



Mars Borough

Council Meeting Minutes: *April 6, 2020*

**As of January 2020, visitors/speakers are limited to:
5 minutes during Council Meetings and 3 minutes during Agenda Meetings.
Council reserves the right to extend these time limits as they see fit.**

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS ATTENDANCE (x indicates present)		
x	Rob Bost	Council Vice President Administration, HR
x	Chris Clutter	Council Pro Tem Public Safety
x	Mike Fleming	Council President
x	Rick Foster	Streets
x	Bill Lambert	Water
x	Brad Price	Budget, Finance
x	Julie Schultheis	Parks & Rec, Celebrations
x	Gregg Hartung	Mayor

EMPLOYEE / PROVIDER ATTENDANCE (x indicates present)		
x	Bonnie Forsythe	Secretary / Treasurer
	Patricia Madaffari	Assistant Secretary
	Ed Dorsey	Public Works Foreman
	Sandra Cox	Code Enforcement
	Beau Sneddon	Officer in Charge
	Renea Pomeroy	Tax Collector
x	Chris Reese	Solicitor

EXECUTIVE SESSION NEEDED?	
Yes/No	Requested By

FOR APPROVAL			
Report	Discussion/Follow-Up		
Approval of Expenses			
Approval of Payroll			
Motion	First	Second	Action
Motion to approve expenses in the amount of \$79,994.97.	Lambert	Schultheis	Roll Call Bost – yes Clutter – yes Fleming – abstained Foster – yes Lambert – yes Price - yes Schultheis – yes
Motion to approve payroll and payroll taxes for February 2020 and March 2020 in the amount of \$50,699.14.	Schultheis	Clutter	Roll Call Bost – yes Clutter – yes Fleming – yes Foster – yes Lambert – yes Price – yes Schultheis - yes

FOR DISCUSSION				
Report	Discussion/Follow-Up			
Meeting Schedule	Given the current situation, which meetings are necessary, and which can be cancelled? No workshop in April. Zoning Hearing will also be pushed back until an in-person meeting can be held.			
Robert Gold's resignation from Sewer Board.	Council needs to discuss potential appointees. Fleming acknowledged Gold's service to the Sewer Authority and to the Borough. Council was asked to think of possible Borough residents to appoint. Reese will look into proper procedure for appointment.			
Wall at David Geyer's property (corner of Irvine & Grand).	Geyer has requested help with demolition and would like to know if the Borough would like to rehab the "Welcome to Mars" sign. Street will have to be shut down for demolition of the wall. Fleming would like a more formal easement for the sign. Hartung suggested that if a sign is replaced that the format is carried over to other new signage for new Borough building, parks, etc. Fleming stated helping with the upkeep of the wall and trees in exchange for the easement for the sign is a reasonable expectation.			
Multi-municipal plan for Breakneck Creek & Connoquenessing Creek watershed project.	Does Mars Borough want to participate? Fleming stated many local municipalities are participating, including Cranberry Twp., Adams Twp., Evans City. \$75,000 study by HRG. Butler County will pay 20%. Cost to Mars Borough would be \$5,000. Fleming will reach out to Mark Gordon at Butler County to see what the status is now that things seem shut down because of coronavirus. If Mars wants to participate a resolution will need to be drafted.			
Education Building Renovations.	General thoughts are to get a good plan in place before making changes to the building or moving anything. Fleming suggested having a work session with all of Council in attendance to work through possibilities.			
Church property.	Theater group was interested. At first they seemed willing to make improvements, now they do not want to put money into it. Fleming stated it may be worth considering selling the church. Fleming also stated using the church property for the Discovery Center may be worth considering. Hartung said it is a possibility worth considering.			
Midwestern Intermediate	Unit lease.	To be discussed in Executive Session.		
Code Enforcement Officer	Lambert suggested someone like Dave Peters, who used to be the CEO might be interested in filling in until someone can be found. Fleming suggested running an ad.			
Food Truck Events	Officer Greenlee previously held events like this in another municipality that he served as Manager and Police Chief for. Price spoke to Greenlee about his ideas. Suggestion was to have it once per month, from 4:30 PM – 8:00 PM, streets would need to be closed, and Greenlee would arrange everything with vendors and ensure everything was cleaned up. Businesses would need to be contacted and have them sign off.			
Easter Bunny	Russ Ford contacted Fleming requesting Mars Borough's cooperation with an Easter "parade." He requested a police officer to accompany fire truck, and a Public Works truck in case fire truck is called away. Hartung has had discussions with Ford and will get in touch with Public Works and officers. Bunny would be riding by houses on a fire truck, so social distancing can be observed.			
Electric to Reservoir	Electric needed for Telemetry to be added.			
	Motion	First	Second	Action
	Motion to assist Geyer with demolition of wall and trees.	Clutter	Fleming	Roll Call Bost – yes Clutter – yes Fleming – yes Foster – yes Lambert – yes Price – yes Schultheis – yes

Motion to approve Food Truck Event with provisions discussed.	Price	Foster	Roll Call Bost – yes Clutter – yes Fleming – yes Foster – yes Lambert – no Price – yes Schultheis – yes
Motion to support Easter Bunny “ride along” in cooperation with Adams Township on Friday night and Saturday afternoon (of Easter Weekend).	Clutter	Price	Roll Call Bost – yes Clutter – yes Fleming – yes Foster – yes Lambert – yes Price – yes Schultheis – yes

CLOSING ACTIONS				
Motion		First	Second	Action
To go into Executive Session	Time: 8:24 PM	Fleming	Price	Roll Call Bost – yes Clutter – yes Fleming – yes Foster – yes Lambert – yes Price – yes Schultheis – yes
To come out of Executive Session	Time: 9:21	Lambert	Schultheis	Carried
Items discussed in Executive Session: Real estate transactions.				
To Adjourn		Lambert	Schultheis	Carried

REPORTS FILED	
Report	Date
Bills for Payment	
Payroll Report	
Quarterly Budget Update	
Police Report	
Public Works Report	
Code Enforcement Report	

Submitted by