

February 4, 2019

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Monday evening February 4, 2019, 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, John Kennard, Josephine Laird and Michael Manerchia. Also present was Borough Manager Andrew Weldon.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by W. Cox second by C. Evernham 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 January totaled \$76,815.55. Motion by J. Kennard second by P. Ewing to receive and deposit. All in favor.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION

A Rocking Chair was presented to Irene Wallin in recognition of her service to the Borough of Marcus Hook as Librarian of the Mary M. Campbell. Irene has served the Borough for over 30 years, being promoted to Library Director in February 8, 1988.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Manager presented for adoption Borough Resolution No. R-19-2 authorizing the destruction of public records as specifically described in subject Resolution and in compliance with the most recent Pennsylvania Municipal Records Manual adopted by Council on August 3, 2009. Motion by W. Cox second by M. Manerchia to adopt Resolution No. R-19-2. All in favor.

Manager presented for approval an Electricity Supply Agreement with Constellation NewEnergy, Inc. that will start upon the expiration of the Borough's current Electricity Supply Agreement in December, 2020. The new agreement is for a term of 36 months, and is a fixed price contract at a rate of \$0.04545/kWh for all of the Borough's utility accounts. Motion by J. Kennard second by M. Manerchia to approve the new 36 month Electricity Supply Agreement with Constellation NewEnergy, Inc, which takes effect in December, 2020. All in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Manager Weldon presented the Police Report and related statistics for the month of January, 2019. Motion by W. Cox second by M. Manerchia to receive and file the Mayor's Public Safety Report. All in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Manager presented Borough Resolution No. R-19-3 authorizing an application to the Delaware County Council for an allocation of \$3,105 from the County Liquid Fuel Tax Funds in 2019 to be used toward the Borough's 2019 Street Improvement Program. Motion by J. Kennard second by C. Evernham to adopt Resolution No. R-19-3. All in favor.

Manager reported that MOR Construction Services, Inc. has completed the stormwater improvements on Cedar Street and Dalton Lanes in the Viscose Village for a total cost of \$68,467.80. These improvements were funded almost entirely by Community Development Block Grants (CDBG), which are federal grant dollars disbursed to the Borough by the Office of Housing and Community Development. Motion by M. Manerchia second by C. Everngham to record and file. All in favor.

Manager reported that the Borough advertised a Leaf Box as surplus property for sale in January, 2019 on the online municipal auction website municibid.com. The winning bid for the Leaf Box was in the amount of \$775 from Doug Jones of Lower Salford Township Public Works Department. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Kennard to approve the execution of a sales agreement with Doug Jones in the amount of \$775 for the sale of the Leaf Box. All in favor.

Manager reported that the Borough advertised an assortment of Duncan Parking Meters as surplus property for sale in January, 2019 on the online municipal auction website municibid.com. The winning bid for the Duncan Parking Meters was in the amount of \$320 from A.J. Grimaldi. Motion by W. Cox second by M. Manerchia to approve the execution of a sales agreement with A.J. Grimaldi in the amount of \$320 for the sale of the assortment of Duncan Parking Meters. All in favor.

PARKS AND RECREATION

Upcoming Recreation and Park Board events announced are the St. Valentine's Day Craft Event, Sunday, February 10th from Noon to 1:30 PM, and the St. Patrick's Day Craft Event, Sunday, March 10th from Noon to 1:30 PM. Both of these events are for children aged 5 – 13 years of age. There is no advanced signup required for these craft events. Motion by C. Everngham second by P. Ewing to record and file. All in favor.

Letter was received from Tameka Gibson-Williams, noting her interest to serve on the Recreation and Park Board. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Kennard to appoint Tameka Gibson-Williams to the Recreation and Park Board, term to expire on December 31, 2021. All in favor.

It was announced that the Marcus Hook Preservation Society's Pirate Festival is scheduled for September 21, 2019 at Market Square Memorial Park, 11:00 AM – 6:00 PM, and the event planners have requested Borough logistical support for the festival, including police, highway, and port-o-potties, as provided in previous years. Motion by J. Kennard second by P. Ewing to reaffirm the use of Market Square Memorial Park for the Pirate Festival and to provide the same level of logistical support as provided in previous years. All in favor.

Manager presented for second reading and adoption of Borough 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. This ordinance was duly advertised on January 16, 2019. Motion by W. Cox second by M. Manerchia to adopt Ordinance No. O-19-1. All in favor.

PLANNING AND ZONING

Manager announced that the Borough has extended their contract with Community Champions in order to provide services to register vacant, abandoned and foreclosed properties so that the Borough can properly address violations of the Borough of Marcus Hook's property maintenance codes. The term of the Amendment to the Agreement is for a period of one (1) year. Motion by P. Ewing second by M. Manerchia to record and file. All in favor.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Councilor J. Laird reported that the MHTFD in January responded to 21 fire alarms.

Councilor J. Flynn wanted to commend the Marcus Hook Police Department on the recent drug arrests in the Borough. Getting drugs off of the streets is extremely important and he is proud of the work that has been done and hopes it continues.

Councilor W. Cox asked Gail Montella (who was present in the audience), President of the Recreation and Park Board, what the craft event entails. Gail mentioned that they typically have three or four crafts for children to do such as tea pots, bird houses, and cards. Additionally, Gail mentioned that snacks and juice are provided for the children in attendance.

Councilor C. Evernham noted that there was a quick Recreation and Park Board meeting this past weekend, and also wanted to thank the Board for cleaning out the kitchen and arranging dishes and other items in the kitchen.

Manager A. Weldon noted that the Borough was notified of an issue at the Marcus Hook Industrial Complex earlier that afternoon. Representatives from Energy Transfer Partners first called Mr. Weldon at 2:40 PM that day and noted there was a butane leak from a cracked pipe on the H5 truck rack within the complex. Marcus Hook Police Department as well as the ETP fire brigade had been dispatched to the scene. Marcus Hook Police Department temporarily closed Post Road/10th Street from 2:40 PM – roughly 5:15 PM and noted that based on information provided from ETP, the leak was contained and there was no safety risk. Mr. Weldon posted a notification of the leak and road closure on the Marcus Hook Facebook.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lorraine Daliessio, 1050 Yates Avenue, mentioned that the Environmental Advisory Council meets in Linwood at 5:30 PM at their Senior Center behind the Municipal Building. Lorraine also wanted to express her concern at the response she has been given when different things are brought up at meetings. Lorraine feels that people should be able to voice their concerns freely. Lorraine also had two other quick questions; the first was if the destruction of records was for paper and electronic documents, Mr. Weldon noted that it was primarily for paper records to make room for the subsequent year's records. Lorraine's second question related to if the public comments were included in the meeting minutes, Mr. Weldon confirmed that they were included.

Gail Montella, 210 Worrilow St., mentioned that the Marcus Hook Senior Citizens have a lot going for them. Gail noted that they have fresh, home-cooked meals provided for them as well as desserts. Gail also mentioned that there was discussion and plans in the works for a trip to Sight & Sound Theatre to see "Jesus", and also a trip to the beach.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

Manager advised that the payment voucher for the time period from January 8, 2019 through February 4, 2019 totaled \$137,325.99. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Kennard to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by M. Manerchia second by W. Cox to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Andrew Weldon
Borough Secretary