



# Mars Borough

Council Meeting Minutes: **March 6, 2017**

7:00 - Call to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Elected Officials Attendance x indicates present					
	Name	Office/Committee		Name	Office/Committee
x	Rob Bost	Vice President Administration & Finance Public Safety & Human Resources	x	Brad Price	Administration & Finance
x	Chris Clutter	Public Safety & Human Resources	x	Julie Schultheis	Administration & Finance
x	Mike Fleming	President Public Works		Doug Weinrich	Public Safety & Human Resources Public Works
	Rick Foster	Chairman Pro Tem Public Works	x	Gregg Hartung	Mayor

Employee/Provider Attendance x indicates present					
	Name	Position		Name	Position
	Ed Dorsey	Public Works Foreman	x	Bonnie Forsythe	Secretary/Treasurer
	Greg Szypulski	Public Works	x	Chris Reese	Solicitor
	Jim Louis	Public Works		Kevin Radford	Police Chief
	Nathan Sergent	Public Works			
	Richard Mannas	Code Enforcement			

Visitors		
Name	Topic	Resolution
Richard Mangel (RichMar Rotary)	Would like support to hold Applefest again on October 7, 2017. Everything will be the same. Will work with the Mayor and Chief Radford.	Consensus was that it is a great event and Council is happy to have it before.
Eric Pomeroy & Renea Pomeroy	Concerns regarding petition to take Mars from dry to wet down. Concern over what could happen in the future with bars possibly popping up and the negative side that may go along with it. Will ordinances be enacted? Will precautions be put in place to make things as safe as possible? Two referendums?	Fleming explained redevelopment plan and prospective investors who are interested in liquor licenses. Hartung addressed concerns and spoke about Bellevue's experience after moving from dry to wet and Liquor Control Board's enforcement of any establishment that might hold a liquor license. Bost clarified that if the referendum would pass, Council would be able to see what worked for other communities who have gone through the same process and apply similar principles in Mars. There are two votes, one for restaurants and one for retail establishments (convenience store).
Jim Roach	His family is involved in craft beer making and expressed his belief that it would be good for Mars. Questioned if he purchased and developed "old" fire hall if liquor license would attract tenants. What is planned for the area around "old" fire hall? Could public parking areas be considered when looking at parking requirements?	Street-scape is planned for street in front of "old" fire hall. May want to look into a variance for parking.

Jim Lasher	Compliments on Maintenance Crew – “They’re the best around.”			
	Any progress on getting stop sign at Agway?		Signs are under review for several intersections and action is being taken.	
	Can he build out his property and get rid of his parking spaces? Ordinances haven’t been followed regarding parking spaces and nothing has been done, so why can’t he build?		Ordinances will be reviewed.	
	For the consideration of Council: if a non-profit rents out to a for-profit then square footage can/should be taxed. Something similar has been done in Pittsburgh.		Issue will be reviewed.	
	Would like for all members of Council to show tax returns for at least one year prior to their election to prove residency in Mars Borough.	Reese clarified that there are many ways to prove residency. While someone is running for office their residency could be challenged privately. After someone is elected someone could go to the Attorney General and file an official complaint, and the DA would review it.		
Motion		First	Second	Action
Motion to approve Applefest to be promoted and sponsored by RichMar Rotary, with typical procedures (as it has been in the past).		Clutter	Schultheis	Passed

Executive Session Needed?	
Yes/No	Requested By
Yes	

Correspondence			
Name	Topic	Resolution	
PennDOT	Notice of Payment of Liquid Fuels – \$54,309.44 deposited 03/02/2017.		
Butler County Commissioners	Invitation to New County Infrastructure Program Presentation on 03/09/2017.	Fleming & Hartung will attend.	
Motion		First	Second

Minutes				
Minutes of:	Additions/Corrections/Motion	First	Second	Action
February 6, 2017	Motion to approve, as presented.	Schultheis	Clutter	Passed

Mayor: Gregg Hartung	
Report	Discussion/Follow-Up
Petitions (signatures for referendums).	Mayor noted his participation in the discussion earlier when residents expressed concerned encompassed his report on these topics.
Bellevue Mayor John Cosick and LCB process.	
Revitalization Conversations with developers.	Fire hall went up for sale. Developers are interested in it and other properties. Development committee can be established (a joint private-public venture) to ascertain and acquire properties rather than signing over money to the Borough/Council to put options on properties. Reese mentioned that as long as one developer was treated the same as others, it would not be a conflict of interest. Hartung may ask contact at the Butler County CDC what may be appropriate.

Mars New Year Update on event in May.			
Fire Department is considering having their open house on May 6, 2017 (same weekend as Mars New Year).	Final date hasn't been set, but no issue was found if they have it May 6, 2017.		
Engineering meeting on Beaver Street.	May be able to prove water line existed in 1960s.		
Mayor attended a fundraising/grant writing class last week.	He was able to get a discounted rate/scholarship to attend for \$500. Would like Borough to pay for half of the cost.		
Motion	First	Second	Action

<b>Solicitor: Chris Reese</b>			
Report	Discussion/Follow-Up		
EEOC Complaint.	Need to respond to position statement. Can have a mandatory retirement age for Police but not for non-uniform employees.		
Police Union	Memorandum Agreement		
Motion	First	Second	Action
Motion to authorize Reese to respond to EEOC complaint via the letter before Council that explains our position.	Bost	Price	Passed
Motion to sign and execute Memorandum Agreement regarding the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the Police.	Schultheis	Bost	Passed

<b>Council President: Mike Fleming</b>			
Report	Discussion/Follow-Up		
Motion	First	Second	Action

<b>Secretary: Bonnie Forsythe</b>			
Report	Discussion/Follow-Up		
Motion	First	Second	Action

<b>Administration &amp; Finance Committee: Bost, Price, Schultheis</b>						
Main Office	Budget	Monthly Bills	Water Billing	Parks & Special Events	Public Relations	
Report				Discussion/Follow-Up		
Motion				First	Second	Action
Motion to pay bills in the amount of \$37,780.94.				Clutter	Price	Passed

<b>Public Works: Foster, Fleming, Weinrich</b>						
Streets	Beaver Street Project	Water System	Equipment	Buildings	Field/Park Maintenance	Vehicles
Report				Discussion/Follow-Up		
Looking to make progress on Lincoln this year.				May work with Dick Knapko to get paving bid done earlier.		
In the area of Clark & Cherry, the roads are particularly bad. Lots of potholes, broken roadway.				Church has offered to pave from Church to Nichols' property, up to adjacent street.		
Motion				First	Second	Action
Motion to authorize St. Killian's to proceed with improvements to streets in front of church and hall, at their expense.				Price	Schultheis	Passed

Public Safety & Human Resources: Clutter, Weinrich, Bost			
Police	Code Enforcement	Pensions	Payroll Human Resources
Report		Discussion/Follow-Up	
Part Time Secretary search continues... Revised ads placed on 02/16/2017. Craigslist: 02/16/17 - 03/16/17. Butler/Cranberry Eagles: 02/17/17 - 03/02/17.			
Zoning Fee Structure.		Mannas is working on this.	
Residency vs Occupancy Permits.		Mannas is working on two different permits, one for Residency and one for Occupancy.	
Fire Company.		With fire company moving, changes will need to be made.	
Office Cleaning.		Friday, March 3, 2017 was first cleaning.	
Motion		First	Second Action

Closing Actions			
Motion	First	Second	Action
To go into executive session	Bost	Schulteis	Passed
To come out of executive session	Clutter	Bost	Passed
Items discussion in Executive Session: Possible litigation issues.			
To Adjourn	Bost	Clutter	Passed

Submitted by

Reports Filed	
Report	Date
Bills for Payment	03/06/2017
Police Chief	03/06/2017 (revised)
Public Works Foreman	
Code Enforcement	
Administration Committee	
Public Works Committee	
Finance Committee	