

June 2, 2025

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Monday evening June 2, 7:00 PM, in Council Chambers.

CALL TO ORDER

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present were Councilors Cheryl Evernham, Joseph Flynn, Larry Killinen, Josephine Laird, Michael Manerchia, and Janette Weigand. Also present were Mayor, Gene Taylor, Borough Manager, Jacqui Guenther.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Larry Killinen, seconded by Micheal 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

The manager advised that the receipt voucher for the month of March 2025 totaled \$2,545,007.16. Motion by Cheryl Evernham, seconded by Micheal Manerchia to receive and deposit. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

The manager advised that the payment voucher for the period from May 5, 2025, through June 2, 2025, totaled \$246,572.65. Motion by Larry Killinen, seconded by Micheal Manerchia to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

The Borough manager stated that has received a proposal from VCMS for EMS Services, the first 6 months are free of charge and recommends contracting with them until December 31, 2025. The Borough manager stated that in the Fall when we start budgeting for 2026, we can evaluate all options available for EMS service with actual projected costs and will make an informed decision on what is best for our residents for 2026. Motion by Janette Weigand , seconded by Larry Killinen to approve and execute. All in favor

The Borough Manager presented Resolution R-25-9. This Resolution would temporarily negate the provisions of The Marcus Hook Borough Code, Chapter 83 – Curfew §§83-1, 83-2, 83-3, and 83-4 which provide for changing the curfew time to from 8:00 pm until 9:00 pm between Memorial Day and Labor Day. This Resolution ensures that the Curfew time will remain 8:00 p.m. between Memorial Day and Labor Day 2025. 4 in favor, Cheryl Evernham, Josephine Laird, Joseph Flynn and Larry Killinen. 2 opposed, Janette Weigand and Micheal Manerchia. Passed by majority vote 4-2.

The Borough manager reported that the Annual Memorial Day Parade took place on Saturday, May 24, 2025, Larry Killinen and Bruce Dorbian were Grand Marshals. The Borough manager stated that the highway crew did an exceptional job hanging all the banners and flags and planting all the flowers. A big thank you to Slayde and the highway department for the well done job as well as to those who participated and/or attended.

The Borough Manager announced that a Borough wide clean-up day was held on May 17, 2025, from 12:00 p.m. until 2:00 p.m. A lot of trash was collected. The Borough looks much better thanks to their efforts.

The Borough Manager stated that she received proposals to repair the sinking manhole located at 4th and Market. BMK's proposal is for \$6,000 and Moore Brothers' proposal is \$2,750. Accordingly, I recommend you accept the Moore Brothers proposal for these repairs at the cost of \$2,750. Motion by Larry Killinen, seconded by Micheal Manerchia, to approve and execute. All in favor.

The Borough Manager stated that she contacted PennDOT about using the major equipment purchases allotment of the Liquid Fuel funds (which was \$83,029.20) to purchase a much needed backhoe in the amount of \$78,798.96 through Eagle View Equipment who is Co-Stars approved. The Borough Manager stated that every year when PennDOT grants us our liquid fuel funds, a certain portion of it is allotted for the purchase of major equipment only. The allotment for major equipment purchase must be used to purchase major equipment used only for road work and cannot be used for anything else, including, but not limited to, road construction projects. Motion by Cheryl Evernham, seconded by Micheal Manerchia, to approve and execute. All in favor.

The Borough Manager stated that she received a proposal from Scanlon regarding the annual HVAC system maintenance for all borough buildings. Charles highly recommended Scanlon. The Scanlon proposed maintenance contract is \$9,795.00 as well as a second proposal from AJC Mechanical LLC in the amount of \$8,800.00. Motion by Joe Flynn, seconded by Janette Weigand, to approve contracting with AJC Mechanical in the amount of \$8,800.00. 3 in favor, Micheal Manerchia, Larry Killinen and Janette Weigand. 3 opposed, Josephine Laird, Cheryl Evernham, Joe Flynn. Mayor cast deciding vote for AJC Mechanical LLC for \$8,800.00.

The Borough Manager stated that she would like full access to borough cameras located on at the Community Center and the perimeter of Borough Hall, to help facilitate her job. Motion by Joe Flynn, seconded by Janette Weigand, to approve and execute. The mayor stated that the solicitor advised against Borough Council approving this and that he was also opposed. All in favor.

PUBLIC SAFETY

ABANDONED AUTOMOBILES:

Abandoned Vehicles for Month-02
Abandoned Vehicles Year to Date-10

COMPLAINT/POLICE ACTIONS TAKEN:

Total Number of Complaints or Police Actions taken for **Month-219**
Total Number of Complaints or Police Actions taken for Year to **Date-1016**

COMMUNITY POLICING:

Memorial Day Parade

CRIME PREVENTION:

Bank Checks-54
Elementary School Safety Checks-38
Security/Vacation Checks-232

CRIMINAL ARRESTS:

Indecent Exposure-01
Possession of Marijuana-01
Rape-01
Simple Assault-01
Total Criminal Arrests-04

JUVENILE CRIMINAL ARRESTS/CITATIONS:

Harassment-02 Simple
Assault-02
Total Juvenile Arrest-04

NON-TRAFFIC ARRESTS:

Criminal Mischief-01 Dog
License Required-02
Dog Rabies Vaccination Required-01 Dog
Running at Large-01 Harassment-03
Total Non-Traffic Arrests-08

PARKING TICKETS:

Parking Tickets Issued-73

POST ORDERS:

Market Street Intersections with Controls-124

TRAFFIC CITATIONS:

Traffic Citations Issued-72 Traffic
Warnings Issued-08

TRAINING CONDUCTED:

3.1.1 Temporary Holding Cell Training
Chapter 1 Policy Manual Review
Concealed Carry
Concealed Carry Qualification May
2025 Case Law Updates Pistol 3

TOWED VEHICLES:

Towed Vehicles for Month-06
Towed Vehicles Year to Date-17

Mayor Taylor presented the Police Report and related statistics for the month of May 2025. Motion by Micheal Manerchia, seconded by Larry Killinen, to receive and file the Mayor's Public Safety Report. All in favor.

The Borough Manager stated that Chief has received a request for permission to have a block party on June 7, 2025, from 12 pm-6 pm to be hosted by: War Ready Boxing. Location is 801 Market Street, which would include street closure on East 8th Street. The event will include live boxing matches at 801 Market Street inside the facility. He plans to have music and food. Chief said he advised nothing could be put in the roadway which would block emergency services from responding to a call for service or an emergency. Motion by Larry Killinen, seconded by Janette Weigand, to approve and execute. All in favor.

The Borough Manager stated that Chief provided information on the Delaware County Health Department Mobile Health Unit "Wellness on Wheels" services, which is a mobile unit that provides immunizations, Pregnancy testing, and much more. Check out our website to find out more.

The Borough Manager stated that Chief advised that his Vest-a-Cop grant was approved.

The Borough Manager stated that Chief advised that he applied for and is awaiting approval for the helmet grant.

The Borough Manager stated that Chief advised that Coffee with a Cop will take place on June 28,2025 at the Curt Weldon Community Center from 9:00 AM until 11:00 AM.

ENGINEERING REPORT: MAY 2025

1. **Market Sq Memorial Park/Mickey Vernon Park - Delco Greenways Phase 2**
 - **Lyons Recreation expect delivery week of June 9-13**
2. **2025 Street Resurfacing Project**
 - **AF Damon Co contracts for execution**
3. **DCNR Community Conservation Partnership Program**
 - **Application submitted for Williamson Field Improvements**
 - **Expect award announcements in Fall.**
4. **DCED PA Small Water & Sewer Grant**
 - **Application submitted for Phase 1 of 4th & Market/Green St drainage improvements.**
 - **Expect award announcements in Fall.**
5. **DCED Greenways, Trails & Recreation Program**
 - **Application submitted for Mickey Vernon Park work.**
6. **Marcus Hook Hardware Demolition**
 - **Final restoration issues**
7. **PY25 CDBG Application**
 - **Application submitted for Walnut Street - Dalton to Pine; estimated cost \$282,000**
 - **Expect award announcements in June-July**
8. **Walnut St-Pine to Dalton Streetscape (CDBG Grant)**
 - **Preliminary **Design/topographic survey completed.****
9. **DCED Local Share Account Grant Opportunity**
 - **Application submitted for the purchase of new fire truck - expected decision in Fall 2025**
10. **Prologis**
 - **Replacement of dead trees - **IMC subcontractor scheduled work.****
11. **RACP Grant**
 - **Working with RACP consultant to provide closeout documents**
12. **COVID-19 ARPA Small Water & Sewer Grant**
 - **\$50,634 grant for stormwater quality improvements (MS4 requirement)**
 - **Rain Gardens - Raebel Plaza & Williamson Field**

FIRE MARSHALL REPORT

FIRE REPORT: MARCUS HOOK TRAINER FIRE DEPARTMENT

May 2025

<u>INCIDENT TYPE</u>	<u># INCIDENTS</u>
<u>Building fire</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>Medical assist, assist EMS crew</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Motor vehicle accident with injuries</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Carbon monoxide incident</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Assist police or other governmental agency</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>Cover assignment, standby, move up</u>	<u>2</u>
<u>Dispatched & cancelled en route</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>Smoke scare, odor of smoke</u>	<u>1</u>

<u>CO detector activation due to malfunction</u>	<u>1</u>
<u>TOTAL INCIDENTS:</u>	<u>25</u>

Marucs Hook Calls: 6

OUT OF TOWN Calls: 19

CALLS FROM 6AM – 6PM: 14 CALLS

CALLS FROM 6PM – 6AM: 11 CALLS

TOP RUNNER FOR THE MONTH: Tyler Ottinger with 15 calls

REPORTING OFFICER: Chief Dan Smith

Larry Killinen presented the Fire Report and related statistics for the month of May 2025. Motion by _____, seconded by _____, to receive and file the Fire Report. All in favor.

MONTHLY REPORT – MAY 2025

LIBRARY: Mary M. Campbell Marcus Hook Public Library Monthly Report

1. Since we have not received a response from Bailey Walton for 10 days following council approval—despite multiple attempts to contact her. Also, Julia Farach-Colton has accepted another position. Accordingly, the Library would like to extend an offer to Aislin McClay as the Library Assistant – Collection Development, at 20 hours per week and a rate of \$16.00 per hour pending all background checks and clearances.

Motion by Janette Weigand, seconded by Larry Killinen, to hire Aislin McClay, pending all clearances have been met, for 20 hours per week and a rate of \$16.00 per hour. All in favor.

2. This month’s library circulation total is 1,313.
3. Journey Across Delco runs from June 19 to August 13. Visit all 28 libraries throughout Delaware County to discover a different illustrator and their books at each library and win fun prizes along the way.
4. Eyes of the Wild Animals show will be on June 21. Meet exotic animals up close and learn fun facts about their habitats and behaviors. It is a fun, interactive experience for all ages.

Jacqui Guenther presented the Library Report for the month of May 2025. Motion by Janette Weigand, seconded by Larry Killinen, to receive and file the Library Report. All in favor.

HIGHWAY AND SANITATION

PLANNING AND ZONING

PARKS, RECREATION & SHADE TREE COMMISSION

The Borough Manager stated that the Marcus Hook Parks and Recreation Board hosted a Mother’s Day Tea on May 4th which was a lovely event and well attended.

The Borough Manager reminded everyone that the gym at the Community Center is now open to the public. Memberships for residents cost \$5.00. Non-Residents pay \$2 per visit. The gym is open Monday Wednesday and Fridays from 5:30 PM until 8:30 PM.

The Borough Manager stated that the Mickey Vernon statue was cleaned and polished for the sum of \$2,600, which was paid with funds reserved for Mickey Vernon Park, no general fund money was used for this service.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Borough Manager reported that the Heritage Commission of Delaware County selected the Viscose Memorial Sign for a 2025 Preservation Award in the Special Project category. Bruce Dorbian attended the award ceremony on behalf of Borough Council, which was held on Sunday, May 4th, at the Redwood Community Center in Upland Park. Recognized with an award certificate was Marcus Hook Borough and Prologis. Motion by Larry Killinen second by Micheal Manerchia to receive and file. All in favor.

The Borough Manager stated that construction at Market Square Memorial Park is scheduled to begin on June 1, 2025, which will include a playground area. The Borough plans to have a grand reopening prior to the first Concert in the Park on July 1, 2025.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Micheal Manerchia thanked Slayde for helping with the flooding. He also thanked Jacqui for recognizing that the Liquid Fuels money had enough allotted for large equipment to purchase the much needed backhoe.

Janette Weigand announced that Father’s Day Dodgeball event would take place at 12:00 noon on June 8, 2025, at Mickey Vernon Park.

Mayor Taylor thanked Monroe Energy for the donation to the parade. The mayor asked about hiring for summer help and the borough manager responded that they received many applications, but the students were still in school, and interviews would take place when school was out. The mayor suggested that a motion be made at this meeting to hire two part-time summer helpers for the Highway Department.

A Motion was made by Larry Killinen and seconded by Janette Weigand to hire 2 part-time highway department summer help, to work 24 hours per week at the rate of \$15.00 per hour. All in favor.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Lorraine D’alessio, Yates Avenue, discussed her dissatisfaction with why she stopped attending meetings and why she began attending the meetings again. Lorraine said she does not want to be “part of the entertainment”, but rather she felt she does contribute to the meetings and does not wish to stop attending again but she feels she deserves to be respected.

ADIOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Larry Killinen, seconded by Janette Weigand. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jacqui Guenther
Borough Manager