contract for an additional three (3) years for the period November 1, 2018 – October 31, 2021. Motion by J. Flynn second by P. Ewing to approve a Contract for the period November 1, 2018 through October 31, 2021 with Brandywine Valley SPCA and appoint Brandywine Valley SPCA the Animal Control Officer for the Borough of Marcus Hook. All in favor.

#### HEALTH AND SANITATION

Manager presented the first reading and request of advertisement of ordinance number O-18-5, amending the Code of the Borough of Marcus Hook, Chapters 16, 73, 88, 102, 135, 157, 167, & 185, relating to the dissolution of the Board of Health in the Borough of Marcus Hook and placing health related issues, and enforcement of those health related violations on the Code Enforcement Officer and Health Officer. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Kennard to advertise ordinance number O-18-5. All in favor.

#### PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Manager reported that the 2018 Street Resurfacing Program commenced on Monday, November 5<sup>th</sup> on Green Street from 10<sup>th</sup> Street to 6<sup>th</sup> Street. This year's program included milling and repaving of the area noted above, with an estimated completion date of November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Motion by C. Evernham second by J. Kennard to receive and file. All in favor.

#### PARKS, RECREATION and SHADE TREES

The Marcus Hook Recreation and Park Board were positively acknowledged for the Annual Pumpkin Decorating Event held on October 20<sup>th</sup> and Table or Treat Event held on October 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Motion by P. Ewing second by J. Kennard to record and file. All in favor.

The annual Holiday Parade is scheduled for Saturday, November 24<sup>th</sup>, 2018. The Parade starts at 6:00 PM. Motion by W. Cox second by P. Ewing to record and file. All in favor.

The Marcus Hook Recreation and Park Board announced Lunch with Santa, scheduled for Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, at the Community Center, 11:00 AM. This event is open to Marcus Hook children aged infant to 10 years old, and attendees must be signed-up in advance. Sign-ups are being held at the Community Center on Nov. 19, 20, & 21 from 6 - 8 PM. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Kennard to record and file. All in favor.

Manager announced that the Marcus Hook Fishing Pier will close on November 30, 2018 and reopen on or about April 1, 2019. The Borough of Marcus Hook is following the recommendation from Urban Engineers, as outlined in their Structural Condition Survey performed in 2016. Urban Engineers recommended in their Structural Condition Survey, the closure of the Marcus Hook Fishing Pier during the winter season (December 1 - March 31). Motion by J. Flynn second by C. Evernham to record and file. All in favor.

## COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Letter received from the Office of Housing and Community Development that the Borough of Marcus Hook's request for additional funding in the amount of \$14,756 has been allocated to the previous, FY 2017, award for an amended CDBG allocation of \$65,806. This amount is to cover the cost of stormwater improvements on Cedar Street, for which the job has been successfully bid and awarded to MOR Construction Services, Inc. at the September 4, 2018 Borough Council Meeting. Motion by W. Cox second by C. Evernham to receive and file. All in favor.

## COUNCIL REPORTS

Councillor J. Flynn reminded residents that trash would be picked up on Tuesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, Election Day. Councillor J. Flynn also reminded residents to keep their eyes open and remain alert while driving in the Borough and especially on Penn Avenue where there have been multiple incidents involving deer being struck by cars. Finally, Councillor J. Flynn asked Officer D. Ford who was present at the Council Meeting to pass along his message of good job to the Marcus Hook Police Department for the recent drug arrests in the Borough.

Councillor J. Kennard wanted to thank the Marcus Hook Police Department for a job well done on the incident that occurred at 3<sup>rd</sup> and Market.

Councillor P. Ewing wanted to acknowledge and remind others to acknowledge any Veterans you might run into for their sacrifice and service to the United States of America.

## PUBLIC COMMENTS

Georgianna Montella, 57 Spruce Street wanted to inquire about the yellow X's that were painted next to the parking lot on Yates Avenue and the possibility of removing these and putting in parking spaces. It was mentioned that these were painted to make snow plowing easier on the Highway Department but that Council would discuss the possibility of removing these.

Lorraine Daliessio, 1050 Yates Avenue noted that she registered for an informational stormwater course on November 17<sup>th</sup>. Lorraine also wanted to thank Andrew Weldon and Aubrey Mulholland for locating the by-laws for the Environmental Advisory Council (EAC) and the letter to Regina Beck outlining the EAC members appointed from Marcus Hook. Lorraine also reminded residents that the next EAC meeting is in Marcus Hook at the Community Center on December 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM. Finally, Lorraine wanted to thank Bruce Dorbian for providing her an outline of the original purpose of the EAC and noting how the intent of the Council has become somewhat distorted in recent years.

Kathy Marshall-Toll, 29 Marshall Avenue noted that there is a 15 minute parking sign in front of the Post Office on Market Street and there are cars parking there overnight and for hours at a time. Manager noted that he will speak to Chief Ireland about this.

#### APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

Manager advised that the payment voucher for the time period from October 2, 2018 through November 5, 2018 totaled \$156,065.05. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Kennard to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion by C. Evernham second by P. Ewing to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Andrew Weldon  
Borough Secretary