



Mars Borough

Meeting Minutes: **March 15, 2021**

(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) ("tc" indicates teleconference attendance)		
	Rob Bost	Council Vice President Administration, HR
x	Chris Clutter	Council Pro Tem Public Safety
x	Mike Fleming	Council President
	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) ("tc" indicates teleconference attendance)		
	Bonnie Forsythe	Secretary / Treasurer
x	Patricia Madaffari	Assistant Secretary
x	Ed Dorsey	Public Works Foreman
	Allen Russell	Code Enforcement
	Beau Sneddon	Officer in Charge
	Renea Pomeroy	Tax Collector
	Chris Reese	Solicitor

VISITORS:	
Name (s) / Organization	Topic
Joe McCombs	Magisterial Court Candidate, Joe McCombs, introduced himself to Council and provided his employment history and his reasons for running for this position.

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:	
Item	Discussion/Status
Approval of Minutes	Review of March 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes.
Zoning Hearing Board	A Zoning Hearing Board meeting will be held March 18, 2021 at 7:00 PM to discuss a variance request submitted by Collette Miller for her property on Douthett Street. Fleming will attend to represent the Borough. Discussion on appointing Joe Squire who is currently appointed to the Planning Commission to serve on the Zoning Hearing Board. Confirmation from Solicitor to be received on whether he can serve on both boards.
Midwestern Intermediate Unit 4	Tabled
Life Insurance Policies for Employees	Price received three quotes from Spectrum Insurance for EMC, Reliance, and Kansas City Life, for three full time employees. Kansas City Life provided the lowest cost at \$126.50/month, with a yearly cost of \$1,518.00.

MOTIONS	FIRST	SECOND	ACTION
Motion to approve purchase of the F-550 dump truck from Jim Shorkey Ford at a cost of \$40,400.00 with up-fit for new snow plow, stainless steel bed, central hydraulics, tailgate spreader at a cost of \$38,595.00.	Clutter	Price	Carried
Motion to approve the well inspections and be diagnosed for sediment and current condition of the pipe at a cost of \$4,500.00 and with additional cost to raise to \$7,000.00 for maintenance.	Lambert	Clutter	Carried

Motion to appoint Kevin, KLH, to facilitate the compliance regarding the MS4 bullet points on successfully meeting the requirements for 2021 calendar year at a cost of \$13,500.00	Clutter	Lambert	Carried
Motion to approve the cost of securing life insurance for 3 full-time employees with Kansas City Life at a cost of \$126.50/month beginning April 1, 2021	Price	Clutter	Carried
Motion to approve meeting minutes from 03/01/2021.	No vote taken.		

REPORTS:	
Department	Report
Mayor	<p>Mayor Hartung discussed progress on Discover Center. He noted Woodland Valley Church has listed their property for sale.</p> <p>Chatham College students will be providing assistance with MS4 report.</p> <p>Fireworks are scheduled for Mars July 4th Celebration. Depending on COVID statistics and guidelines in place, other events may be planned.</p>
Public Works	<p>Quotes were received from U. S. Municipal, Jim Shorkey and SCI. Shorkey was the best offer on the F-550 truck with a quote of \$ 30,400. An additional charge for an uplift package was quoted at \$38,500.</p> <p>A storm drain on West Avenue needs to be repaired with a 30-inch, 24-foot long pipe, plus an additional 12-inch pipe. The piping costs \$1,300.00. A resident on Oakland Street verbally made a request to Dorsey about replacing a storm pipe on his property. Fleming asked Dorsey to contact the Solicitor regarding a right-of-way document for both residents to sign. Oakland Street resident will pay for the 30-inch pipe, Public Works will provide labor and will install.</p> <p>The leak detection listening device is broken. A new machine costs \$4,000. A cost of \$150 is charged just to diagnose the problem. Dorsey stated he will work on the broken machine with swapped out parts and try to diagnose the problem himself.</p> <p>Adjustments at the water plant almost complete, electric needs to be completed.</p> <p>Estimates for 3 well inspections and routine maintenance will cost \$ 4,500 with an additional cost of \$7,000 for repairs if necessary.</p> <p>Chatham students will assist with the bullet points as related to the public's awareness and public education and will coordinate this task with the Borough and Kevin Creagh (KLH). Kevin Creagh (KLH) will do work to ensure Borough meets the 6 "bullet points" / control measures as outlined on KLH Engineers, Inc.'s letter—administrative requirements and securing right-of-ways in the streams with 700 linear foot of creek bank restoration.</p>

CLOSING ACTIONS				
Motion		First	Second	Action
To go into Executive Session	Time: 8:35 PM	Schultheis	Lambert	Carried
To come out of Executive Session	Time: 9:37 PM	Schultheis	Price	Carried
Items discussed in Executive Session: Personnel Issues & Real Estate.				
To Adjourn	Time: 9:37 PM	Schultheis	Clutter	Carried

Submitted by: Tricia Madaffari, Assistant Secretary