



Mars Borough

Council Meeting Minutes: *June 4, 2018*

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS ATTENDANCE (x indicates present)					
	Name	Office/Committee		Name	Office/Committee
	Rob Bost	Vice President Administration & Finance Public Safety & Human Resources	x	Brad Price	Administration & Finance
x	Chris Clutter	Public Safety & Human Resources		Julie Schultheis	Chairman Pro Tem Administration & Finance
x	Mike Fleming	President Public Works	x	Doug Weinrich	Public Safety & Human Resources Public Works
x	Rick Foster	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		Patricia Madaffari	Secretary
	Jim Louis	Public Works		Chris Reese	Solicitor
	Nathan Sergent	Public Works		Kevin Radford	Police Chief
x	Richard Mannas	Code Enforcement		Renea Pomeroy	Tax Collector

VISITORS			
Name	Topic	Resolution	
Alan Boburczak Jim Lees John Koenig Tom Dorsch Jeff Schlichtkrull	Possible construction of housing plan at end of Pine Avenue, in Adams Township.	Mike Fleming detailed the information shared in a meeting with the Architect/Engineer, where he and Ed Dorsey were consulted about water service to eight proposed homes to be built at the end of Pine Avenue. At that time, the plans were for a cul-de-sac, not a thru-way from Amherst housing development. Weinrich proposed that if they move forward it would be wise to get a memo from Chris Reese to find out what the Borough can and cannot do when the subdivision will be in Adams Township, but it would be accessed (possibly solely) via a Borough road. Concern over wear and tear on roadway, lots of extra traffic in a quiet area of town and drain on Borough resources when no tax revenue would be had by the Borough.	
Frank Haustovich	Mars Area Public Library	Haustovich went to last library meeting. At the end of March, the library had [this] amount of money in multiple accounts. Fleming asked what they did to fix the roof. Haustovich indicated he heard they were going to put a metal roof on the building.	
Brooke Haskell	From Representative Metcalf's	In attendance to observe.	
Motion		First	Second
			Action

EXECUTIVE SESSION NEEDED?	
Yes/No	Requested By
No	

CORRESPONDENCE			
Name	Topic	Resolution	
Motion		First	Second
			Action

MINUTES				
Minutes of:	Additions/Corrections/Motion	First	Second	Action
05/07/2018	Motion to approve with additions by Price. Price requested an addition of "categorically denied making	Foster		Carried

	negative comments and telling anyone that the bakery had closed” under Batis comments.			
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MAYOR: GREGG HARTUNG				
Report		Discussion/Follow-Up		
See Mayor’s Report.				
Joint Facade Program				
Letter of support from NASA to the Southwestern PA Commission				
Dutilh United Methodist Church	Congregation no longer wants to/is able to care for building. Interest in giving the church building to the Borough for use as a community center, with the ability to continue to meet as a small congregation on Saturdays. The whole idea needs taken to higher levels of the Methodist Church.			
4th of July Celebration	Arranged for Pyrotecnico to do Fireworks. Working with Tom Henry for vehicles.			
Letter from St. Johns / Lutheran SeniorLife		Contribution will be increased from \$250 to \$500 per month.		
Met with DCED representative		Said he is behind the Mars Discovery Center (at Woodland Valley).		
Motion		First	Second	Action

SOLICITOR: CHRIS REESE				
Report		Discussion/Follow-Up		
Floodplain Ordinance				
Collective Bargaining Agreement		Review of changes. Additional changes to be made.		
Lower Quiet Title Action		Mars Borough and PennDOT are two remaining defendants.		
Motion		First	Second	Action
Motion to approve Ordinance 442 - Floodplain		Weinrich	Foster	Carried
Motion to reject settlement offer on Lower Title Action		Foster	Weinrich	Carried

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: MIKE FLEMING				
Report		Discussion/Follow-Up		
Motion		First	Second	Action

SECRETARY / TREASURER: BONNIE FORSYTHE				
Report		Discussion/Follow-Up		
Motion		First	Second	Action

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE: BOST, PRICE, SCHULTHEIS					
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 \$54,456.83.			Clutter	Weinrich	Carried

PUBLIC WORKS: FOSTER, FLEMING, WEINRICH					
Streets	Water System	Equipment	Buildings	Field/Park Maintenance	Vehicles
Report			Discussion/Follow-Up		
Update on new fence at parking lot at Marburger Field.					
Water Billing Issue - Price believes he should not be charged for two EDUs (one Commercial, one Residential).		Borough spent a lot of time to appropriately assess the correct number of EDUs to all customers. Policy is to assess EDUs when Borough becomes aware of them, if they were not appropriately assessed in the past. Price stated he might feel differently if he could rent out the space, however his “residential” EDU is only an office and has always been an office and feels he should not have to pay an additional EDU charge. Fleming stated all members of Council should vote on the topic, and in the			

	mean time Price's water would not be shut off for not paying the second EDU until a decision has been reached.		
Motion	First	Second	Action

PUBLIC SAFETY & HUMAN RESOURCES: CLUTTER, WEINRICH, BOST			
Police	Code Enforcement	Pensions	Payroll Human Resources
Report	Discussion/Follow-Up		
109 Irvine Street – Should this property be split between two addresses now that more than one business is going in?	Property does need to be given two addresses. Mannas will file paperwork.		
Additional Police Report Information	Mayor Hartung added information on schedule changes to accommodate Brew Fest coverage.		
Motion	First	Second	Action

CLOSING ACTIONS			
Motion	First	Second	Action
To go into Executive Session	Time:		
To come out of Executive Session	Time:		
Items discussed in Executive Session:			
To Adjourn	Weinrich	Foster	Carried

REPORTS FILED	
Report	Date
Bills for Payment	06/04/2018
Police Chief	May 2018
Public Works Foreman	May 2018
Code Enforcement	06/01/2018
Administration Committee	
Public Works Committee	
Finance Committee	
Budget Update	05/31/2018

Submitted by