

July 7, 2025

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Monday evening July 7, 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, John Johnson, 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 June 2025 totaled \$250,436.51. Motion by Janette Weigand, seconded by Cheryl Evernham to receive and deposit. All in favor.

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS

The manager advised that the payment voucher for the period from June 3, 2025, through July 7, 2025, totaled \$223,200.24. Motion by Larry Killinen, seconded by Cheryl Evernham to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

The Borough Manager thanked all Fire Department personnel for their bravery and their valiant efforts to save lives at the recent house fire on 200 block of Market Street in Marcus Hook. All our Fire Officials should be commended, which includes many of our highway employees, for their quick response and containing the fire. Motion by Janette Weigand, seconded by Larry Killinen, to approve and execute. All in favor. Josephine Laird directed the Borough Manager to send a letter of commendation to the Fire House.

The Borough Manager reported that the Borough will begin selling Theme Park discount tickets to various parks at a significantly reduced price through the PA Recreation and Park Society program. There is no cost to the Borough, but we will make a small fee for each ticket sold. For example, an all-day ticket to Dutch Wonderland is regularly \$75.99 for persons 3+ years old. Through this program people can purchase those same tickets for \$41.00 which is a savings of \$35.00 per ticket and the Borough would receive \$1.31 per ticket sold. Theme Park discounted tickets include Dutch Wonderland, Morey's Peir, Six Flags Phila Zoo, Hershey Park, Adventure Aquarium, Splash Zone Wildwood NJ, Knoebels, Sesame Place, Busch Gardens, Crayola Experience, and Tree Trails. Residents may also purchase discounted tickets to Dorney Park, Hersheypark, Cedar Point, Diggerland, Kings Dominion, Legoland, Disney World, Universal Studios, Movie Tickets, Broadway/Off-Broadway Shows, Cirque du Soleil, sporting events, concerts, and more. For a complete list of all discounted tickets and prices check our website. Motion by Larry Killinen, seconded by Joe Flynn to approve and execute. All in favor.

The Borough Manager reported that the sink hole on Roberts Lane, behind 31 Spruce Street, is a Delcora issue, the sanitary sewer line is damaged. Delcora has made those repairs and will return to replace the sidewalk.

The Borough Manager reported that the Borough has been awarded Excess Interest in the amount of \$41,273, which has been credited to the Municipal Reserve which will help to offset some of our costs in 2026.

The Borough Manager reported that the Borough of Marcus Hook agrees to Energy Transfer's waiver of applicability to its Open Space/Fee in Lieu Ordinance regarding the current Ethane Expansion Project at the Marcus Hook Terminal with the following stipulations:

- Energy Transfer will make donations to the Borough of Marcus Hook in the amount of \$250,000 to support projects for the betterment of the Borough. These projects can include capital investments in the Borough's buildings, infrastructure or new equipment, etc.
- These donations will be highlighted and publicized jointly by Energy Transfer and the Borough of Marcus Hook
- Energy Transfer will make an additional contribution(s) of \$75,000 to support the Borough of Marcus Hook to support emergency services activities such as police, fire, & ambulatory services. (25,000 grant has already been approved for police)

The Borough of Marcus Hook agrees to accept \$250,000 to support projects for the betterment of the Borough and \$75,000 to support the firehouse in lieu of the Open Space/Fee for the current Ethane Expansion Project at the Marcus Hook Terminal. Motion by Janette Weigand, seconded by Larry Killinen to approve and execute. All in favor.

The Borough Manager reported that the State Auditor for the Liquid Fuels will perform the audit for years 23 and 24 beginning on July 21,2025.

The Borough Manager reported that Home Depot has agreed to donate smoke detectors to the borough, and the Fire Department plans to install them for residents in need. Once we receive the devices, we will have a sign up for them. Your home must be in the Borough of Marcus hook to receive one.

The Borough Manager stated that the Concert in the Park on July 1, 2025, was cancelled due to severe rainstorm conditions and was rescheduled to take place on Wednesday July 2, 2025, and they had a great turn out.

The Borough Manager stated that the repairs the sinking manhole located at 4th and Market have been completed.

The Borough Manager reported that leaking PECO manhole at the exit to Braskem's facility was recently resampled. PECO is having an additional environmental consultant investigate alternative solutions. They will provide updates once they have more information to share. Charles Catania sent an email on July 2, 2025, to all parties insisting they take action.

ECODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER'S REPORT:

- Plumbing permits = 1
- Building Permits = 4
- Occupancy Permits = 7
- Rental License Applications = 8
- Rental Inspections = 17
- Written Violations = 30
- Court in August for 3 citations

June 2025 - Code Enforcement Receipts						
Date	Plumbing Permit	Electrical Permits	Building Permits	Occupancy Permit	Rental License	TOTALS
6/1/2025					\$100.00	\$100.00
6/1/2025				\$75.00		\$75.00
6/1/2025				\$100.00		\$100.00
6/2/2025			\$54,200.00			\$54,200.00
6/4/2025				\$100.00		\$100.00
6/4/2025				\$150.00		\$150.00
6/4/2025					\$100.00	\$100.00
6/5/2025	\$50.00					\$50.00
6/5/2025				\$100.00		\$100.00
6/6/2025					\$400.00	\$400.00
6/10/2025			\$134.50			\$134.50
6/10/2025					\$100.00	\$100.00
6/10/2025					\$100.00	\$100.00
6/12/2025			32,790.72			\$32,790.72
6/13/2025					\$100.00	\$100.00
6/13/2025				\$75.00		\$75.00
6/18/2025				\$75.00		\$75.00
6/20/2025			\$500.00			\$500.00
6/26/2025					\$100.00	\$100.00
6/26/2025					\$100.00	\$100.00
TOTAL	\$50.00	\$-	\$87,625.22	\$675.00	\$1,100.00	\$89,450.22

Checks
Credit Card
Cash

Ben VanCleve presented the Code Department Report for the month of June 2025. Motion by Janette Weigand, seconded by Micheal Manerchia, to receive and file the Code Department Report. All in favor.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

1. Market Sq Memorial Park/Mickey Vernon Park – Delco Greenways Phase 2
 - Lyons Recreation delivered equipment June 25
 - DePaul set to start installation
2. 2025 Street Resurfacing Project
 - AF Damon Co substantially completed
3. Walnut St – 10th to Dalton Streetscape (CDBG Grant) Plans, specifications, and
 - bid documents submitted to OHCD for review
 - Authorize advertisement of bids subject to OHCD approval
4. PY25 CDBG Application
 - Application submitted for Walnut Street - Dalton to Pine; estimated cost \$282,000
 - Awarded \$141,000
5. 10th Street PECO Manhole
 - Email requesting update
 - PECO response that resampled water and awaiting those results
6. Marcus Hook Hardware Demolition
 - Final restoration issues
7. DCNR Community Conservation Partnership Program
 - Application submitted for Williamson Field Improvements
 - Expect award announcements in Fall
8. DCED PA Small Water & Sewer Grant
 - Application submitted for Phase 1 of 4th & Market/Green St drainage improvements
 - Expect award announcements in Fall
9. DCED Greenways, Trails & Recreation Program

- Application submitted for Mickey Vernon Park - expect award announcement in Fall

10. DCED Local Share Account Grant Opportunity
 • Application submitted for the purchase of new fire truck - expected decision in Fall 2025

11. Prologis
 • Replacement of dead trees – IMC subcontractor scheduled work

12. RACP Grant
 • Working with RACP consultant to provide closeout documents

Charles Catania presented Engineering Report for the month of June 2025. Motion by Janette Weigand, seconded by Micheal Manerchia, to receive and file the Engineering Report. All in favor

PUBLIC SAFETY

ABANDONED AUTOMOBILES:

Abandoned Vehicles for Month-00 Abandoned
 Vehicles Year to Date-10

COMPLAINT/POLICE ACTIONS TAKEN:

Total Number of Complaints or Police Actions taken for Month-185
 Total Number of Complaints or Police Actions taken for Year to Date-1201

COMMUNITY POLICING:

3rd/4th Grade Cellphone and Internet Safety Assembly-MHES
 Cokesbury Summer Reading Program (16th & 23rd)
 Fun Day-Marcus Hook Elementary School

CRIME PREVENTION:

Bank Checks-46
 Security/Vacation Checks-240

CRIMINAL ARRESTS:

Arrest Prior to Requisition-Wanted out of County/State)-03
Drugs-01
 Obstruction to Administration of Law-01 Simple
 Assault-01
 Strangulation-01
Total Criminal Arrests-07

JUVENILE CRIMINAL ARRESTS/CITATIONS:

Total Juvenile Arrest-00

NON-TRAFFIC ARRESTS:

Disorderly Conduct-01
 Public Drunkenness-02
Total Non-Traffic Arrests-03

PARKING TICKETS:

Parking Tickets Issued-133

TRAFFIC CITATIONS:

Traffic Citations Issued - 58

TRAINING CONDUCTED:

4.2.1 Vehicle Pursuit Training
 4.5.1 Crime Victims' Assistance Training

- Chapter 2 Policy Review
- Chapter 3 Policy Review
- Chapter 4 Policy Review
- Chapter 7 Policy Review
- Emergency Vehicle Operations Course (EVOC) & Pursuits
- June 2025 Case Law Updates
- MPOETC-Distracted Driving
- PPBT-Personal Protection Baton Tactics OCAT-
- Oleoresin Capsicum Aerosol Training
- TOWED VEHICLES:**
- Towed Vehicles for Month-03
- Towed Vehicles Year to Date-17

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

FIRE MARSHALL REPORT Updates for incidents for April 2025:

April 21st Energy Transfer Butane leak : Provided liaison for the Borough with ET and Borough Manager. Initial concerns were for the safety of residents and possible evacuations. Officials from ET conducted stoppage of the leak and containment of product to their facility. Air monitoring was done along the areas adjoining the residential areas of the Borough. There was no need for evacuations. The incident was contained to the ET facility. Response by their fire and safety teams kept this incident inside their facility. At the time of the incident, our fire department had 15-17 personnel in station for meeting and training, so there was personnel available if a response was needed.

April 27th 1144 Green St. Building fire : Responded as part of the fire department with the engine. The fire did progress to the adjoining exposure building 1142. Fire was contained to the adjoining wall between 1144 and 1142 Green St. As the incident progressed, it transitioned to origin and cause investigation. During the initial response to the incident, the rear of 1144 was found under construction with only a partial floor – there was no placard or warnings for lack of floor. During the investigation, it was confirmed there was work being done on the roof. Building and Codes Ben VanCleve was notified. The work on the roof was the owner/contractor performing torch down of roof area near the chimney. Weather conditions were poor for this type of activity – Mostly cloudy and windy(Approx 25 MPH sustained with 35 MPH gusts). Red Cross was contacted for the residents of 1142 Green. Board up was called for, roof was cut for ventilation along with a few windows being removed. Utilities for both properties were stopped.

Larry Weigand presented the Fire Marshal’s Report the month of April 2025. Motion by Larry Killinen, seconded by Joe Flynn, to receive and file the Fire Marshal’s Report. All in favor

FIRE REPORT: MARCUS HOOK TRAINER FIRE DEPARTMENT

MONTHLY REPORT – JUNE 2025

INCIDENT TYPE	# INCIDENTS
Building fire	5
Medical assist, assist EMS crew	5
Motor vehicle accident with injuries	2
Hazardous condition, other	1
Gas leak (natural gas or LPG)	3
Cover assignment, standby, moveup	1
Dispatched & cancelled en route	9
No incident found on arrival at dispatch address	1
Local alarm system, malicious false alarm	3
Alarm system sounded due to malfunction	1
Alarm system activation, no fire - unintentional	1
TOTAL INCIDENTS:	32

Marucs Hook Calls: 13

OUT OF TOWN Calls: 19

CALLS FROM 6AM – 6PM: 15 CALLS

CALLS FROM 6PM – 6AM: 17 CALLS

TOP RUNNER FOR THE MONTH: Zach Preising with 18 calls

REPORTING OFFICER: Chief Dan Smith

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

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

1. Countywide Journey Across Delco, from June 19 – August 13. Visit libraries throughout Delaware County to discover a different illustrator and their books at each stop.
2. The library's Summer Reading BINGO challenge runs from June 16 to August 31. Open to all ages, participants can win prizes by completing reading activities.
3. The library is offering a variety of new programs this summer, including STEM Club, Drawing Club for Kids, LEGO Challenge, and more. Stop by to learn all about them.
4. The library has Chichester School District's summer reading books available.
5. This month's library circulation total is 1,569.
6. Wishing everyone a fun and safe summer!

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

HIGHWAY AND SANITATION

The Borough manager reported that AF Damon completed the 2025 road construction which included McClenaghan Terrace - 10th to end; Rennie Lane - 10th to end; Marshall Ave - Market to Green; and Green Street - 10th to 12th.

The Borough manager reported that the trash haulers missed many homes on trash pickup day last week and that she has been in contact with JP Mascaro regarding this issue. They absolutely need to do better. They did come back the following day to retrieve the missed trash.

Charles Catania reported that the cost proposal from AF Damon to install the 2 speed humps on green street was \$9,000 (\$4,500 each).

PLANNING AND ZONING

The Borough manager reported that the Planning Commission is scheduled to meet on July 16, 2025, to discuss the MacIlvain Conditional use here in Council Chambers at 6:00.

PARKS, RECREATION & SHADE TREE COMMISSION

The Borough Manager reported that the Marcus Hook Parks and Recreation Board hosted a Father's Day Kickball event on June 8th which was lots of fun.

COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Borough Manager stated that construction at Market Square Memorial Park playground has been delayed because the playground equipment "got hung up in production". We received delivery of the playground equipment on June 26, 2025. Due to the unfortunate delay the playground will not be finished by July 1, 2025, as previously reported. They plan to start construction on July 2, 2025.

COUNCIL REPORTS

A motion was made by Joe Flynn, seconded by Cheryl Evernham to add the Act 205 Cost study the effect changes to the Uniform Pension Plan in the amount of 1,853.00 was made. There were four yeas, Josephine Laird, Joseph Flynn, Cheryl Evernham and John Johnson; there were 3 nays, Micheal Manerchia, Larry Killinen and Janette Weigand. Motion Carried by majority vote 4-3.

Micheal Manerchia expressed his concern about illegal fireworks in the Borough and urged residents to call the police is they have any issues regarding this.

Mayor Taylor reported a pothole at 12th & Washington. The Borough manager said she would report it to Slayde to be repaired.

Janette Weigand asked if certain banners could be replaced at the Borough's cost. Slayde Turner (Highway Foreman) responded that under the existing banner program banners were only supposed to be hung for 2 years and then returned to the families. However, they have been hanging them for many years. The Borough manager stated that if we only replace a few banners at the Borough's cost then many others will expect the same. Joe Massaro, Energy Transfer, stated that he believed Energy Transfer could replace the banners.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

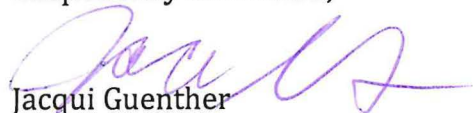
Lorraine Daliessio, Yates Avenue, asked why Energy Transfer only contributed \$250,000 to the Borough when they just gave Aston Township \$300,000 for their park.

Joe Massaro, Energy Transfer, responded that in addition to the \$250,000 they also gave the Police(\$25,000) & Fire (\$75,000) \$100,000 in grant funding and in addition they paid permits fees of approximately \$150,000.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Larry Killinen, seconded by Janette Weigand. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,


Jacquie Guenther
Borough Manager