

April 7, 2026

The regular meeting of the Marcus Hook Borough Council was held on Tuesday evening April 7, 2026, at 7:00 PM, in Council Chambers.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Cheryl Evernham, Council President, called the meeting to order.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL**

Present were Councilors Cheryl Evernham, John Johnson, Larry Killinen, Josephine Laird, Michael Manerchia, Lauren Ottinger and Janette Weigand. Also present were Mayor, Gene Taylor, and Solicitor, Mark Much.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by J. Laird, seconded 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**

The manager advised that the receipt voucher for the month of March 2026, totaled \$3,116,564.09. Motion by J. Weigand, seconded by L. Ottinger to receive and deposit. All in favor.

**APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF BOROUGH BILLS**

The manager advised that the payment voucher for the period from March 2, 2026, through April 6, 2026, totaled \$237,730.84. Motion by L. Killinen, seconded by J. Weigand to approve payment of Borough bills. All in favor.

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Council President C. Evernham announced that Jacqui Guenther has resigned her duties as Borough Manager /Treasurer/Right-to-Know Officer effective March 6, 2026, Motion by L. Ottinger, seconded by J. Weigand to accept the resignation of Jacqui Guenther as Borough Manager /Treasurer/Right-to-Know Officer. All in Favor.

Council President C. Evernham presented the name of Andrew Weldon to serve as Borough Manager/Treasurer/Right-to-Know Officer effective May 1, 2026. Motion by J. Laird seconded by J. Weigand to appoint Andrew Weldon as Borough Manager /Treasurer/Right-to-Know Officer effective May 1, 2026. All in favor.

Council President C. Evernham announced that Ben VanCleve has resigned his duties as Code Enforcement Officer effective March 10, 2026. Motion by L. Killinen, seconded by J. Weigand to accept the resignation of Ben VanCleve as the Code Enforcement Officer. All in favor.

Council President C. Evernham presented North East Inspection Corp. as a contracted position for Code Enforcement Duties beginning in May of 2026. Motion by J. Weigand, seconded by L. Ottinger. All in favor.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT**

- 4 Plumbing Permits
- 2 Electrical Permit

2	Building Permits
4	U&O Permits
27	Rental Applications
7	Sidewalk Permit
2	Dumpster
1	Plumbing Registration
	Total \$4394.90

Council President C. Everngham presented the Code Enforcement Report for the month of March 2026. Motion by J. Laird, seconded by M. Manerchia, to receive and file the Code Enforcement Report. All in favor.

### PUBLIC SAFETY

Mayor Taylor presented the Police Report and related statistics for the month of March 2026. Motion by L. Killinen, seconded by J. Laird, to receive and file the Mayor's Public Safety Report. All in favor.

Mayor Taylor announced that Officer Morgan Greene has resigned her duties as full-time officer but wishes to remain as part-time officer with the Borough, effective May 1, 2026, Motion by J. Laird, seconded by L Killinen to accept the resignation of Officer Morgan Greene as full-time officer, and return to part-time officer. All in Favor.

Mayor Taylor has requested council approve Officer Yonaton Patsko, to be a full-time officer upon successful completion of a physical examination and a drug analyst test. Officer Patsko is currently a part-time officer and is next in line on the Police Civil Service Commissions Active Eligibility List. Motion By L. Ottinger, seconded by L. Killinen to appoint Officer Patsko to full-time, once he passes the physical examination and drug analysis test.

Police Chief John Ireland has requested authorization to apply for the Vest-A-Cop Foundation Grant. The grant would fund up to 90% of the purchase of new body armor vests. The department currently has two vests that are due to expire in October of 2026. If awarded the borough would be required to pay approximately \$220 for the purchase of the body armor vests. Motion by J. Laird, seconded by L. Killinen, to approve application for the Vest-A-Cop Foundation Grant. All in favor.

Police Chief John Ireland has requested council to authorize the police department's newly formed Police Cadet Ride-Along Program and liability waiver. The Police Cadet Program is a supervised program for current police cadets in the academy to accompany an officer during a regular shift. Police Cadets don't participate or intervene; Their role is strictly observational for legal and safety reasons. Cadets sit in the patrol car while an officer responds to calls, observe real police work, and learn about procedure, equipment, and decision making. The program will be used to recruit future officers. Motion by J. Weigand, seconded by L. Ottinger, to approve the Police Cadet Ride-Along Program. All in favor.

### FIRE MARSHAL

M. Manerchia presented the Fire Marshal's Report for the month of March 2026. Motion by L. Killinen, seconded by J. Laird to receive and file the Fire Marshal's Report. All in favor.

### FIRE

Councilor L. Killinen presented the Fire Report and related statistics for the month of March 2026. Motion by M. Manerchia, seconded by J. Laird, to receive and file the Fire Report. All in favor.

## LIBRARY

No Library Report for the month of March was issued.

Council President C. Everngham noted that Emily Zacharczyk has been appointed by Borough Council to serve as Director/Librarian of the Mary M. Campbell Library effective April 20, 2026. Motion by J. Weigand, seconded by L. Killinen to appoint Emily Zacharczyk as director/Librarian of the Mary M. Campbell Library.

Councilor J. Weigand stated that she received Connor Hoffman's resignation as a part time Library Assistant, effective April 3, 2026. Motion by J Laird, seconded by L. Killinen, to receive and file.

Councilor J. Weigand requested a motion to advertise the Library Assistant Job Posting. Motion by M. Manerchia, second by L. Ottinger. All in favor.

## HIGHWAY

Highway Foreman S. Turner presented the Highway Report for the month of March 2026. Motion by L. Killinen, seconded by M. Manerchia, to receive and file the Highway Report. All in favor.

## PARKS, RECREATION & SHADE TREE COMMISSION

In keeping with the Borough's annual Arbor Day observance, the Shade Tree Commission has recommended the passage of a municipal Resolution proclaiming April 24, 2026 as Arbor Day in Marcus Hook. The Arbor Day program is scheduled for April 24, 2026, 12:30 PM, at Market Square Memorial Park. Motion by L. Killinen second by J. Laird to adopt Borough Resolution No. R-26-6 proclaiming April 24, 2026 as Arbor Day in Marcus Hook. All in favor.

Council President reported that for the Forty-first straight year Marcus Hook has been named a Tree City USA by the National Arbor Day Foundation. The presentation of the Tree City USA flag and other recognition materials will be coordinated with the Borough's Arbor Day ceremony on April 24, 2026. Motion by J. Weigand second by L. Killinen to receive and file. All in favor.

Marcus Hook Recreation Department held an Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 4, 2026 at 2:00 PM at Mickey Vernon Park for the children of the Borough. It was open to all residents.

Marcus Hook Borough Clean Up Day is scheduled for Saturday May 16, 2026 from 10:00Am – 12:00 PM.

The Annual Marcus Hook Borough Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for Saturday May 23, 2026, beginning at 12:00 PM.

## COUNCIL REPORTS

J. Weigand- nothing to report.

L. Ottinger- Egg Hunt on Saturday was cute and well done by the Recreation Board.

J. Laird- Trash is out of hand. People need to comply with the rules. No chairs, tables, air conditioners. Big trash collects on Wednesday. Streets noted Green Street, Marshall Ave, Cedar, Chestnut, 6<sup>th</sup> and Green, Roberts Lane, Pine, Maple, 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Maiden Lane

M. Manerchia- Dredging will be happening in the river, if you want to see big equipment check it out. Wants to encourage residents to get personal cameras. Recommends Night

owl. Helps back up your police reports, etc. Reports someone had broken into plank house and was sleeping, living there, lit a fire in the fireplace. Cops caught them.

J. Johnson- nothing to report.

L. Killinen- Drove through the borough. Trash cans were all over. Not sure if it was the wind or if the trash guys are just tossing them all over.

Mayor Taylor – Defers to Chief Ireland & Solicitor Much to comment on the issues under investigation.

Chief Ireland- read his prepared statement. Police met with Maxi's owner; there was a debrief with the security team. Owner is willing to work with the borough.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

A. Napoli- Brothers are alive. He wants to know why armed security officers were at Maxi's fight, laughing at the incident while it was ongoing. States there's social media reports of a cop car parked on 10<sup>th</sup> street, asking if officer was sleeping.

Chief Ireland addressed those concerns.

L. Daliessio- wants to be appointed to EAC Alternate. States DEA cited Braskem regarding 2 valves. She sent email, CC'd Mark Much, Cheryl, Courtney trying to get more information. If she sat on EAC, she would have a copy of said report. Delcora usually gives a lengthy report, at least a page long. MH needs representation. They should be invested in our safety. They should open a clinic in town to address our health concerns. Alley way behind her has damaged from the rain garden construction.

Council President C. Everingham will call Braskem for report.

A. Hicks- Wants to discuss the park fights. Her Grandkids are being cursed at the playgrounds. When are parents going to be held accountable?  
\*Chief Ireland addressed concerns.

K. Craig- Wants to discuss Park Fights and trash on Cedar.

S. Beck - What's loitering ordinance? Why aren't kids being cited for loitering?

Chief Ireland addressed those concerns.

Mark Much addressed public.

L. Diaz- Kids are sitting on her wall/ car. She can't sit on her front porch with her autistic kid without being cursed at. Kids are all from out of town.

M. Yates- Would like to help the borough look for grants for community involvement officers, ideas for repurposing employees. Wants to discuss new ways to engage community.

S. Yates- If the basketball nets were removed. Why can't we close the parks?

\*Mark Much addressed can't close public parks created with state/federal funding. We need to develop solutions.

Lorenzo- Thinks the borough should create a drone program, cook for the kids and start a fishing program. States he spoke with Energy Transfer employee who states they would support/fund his ideas.

J. Weigand encouraged Lorenzo to attend recreation board meeting with ideas, they are held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday every month.

J. Hastings- Respects the Law enforcement but dumfounded by the response time to Maxi's incident.

A. Corby- What can be done about the drug paraphernalia.

Chief Ireland advised residents to call 911 and officers will pick it up.

J. Montella- Wants to know how many officers are on duty? Wants more of a police presence. Notes that trash needs to be a personal responsibility.

S. Beck- Notes that trash cans are supposed to have lids, but Code Enforcement doesn't enforce that.

R. Scarpato- Would like to know if borough can buy and supply Trash cans. Quote a bulk buy of solid cans and make available for residents to purchase.

Carol Kazeem 837 W 6<sup>th</sup> Chester, State Representative. She's usually in session during our Council meetings but would like to attend more when she's available. She would like to offer suggestions regarding funding and ideas for our town. She knows of a trash can finances available. She's in contact with the Fire Department regarding funding. Has updates to offer regarding funding. Wants partnership, to offer help and open communication both ways between borough and herself.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by J. Laird, seconded by M. Manerchia. All in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Cheryl J Everingham  
Council President