



Mars Borough

Council Meeting Minutes: *September 10, 2018*

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 Chair Public Safety & Human Resources	x	Brad Price	Administration & Finance
x	Chris Clutter	Public Safety & Human Resources Chair	x	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 Chair	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
	Richard Mannas	Code Enforcement		Renea Pomeroy	Tax Collector

Mayor Gregg Hartung requested a moment of silence in recognition of the anniversary of the attacks on September 11, 2001. He also asked for a moment of silence to honor Senator John McCain, who recently passed away, and former Mayor Dick Settlemyre whose birthday would have been September 11th.

VISITORS		
Name	Topic	Resolution
Bill Lambert	In attendance to observe.	
Ray Nelson	Zoning of 198 Crowe Avenue.	Reese believes it exists as a preexisting nonconforming use. There was some discussion that an ordinance could be amended in the future.
Daniel Smith Jr.	Came to introduce himself and to let Council know he's moving into the old Barber Shop on Grand Avenue as his campaign office and, if he wins, as his office.	
Rita Garvey	In attendance to observe.	
Frank Haustovich	Library.	Expressed frustration over lack of progress Library has made moving back to a public nonprofit. He believes intention is to move the Library to Adams Twp. Fleming stated there should be an intermunicipal meeting & need to determine nonprofit status.
Ashley Lamanna	Smoke-Free Parks.	Would like Borough to adopt the policy. Program will provide signs, etc.
Jan Raye Gardner	She thinks large trucks following GPS navigation, come up Clark Street, turn onto Clay (or vice versa), and are coming close to or clipping the side of her house.	She'd like to know if there's something the Borough could do to eliminate this from happening. More investigation necessary.
	Lions Club is to work with Trex. They will give containers that recyclable plastic bags/film can be dropped off in and would like to put them in various places in Mars Borough.	Council generally approved of the idea. Schultheis is going to talk more with Gardner. Decision tabled for more info.
	Lion Fountain	Cost = roughly \$5,000 + shipping of approximately \$800. Would be funded entirely from public donations. Schultheis to talk more with Gardener and gather more info.
	Lions Club use of Council Meeting Room for meetings.	Fleming asked for a copy of their insurance.

Motion	First	Second	Action
Motion to have Reese follow through with the necessary documentation to identify 198 Crowe Avenue (previously Suburban Insulation), and the neighboring property/properties owned by Vision Childcare, as preexisting nonconforming use.	Weinrich	Foster	Carried
Motion to allow the Lions Club to use the Council Meeting Room for meetings (twice per month) at no charge, as long as it does not interfere with Borough business.	Weinrich	Schultheis	Carried

EXECUTIVE SESSION NEEDED?	
Yes/No	Requested By
Yes	Mike Fleming

CORRESPONDENCE			
Name	Topic	Resolution	
Richard Saul	Noise complaint on Crowe Avenue.	Crowe is a state road. Weinrich suggested contacting Seven Fields, ask how they enforce similar signs (Hartung volunteered). Fleming suggested contacting PennDOT.	
Motion		First	Second

MINUTES				
Minutes of:	Additions/Corrections/Motion	First	Second	Action
08/06/2018	Motion to approve	Bost	Clutter	Carried

MAYOR: GREGG HARTUNG			
Report		Discussion/Follow-Up	
See Mayor's Report.			
RACP funding is still under review. As much as can be done has been done, so it's just a waiting game now.			
National Medicare Education Week Mayoral Proclamation			
Property with new house would like 'no parking' sign moved to one side of frontage. Asked what road designation for Spring is. Borough uses Avenue. PennDOT uses Street.		Hartung to discuss sign location with Chief Radford.	
Borough posted information about storms that came through. Mild flooding in areas near creek on Clay Avenue and near St. John's. Overall not bad. Concern over hurricane rain coming up into the area and possibility of more severe flooding.		Fleming noted that similar conditions existed in 2004 when Hurricane Ivan caused flooding in Mars. Public Works has started preparations in case they're necessary.	
Facade funding agreement has been completed.			
Motion		First	Second

SOLICITOR: CHRIS REESE			
Report		Discussion/Follow-Up	
Firefighter Tax Credit.		Reese will advertise for a public meeting an hour before the next Council meeting.	
Motion		First	Second

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

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

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE: BOST, PRICE, SCHULTHEIS					
Main Office	Budget	Monthly Bills	Water Billing	Parks & Special Events	Public Relations
Report			Discussion/Follow-Up		
Budget Planning			Schedule provided. Supervisors are preparing information that will be given to Committees at their next Committee meeting.		
Butler Armco Employees Credit Union letter to join.			No cost to the Borough. Price asked if elected officials could participate. Assumption was that they could. Forsythe will verify.		
Water Billing					
Motion			First	Second	Action
Motion to join Butler Armco Employees Credit Union and send associated letter stating Borough's intent and willingness to follow their requirements.			Weinrich	Foster	Carried
Motion to uphold the decision to bill 502 Pittsburgh Street for two water base fees due to the fact that there is one residence and one commercial entity, with the understanding that if the upstairs apartment is vacated the second base charge will be eliminated.			Weinrich	Schultheis	Carried
Motion to approve & pay bills in the amount of \$40,535.72.			Weinrich	Price	Carried
Motion to approve payroll disbursements & payroll taxes through August 2018 in the amount of \$259,046.10.			Foster	Weinrich	Carried

PUBLIC WORKS: FOSTER, FLEMING, WEINRICH					
Streets	Water System	Equipment	Buildings	Field/Park Maintenance	Vehicles
Report			Discussion/Follow-Up		
MS4 – Second letter from DEP, requesting information. Deadline to respond is September 19, 2018.			Gallagher is drafting the intermunicipal agreement. Ron Olsen has been asked to respond to the letter.		
Right-of-Way for storm drain between Beaver Street to Kelly Alley.			Reese will create a Right-of-Way document.		
Lincoln Paving			Will most-likely be in early October.		
Motion			First	Second	Action

PUBLIC SAFETY & HUMAN RESOURCES: CLUTTER, WEINRICH, BOST					
Police	Code Enforcement	Pensions	Payroll	Human Resources	
Report			Discussion/Follow-Up		
Public Alert System			Clutter has received a quote from Code Red. She is also looking at two other systems and will get additional quotes.		
Weekend flooding & possibility of more flooding.			If more rain comes, Public Works has a plan to increase production to fill reservoir and then shut down plant to prevent contamination.		
Roof leak in Police Department and where furnace vent goes through roof.			Dorsey is looking at the situation.		
Halloween Parade			Find out when Adams Township is doing their Trick-or-Treat and coordinate.		
Police Vehicles			Continued codes on one vehicle. It is a known issue in those vehicles. The codes may never stop. Continued expenses. Need to consider purchasing a new vehicle.		

Richard Mannas Health Issue	Fleming said he spoke to Mannas and stated he is doing okay, however he may not be able to work for a while. He told Mannas to send any calls he gets to the Borough office and Council will address the issues they can, and the rest will be sent to John Nath.		
Motion	First	Second	Action

CLOSING ACTIONS				
Motion		First	Second	Action
To go into Executive Session	Time: 9:31 PM	Weinrich	Bost	Carried
To come out of Executive Session	Time: 10:09	Weinrich	Schultheis	Carried
Items discussed in Executive Session: Litigation				
To Adjourn		Weinrich	Schultheis	Carried

REPORTS FILED	
Report	Date
Expenses Spreadsheet	August 2018
Police Chief	August 2018
Public Works Foreman	July 2018
Code Enforcement	
Budget Update	August 2018

Submitted by