

October 3, 2022

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held at the Marcus Hook Municipal Building, 1111 Market Street, on Monday evening October 3, 2022, 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 Queen Elizabeth II, who passed away on September 8, 2022 and James Hallman, III who was a member of the Trainer Borough Police Department and volunteer firefighter with the Upper Chichester Fire Department, and who passed away on September 12, 2022.

ROLL CALL

Present were Councilors William Cox, Cheryl Evernham, Joseph Flynn, John Johnson, Larry Killinen, Josephine Laird, and Michael Manerchia. Also present were Mayor Gene Taylor and Borough Manager Gregory Grillone.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by W. Cox second by L. Killinen 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 September totaled \$106,748.58. Motion by W. Cox second by M. Manerchia to receive and deposit. All in favor.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Certificate of Recognition was presented to Fredrick J. Bartholf Sr. who donated a Norman Rockwell painting "The Runaway" to the Marcus Hook Police Department.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Borough Council ratified the following administrative appointments and changes by motion of W. Cox second by L. Killinen, Borough Manager/Treasurer/Secretary/Right to Know Officer – Gregory Grillone, effective September 26, 2022. All in favor.

Borough Council ratified the employment agreement with Gregory Grillone, effective 9/26/2022, by motion of C. Evernham second by L. Killinen. All in favor.

Gregory Grillone was administered the Oath of Office as Borough Manager/Treasurer/Secretary/Right to Know Officer by Mayor Gene Taylor.

Borough Council was advised prior to the last business day of September the expected municipal financial obligation for the uniformed and non-uniformed pension plans in 2023, as required by Act 205 of 1984. The Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the uniformed pension plan is \$350,089 (\$327,196 for 2022) and for the non-uniformed plan the figure is \$31,954 (\$32,845 for 2022). Motion by M. Manerchia second by L. Killinen to receive and file. All in favor.

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month and October 21st is National Mammography Day. Breast Cancer is the most common cancer among women except for non-melanoma skin cancers; it's also the second leading cause of cancer death in women, exceeded only by lung cancer. According to the CDC, approximately 250,000 new cases of female invasive Breast Cancer and 2,300 cases of male invasive Breast Cancer are diagnosed each year. Death rates from Breast Cancer have been declining, and this change is believed to be the result of treatment advances,

earlier detection, and increased awareness. A Mammography, or an “x-ray of the breast”, is recognized as the single most effective method of detecting breast changes that may be cancer long before physical symptoms can be seen or felt. The Borough will hold a drive where we will be selling breast cancer awareness wristbands and pins for \$5 and Councilor J. Flynn donated pink and white, hand-crafted stuffed bears, we will be selling for \$10 a piece at the Municipal Building, and Marcus Hook Police Station during the month of October, with all proceeds received to be donated to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Motion by M. Manerchia second by C. Evernham to adopt Borough Resolution No. R-22-15, proclaiming October, 2022 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and October 21, 2022 as Mammography Day in the Borough of Marcus Hook, as well as resolving to donate all proceeds from our breast cancer awareness drive to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. All in favor.

Manager presented the Monthly Code Enforcement Report for the month of September, 2022. Motion by B. Cox second by C. Evernham 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 September, 2022. Motion by W. Cox second by L. Killinen to receive and file the Mayor's Public Safety Report. All in favor.

Manager presented for ratification the start date for full-time police officer, Matt Elliott of September 20, 2022. Motion by L. Killinen second by J. Flynn to ratify the start date of September 20, 2022 for full-time police officer, Matt Elliott. All in favor.

Manager noted a letter of resignation was received from part-time police officer, Chad Grzesnikowski, effective September 9, 2022. Motion by M. Manerchia second by C. Evernham to receive and file. All in favor.

Application received from Patrick LaVallee, 21 W. 2nd Street, noting his interest in serving on the Civil Service Commission. Motion by W. Cox second by M. Manerchia to appoint Patrick LaVallee as a regular member of the Civil Service Commission, term to expire on December 31, 2022. All in favor.

Manager reported that the Borough advertised a Rock Island Armory M60 7.62 Full Auto Machine Gun, Serial Number 10851, manufactured after May 19, 1986 as surplus property for sale in September, 2022. This piece of surplus property was advertised in the September 12, 2022 edition of the Delaware County Daily Times. The winning bid for the M60 was in the amount of \$7,500 from Thomas J. Morris, III of Thorofare, NJ. Motion by M. Manerchia second by W. Cox to approve the execution of a sales agreement with Thomas J. Morris, III in the amount of \$7,500 for the sale of the M60, this sale will be consistent with Title 18, Section 6111 regarding the sale or transfer of firearms within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. All in favor.

Chief Ireland requested authorization to submit a grant application for funding to purchase the following: license plate recognition cameras and supporting technology, patrol vehicles, implementation virtual reality training equipment and retention bonuses for officers. This application will be submitted to the Local Law Enforcement Support Grant Program. This grant will fund 100% of the above items. Motion by W. Cox second by L. Killinen to approve the filing of a grant application for funding to purchase the following: a license plate recognition cameras and supporting technology, patrol vehicles, implementation virtual reality training equipment and retention bonuses for officers. All in favor.

Manager noted that the Marcus Hook Police Department is requesting approval to take part in the “*No Shave November Campaign*”. *No-Shave November* is a month-long campaign to raise awareness in which participants forgo shaving and grooming for the month of November in order to raise awareness and funding for cancer prevention, research and education. Motion by M. Manerchia second by W. Cox to approve the

Marcus Hook Police Department to take part in the *"No Shave November Campaign"*. All in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Manager noted the termination of employment of full-time laborer, Christopher Santiago, effective September 21, 2022. Motion by W. Cox second by M. Manerchia to ratify the termination of Christopher Santiago, effective September 21, 2022. All in favor.

PARKS, RECREATION and SHADE TREES

Manager noted that the Marcus Hook Recreation and Park Board has scheduled and will be hosting a Halloween Table or Treat event for children, at Mickey Vernon Park on October 30th at 12 NOON. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Flynn to record and file. All in favor.

Manager introduced Resolution No. R-22-16, authorizing application to the Delaware County Green Ways Grant Program in 2022 for the following project: Market Square Memorial Park Riverfront Enhancement Project. Motion by L. Killinen second by J. Flynn to adopt Resolution No. R-22-16. All in favor.

Manager introduced Borough Resolution No. R-22-17 to support and endorse the application of the Borough of Marcus Hook to the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for grant funds to undertake the project "Market Square Memorial Park Riverfront Enhancement Project." Motion by J. Flynn second by C. Evernham to adopt Resolution No. R-22-17. All in favor.

LIBRARY

Manager requested Borough Council's approval to abolish library late fees for the Mary Campbell Library patrons effective immediately. This will only abolish the late fees, if any item is lost or damaged, the library patron will still be required to pay the cost to replace the item. Motion by M. Manerchia second by L. Killinen to approve abolishing the library late fees for library patrons effective immediately. All in favor.

Manager noted that Debra Johenning and Michael Johenning would be removed from their position on the Library Board due to no longer residing in the Borough of Marcus Hook. Motion by M. Manerchia second by L. Killinen to remove Debra Johenning and Michael Johenning from the Library Board due to no longer residing in the Borough of Marcus Hook. All in favor.

ENVIRONMENT

Manager reported that a September 7, 2022 News Release from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced that the East 10th Street Site in Marcus Hook, PA has been removed from EPA's Superfund National Priorities List (NPL). Although the site was never officially listed, it was at one time (in the early 1980's) identified as potentially a NPL caliber site. Motion by W. Cox second by C. Evernham to receive and file. All in favor.

The Borough of Marcus Hook will be hosting a bulk trash/e-waste/shredding event at the Marcus Hook Highway Garage on Saturday, October 8, 2022 from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM. Residents are entitled to one free bulk trash item, free television disposals, and free shredding. Motion by C. Evernham second by M. Manerchia to record and file. All in favor.

Manager noted that October 7, 2022 through October 10, 2022 is National Faith and Blue Weekend. The Marcus Hook Police Department and Cokesbury Methodist Church will be collaborating a Boroughwide Cleanup Event on Saturday, October 8, 2022 from 10 AM-12:00 PM. They are requesting support from the Highway

Department. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Flynn to approve the Boroughwide Cleanup Event with support from the Highway Department. All in favor.

HISTORY

The Marcus Hook Preservation Society was positively acknowledged for coordinating the Pirate Festival held on September 17, 2022 at Market Square Memorial Park. The event was well attended and was a success. Motion by L. Killinen second by C. Everngham to record and file. All in favor.

ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Manager noted that the following agreement has been received by the Borough from Duke Realty relating to their proposed redevelopment of the property located at 203 E. 10th Street: Pedestrian Access Easement Agreement. This Agreement covers the public use of the section of Penn Avenue sidewalk and 10th Street sidewalk located outside of the right-of-way. Motion by J. Flynn second by W. Cox to authorize Manager Greg Grillone to execute the Pedestrian Access Agreement upon concurrence from the Borough Solicitor, Mark Much. All in favor.

Manager presented an Easement Agreement for PECO to install a regulatory station on Borough property on the northeast corner of 10th Street and Yates Avenue. The long slender easement area is 90' by 10'. It is being relocated from across the street as it conflicts with the right turn lane into the Duke Realty project driveway. PECO has said leaving the existing facility is not viable. Motion by L. Killinen second by W. Cox to authorize Manager Greg Grillone to execute the PECO Easement/Right of Way agreement upon concurrence from Borough Solicitor, Mark Much. . J. Laird, W. Cox, J. Flynn, C. Everngham, L. Killinen, J. Johnson – YES; M. Manerchia - NO. Motion carried 6-1.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor L. Killinen reported that the MHTFD in September responded to fire alarms.

Manager noted the following vacancies on Boards and Commissions: Civil Service Commission – 1 vacancy (alternate member), Planning Commission – 2 vacancies, Shade Tree Commission – 1 vacancy, Library Board – 3 vacancies, Recreation and Park Board -2 vacancies, Environmental Advisory Council – 2 vacancies (one regular and one alternate member).

Mayor, Council and Chief Ireland welcomed and wished good luck to newly appointed Borough Manager Gregory Grillone and thanked the Bartholf family for their donation of the Norman Rockwell painting to the Marcus Hook Police Department.

Manager Grillone thanked Mayor, Council and Chief Ireland for the warm welcome and said that he is excited to serve the residents of Marcus Hook. Manager Grillone gave a special thank you to Andrew Weldon and Courtney Sendek for helping to make his appointment of Borough Manager such a smooth process.

Chief Ireland reminded residents that with Halloween this month; please be extra careful while driving through the Borough because children will be out trick or treating.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lorraine Daliessio, 1050 Yates Avenue, welcomed Greg Grillone as the newly appointed Borough Manager. Lorraine distributed to Mayor, Council and the Borough Manager copies of the updated EAC contact list and last month's EAC minutes, she also informed everyone that the next EAC meeting will be held on October 6, 2022, 5:30 PM in Lower Chichester Township.

Larry Weigand, MHTFD Fire Marshall, reminded residents that the week of October 9 – 15th is Fire Prevention Week.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

Manager advised that the payment voucher for the time period from September 7, 2022 through October 3, 2022 totaled \$620,614.32. Motion by L. Killinen second by M. Manerchia to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by M. Manerchia second by L. Killinen to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Gregory Grillone
Borough Secretary