



# Mars Borough

## Meeting Minutes

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

**Meeting Date:** July 19, 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
	Julie Schultheis	Parks & Rec, Celebrations
x	Gregg Hartung	Mayor

EMPLOYEE / PROVIDER ATTENDANCE ("x" indicates present) ("tc" indicates teleconference attendance)		
x	Bonnie Forsythe	Secretary / Treasurer
x	Patricia Madaffari	Assistant Secretary
x	Jamie Kochik	Assistant Sec. / Treas.
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

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			
MOTIONS	FIRST	SECOND	ACTION
07/06/2021	Tabled for next meeting.		
Motion to approve minutes from 07/06/2021.			

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:	
Item	Discussion/Status
Osterman Water Bill	Council was presented with additional information pertaining to the resident's water account, including a copy of his signed water payment plan agreement. Council discussed options and agreed to remove late fees charged in 2021.
1006 Norton / Paper Alley	Fleming spoke to property owner and told her the Borough would not improve a paper alley. He said the paper alleys are available to property owners for off-street parking but are not maintained by the Borough. Fleming
Approval of Reopened Budget	Forsythe explained the budget needed to be reopened after hiring a new employee that had no funds allocated for wages. It is also a convenient time to adjust some other revenue and expense items if necessary. Council will review information and vote at later date.

Jan Schmitt Sidewalk	Fleming mentioned the curb is broken in multiple areas in front of Schmitt's house. Schmitt submitted two quotes she received for sidewalk repair and replacing curbs. One was for \$11,600. The other was for \$5,500. Fleming stated when he texted with Schmitt, she stated that if the Borough was willing to demo out the sidewalk she would pay the full \$5,500.		
John Hanovick Sidewalk	Fleming, Lambert, and Dorsey discussed options for repairing curb along Crowe Avenue where Hanovick's property is located. They determined work would need to be done at night or a flagger would need to be hired.		
West Street Storm Water Work	Fleming asked Dorsey if a box was necessary for the work done at this location. Dorsey said it was there to help slow down the water so it didn't blow out the pipe at that bend. Fleming suggested of another way the pipe and box could be laid out. Dorsey explained that the size of the box and the diameter of the pipes probably would not allow for the necessary turn needed to make sure the water is directed the way it needs to go. Lambert stated the suggestions Fleming was making may necessitate a bigger box. Dorsey, Fleming, and Lambert will go to the location and take another look.		
Storm Drain Damage on Hook Street	Dorsey reported that Penn Power / First Energy hit the stormwater pipe on Hook Street while digging to put in a new power pole. Public Works made emergency repairs and installed a new section of 18-inch plastic pipe.		
<b>MOTIONS</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
Motion to approve the adjustment of removing Late Fees charged in February & May 2021, totaling \$519.73.	Fleming	Bost	Carried
Motion to have Public Works do demolition on approximately 120 feet of sidewalk & curb at 307 Arch, with the resident to absorb the cost of \$5,500 to replace sidewalk and curb.	Price	Clutter	Carried

<b>REPORTS:</b>	
Department	Report
Mayor	<p>Mayor reported that there will be an MS4 Zoom Meeting on 07/20/2021 at 3:00 PM between the Borough, KLH, and Chatham University.</p> <p>Mayor will email map for car show on 07/31/2021. Saxonburg is helping out with Police Coverage. Show organizer has a lot of volunteers to help with parking, directing people, and bussing people in from Vogel's.</p> <p>Mayor received notification that Astrobotics is bringing in several rovers for Mars New Year.</p> <p>Mayor learned that SpaceX may be interested in participating in Mars New Year.</p> <p>Andy Aldrin, Buzz Aldrin's son, will also be speaking at Mars New Year.</p> <p>Planet-Mart will be sponsoring a Drone Show on Friday of Mars New Year and Mars Bank will be sponsoring a Drone Show on Saturday of Mars New Year.</p> <p>Mayor received an email from a resident on Lincoln Avenue that had issues with the sidewalk repair that the gas company did. Dorsey stated he wasn't sure that the gas company did all the repairs that were necessary. He would be in contact and would take a look at the location.</p>
Secretary/Treasurer	Budget vs. Actual report provided to Council.
Administration	
Public Safety – Police	
Public Safety – Code	
Public Safety – Emergency Management	Clutter sat in on Municipalities Outreach Meeting on 07/19/2021. She gave a report on the topics discussed at the meetings.
Public Works – Maintenance	
Public Works – Stormwater	
Public Works – Streets	
Public Works – Water	
Parks / Recreation	

<b>EXECUTIVE SESSION</b>	
Requested by:	Topic(s):

<b>CLOSING ACTIONS</b>				
Motion		First	Second	Action
To go into Executive Session	Time:			
To come out of Executive Session	Time:			
Items discussed in Executive Session:				
To Adjourn	Time: 8:27 PM	Lambert	Bost	Carried

Submitted by: Bonnie Forsythe, Secretary / Treasurer