



# Mars Borough

Meeting Minutes: **May 17, 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)		
x	Rob Bost	Council Vice President Administration, HR
x	Chris Clutter	Council Pro Tem Public Safety
	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
x	Jamie Kochik	Asst. Secretary/Asst. Treasurer

VISITORS:	
Name (s) / Organization	Topic

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:	
Item	Discussion/Status
Mask Update	Bost stated the state's mandate was revised—if you are vaccinated no need to wear a mask.
Review Meeting Minutes	Tabled.
Approval of Expenses	Price stated there was an error on the calculation of the reimbursement on the "Rite Aid" lot (address is 129 Grand Avenue). Price advised that he will discuss the calculation with Forsythe.
Proposals for Office Space & Council Meetings	Beginning June 7 <sup>th</sup> all council and agenda meetings will be held in the education building. The logistics of air conditioners/painting the walls, moving furniture and carpeting. Schultheis stated she will get the prices for paint.
Mars Athletic Field Update	Schultheis stated the parking lot must be paved to meet code requirements. She is waiting for all quotes to be submitted before providing details to council.. Schultheis advised the retaining wall, behind the concession stand, will cost about \$2,300.00
Picnic Tables at Clay Avenue Park	Schultheis stated the 2 picnic tables at the ball field are "bad." A total of 6 tables were purchased at \$149.00 each and 2 tables will be placed at each park/field location.

MOTIONS	FIRST	SECOND	ACTION
To hold twice monthly Boro meetings to the Arch Street location beginning with the meeting scheduled for June 7, 2021	Schultheis	Clutter	Carried
Motion to approve expenses in the amount of \$ 105,941.28	Price	Lambert	Carried

<b>REPORTS:</b>	
Department	Report
Mayor	Hartung advised that the police budget is for taser 8 tasers the need is for 12, the police department is reviewing their training policy to minimize this budget cost. Hartung advised that KLH, Public Works and the students from Chatham met on May 4 <sup>th</sup> to discuss the MS4 items as outlined on the annual report. There is a luncheon scheduled for June 8 <sup>th</sup> with the Buzz Aldrin Project to discuss the Discovery Project and designing a map of the planet Mars. A youth group from South Carolina is interested in traveling to Mars, Hartung advised he will discuss/coordinate this effort but wanted to present the information to discuss.
Secretary/Treasurer	
Public Safety – Police	
Public Safety – Code	
Public Works – Streets	Public Works Foreman, Ed Dorsey, discussed his monthly report to council members.
Public Works – Water	Public Works Foreman, Ed Dorsey, discussed his monthly report to council members.
Parks / Recreation	Schultheis stated the town needs new and additional garbage cans in town. She received a quote of \$700.00 (with the Mars logo on the container) plus an additional \$300.00 to be powder coated. Port-a-johns were provided for the first “Friday Night Food Truck” event. Discussion arose regarding the street the port-a-john should be located and then removed after each food truck event and the Boro will pay for this cost.

<b>CLOSING ACTIONS</b>				
Motion		First	Second	Action
To go into Executive Session	Time: 8:48 PM	Clutter	Lambert	Carried
To come out of Executive Session	Time:	Lambert	Schultheis	Carried
Items discussed in Executive Session: Personnel & Real Estate Issues.				
To Adjourn	Time:	Lambert	Schultheis	Carried

Submitted by: Tricia Madaffari