

October 1, 2018

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Monday evening October 1, 2018, 7:00 PM, in Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

Josephine Laird, Council President, called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

Present were Councilors William Cox, Cheryl Evernham, Joseph Flynn, John Kennard, Josephine Laird and Michael Manerchia. 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 September totaled \$186,771.43. Motion by W. Cox second by C. Evernham to receive and deposit. All in favor.

COUNCIL APPOINTMENT

Council President J. Laird indicated that a Council seat is currently vacant due to the resignation of Anna R. Kersey on September 4, 2018. The floor was opened for nominations. Councilor J. Laird nominated Paula Ewing to fill the vacant position. Motion by M. Manerchia second by J. Kennard to accept the nomination of Paula Ewing to fill the vacant Council position. All in favor.

Motion by M. Manerchia second by J. Kennard to adopt Borough Resolution No. R-18-11 appointing Paula Ewing to Council to fill the seat vacated by the resignation of Anna R. Kersey. All in favor.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Council President Josephine Laird appointed Cheryl Evernham to the Finance Committee. Councillor Paula Ewing will be appointed to the remainder of the Committees Anna Kersey had previously been appointed to, which are General Government, Tax Collection, Fire and Water, and Economic and Community Development.

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 2019, as required by Act 205 of 1984. The Minimum Municipal Obligation (MMO) for the uniformed pension plan is \$331,022 (330,173 for 2018) and for the non-uniformed plan the figure is \$42,084 (69,556 for 2018). Motion by W. Cox second by J. Kennard 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. Approximately 266,120 new cases of female invasive Breast Cancer and 2,550 cases of male invasive Breast Cancer will be diagnosed in 2018. 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 apiece at the Municipal Building and Mary M. Campbell Library during the month of October, with all proceeds received to be donated to the Breast Cancer Research Foundation. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Kennard to adopt Borough Resolution No. R-18-12, proclaiming October, 2018 as Breast Cancer Awareness Month and October 21st, 2018 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.

Shannon Taylor, 17 Spruce Street has requested Council's approval to conduct a Holiday Parade on Saturday, November 24, 2018 at 6:00 PM. The Holiday Parade will be at no cost to the Borough, all are welcome to join the parade. There will be awards, presented at the community center, in three (3) different categories. Motion by J. Kennard second by W. Cox to grant permission to Shannon Taylor, 17 Spruce Street to hold a Holiday Parade on Saturday, November 24, 2018. All in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY

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

Steven Jackson was sworn in as full-time police officer. Motion by J. Flynn second by W. Cox to record and file. All in favor.

Manager announced that the Marcus Hook Trainer Fire Department is holding an open house on Saturday, October 20th, 2018 from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM. This open house is being held at the Marcus Hook Trainer Fire House and is themed around fire prevention. There will be stop, drop, & roll drills, live vehicle rescue demos, fire free prevention material, baby car seat installation demos, and wear fire gear. This event is open to everyone and is a great way to meet your volunteer fire fighters! Motion by W. Cox second by M. Manerchia to record and file. All in favor.

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Manager noted that there is an e-waste, bulk trash, and shredding event scheduled for Saturday, October 6th, 2018 from 9 AM - 12 PM at the Marcus Hook Highway Garage. The bulk trash event is free and limited to one item per household (which needs to be brought to the highway garage), the shredding is also free. There is a fee associated with the disposal of televisions, \$25 for most televisions, and \$50 for console/projection type televisions. This event is limited to Marcus Hook residents only, so please be sure to bring proper identification. Motion by W. Cox second by C. Evernham to record and file. All in favor.

PUBLIC WORKS AND HIGHWAYS

Manager reported that Delaware County Council has voted at the September 12, 2018 meeting to provide the Borough of Marcus Hook additional Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding in the amount of \$14,756, which is the difference between the amount previously provided to the Borough by way of the CDBG funding and the lowest bid for the Cedar Street and Dalton Lane Stormwater Improvement Project. Procedurally, this additional funding is subject to a 30 day comment period, which is currently underway. This project was awarded to MOR Construction Services, Inc. at the September, 2018 Council Meeting, and they are expected to begin work in November. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Kennard to record and file. All in favor.

PARKS, RECREATION and SHADE TREES

The Recreation and Park Board will present the following programs in October: Pumpkin Decorating - Saturday, October 20 - Community Center - 12:00 PM; Table or

Treat - Saturday, October 27 - Community Center/Market Square Memorial Park - 12:00 PM. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Kennard to receive and file. All in favor.

HISTORY

The Marcus Hook Preservation Society was positively acknowledged for coordinating the Pirate Festival held on September 14 and 15th, 2018 at Market Square Memorial Park. The event was well attended and was a big success. Motion by W. Cox second by J. Kennard to record and file. All in favor.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Mayor G. Taylor and all of Borough Council welcomed newly appointed Councillor Paula Ewing, wished her the best of luck, and expressed enthusiasm to work with her!

Councillor P. Ewing thanked everyone for their support and for appointing her to Borough Council.

Councillor C. Everngham encouraged the candidates who weren't nominated for Borough Council to try again the next time there is a vacancy.

Councillor M. Manerchia reminded residents that it's fall and as such there will be leaves in the street and when wet they are like ice. Councillor M. Manerchia also thanked the Borough for their support of the Pirate Festival as well as everyone who took the time to come to the Pirate Festival to support the Marcus Hook Preservation Society.

Mayor G. Taylor reminded everyone that mischief night is approaching and the Marcus Hook Police will be out patrolling. Mayor G. Taylor also expressed his appreciation for the great job the Marcus Hook Police Department is doing in the Borough.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lorraine Daliessio, 1050 Yates Avenue mentioned that Delaware County Council is holding a Council Meeting off-site at the Upper Chichester Municipal Building on Wednesday, October 3rd at 6:00 PM. Everyone agreed that this would be a nice thing to try to have happen in the Borough of Marcus Hook.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

Manager advised that the payment voucher for the time period from September 5, 2018 through October 1, 2018 totaled \$137,522.47. Motion by C. Everngham second by M. Manerchia to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by W. Cox second by J. Kennard to adjourn. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.

Andrew Weldon
Borough Secretary