



Mars Borough

Meeting Minutes

(Visitors/Speakers are asked to limit their presentations to 5 minutes during Public Meetings.)

Meeting Date: July 6, 2021

Call to Order: 7:00 PM, 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
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)		
x	Bonnie Forsythe	Secretary / Treasurer
	Patricia Madaffari	Assistant Secretary
x	Jamie Kochik	Assistant Sec. / Treas.
	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
Julia (Cranberry Eagle)	In attendance to observe.

PUBLIC COMMENT TO SPEAK ABOUT STORMWATER MS4 ISSUES:	
Name(s) / Organization	Topic

OMNIBUS MOTION TO APPROVE THE FOLLOWING ITEMS PREVIOUSLY BROUGHT BEFORE COUNCIL AND DISCUSSED AT PUBLIC MEETINGS:			
MOTION	FIRST	SECOND	ACTION

MINUTES			
06/21/2021			
MOTIONS	FIRST	SECOND	ACTION
Motion to approve minutes from 06/21/2021.			

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:	
Item	Discussion/Status
Kyle Ostermann Water Bill	Council reviewed an email sent by Ostermann and his water account history. Fleming restated that the past due amount could be "frozen" but his regular bill amount generated in the future will be due as regular. Fleming asked to see further evidence of communications between Borough and customer.
Potential New Police Officer	Hartung updated Council on a potential new police officer who needs to get certified. Until that happens the candidate cannot be hired.
U.S.S. Mars Bell Update	Clutter had some assistance in cleaning the bell, however she felt it could be improved upon. During her discussions with the Navy and David Pflieger, who served on the ship, it was suggested that a replica be made to be put on display outdoors and the real bell be put in the historical society or a museum.
BrewFest Letter	Hartung reviewed the letter and plans to hold BrewFest in September 2021.

Compugig Quote	Upgrades are necessary for software to be installed on the Server. The upgrade is long over-due and will aid in server performance.		
Wagner Easement	Fleming and Dorsey met with Wagner. Fleming explained the value of signing the easement so that work could be done on storm drain. Wagner does not want to sign a permanent easement, but he is fine with the Borough doing work on a case-by-case basis. Fleming discussed options with Chris Reese. Reese stated it could cost the Borough \$7,000 to \$10,000 to use eminent domain with having to pay for an appraisal, filing fees, and up to \$4,000 that the property owner can ask for in reimbursables for appraisals, surveys, etc.		
Expense Approval	No discussion.		
MOTIONS	FIRST	SECOND	ACTION
Motion to approve the closing of Pittsburgh Street from Crowe Avenue to Grand Avenue and Grand Avenue from Pittsburgh Street to Clark Street on September 18, 2021, for BrewFest, to approve a Letter for use with LCB application, and to have Council President Mike Fleming sign the letter.	Schultheis	Clutter	Carried
Motion to accept Compugig Quote to have the Server Upgraded as necessary to accommodate software needs.	Bost	Schultheis	Carried
Motion to approve expenses in the amount of \$52,643.73.	Lambert	Clutter	Carried
Motion to accept the letter from Thomas Wagner at 216 Oakland Street to allow the Borough to access his property to fix/repair/install stormwater pipe.	Bost	Lambert	Carried
Motion to have appraisal for Church Street property updated and an appraisal done for Spring Street property next to Borough property by Nicklas King McConahy.	Bost	Lambert	Carried

REPORTS:	
Department	Report
Mayor	Hartung got word that NASA is bringing all of their personnel, as they did in previous years for Mars New Year. This was in question due to COVID-19, however they were just given clearance to travel. Two drone shows are being planned for Mars New Year, one sponsored by Planet Mart and the other by Mars Bank. Met with Elevate Church Youth Group from Mathews, NC and gave them the Key to Mars Borough that Chris Clutter created. Worked with Julie Schultheis on July 4 th Parade and celebration downtown. Many people commented that the fireworks were great. Hartung is trying to arrange a Zoom Meeting with KLH and Chatham University to go over MS4 progress.
Secretary/Treasurer	Budget Update. Forsythe stated everything is caught up and the budget report is as up to date as it can be.
Administration	Price brought up the taxes for the Education Building and Church. He will discuss it with the Butler County Assessment office.
Public Safety – Police	Hartung stated five officers were on duty for July 4 th . It came down to the wiring getting approval for shutting down Pittsburgh Street and the intersection at Crowe. Hartung also commended Officer Tresky for his quick thinking to redirect traffic so that it did not back up to Route 228. Schultheis mentioned she spoke with Officer Lutz and his recommendation was to contain the parade to within the Borough on the east side of town to avoid having to shut down the heavier traveled roads. Price spoke with Spectrum Insurance on coverage for police working with other municipalities and vice versa.
Public Safety – Code	Report presented to Council.
Public Works – Maintenance	No report.
Public Works – Stormwater	Fleming stated he would like to talk with Lambert and Dorsey more about the stormwater work to be done on West Street.
Public Works – Streets	No report.

Public Works – Water	No report.
Parks / Recreation	Fleming asked Schultheis if she had talked to anyone regarding paving at Marburger Field. She stated she was working on it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Requested by:	Topic(s):
Bill Lambert	Personnel

CLOSING ACTIONS

Motion	Time:	First	Second	Action
To go into Executive Session	8:29 PM	Schultheis	Lambert	Carried
To come out of Executive Session	8:59 PM	Lambert	Bost	Carried
Items discussed in Executive Session: Personnel Issues.				
To Adjourn	8:59 PM	Lambert	Bost	Carried

Submitted by: Bonnie Forsythe, Secretary / Treasurer