



Mars Borough

Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting Date: August 2, 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
	Mike Fleming	Council President
	Rick Foster	Streets
x	Bill Lambert	Water
x	Brad Price	Budget, Finance
	Julie Schultheis	Parks & Rec, Celebrations
	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.
	Ed Dorsey	Public Works Foreman
	Allen Russell	Code Enforcement
	Beau Sneddon	Officer in Charge
	Renea Pomeroy	Tax Collector
x	Chris Reese	Solicitor

VISITORS:	
Name(s) / Organization	Topic
Julia Maruca Cranberry Eagle	In attendance to observe.
John Podolak	Following up on Mars Rumble. Overall, council members noted that the event was a big success with very few issues. Podolak said most vendors sold out of everything. He also said that he and the small group of people who helped plan the event really enjoyed doing it.
Harmony & Alan Hodges	Concerns over work being done at 303 Garfield Avenue.

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			
07/06/2021	Council reviewed minutes.		
07/19/2021			
MOTIONS	FIRST	SECOND	ACTION
Motion to approve meeting minutes from 07/06/2021.	Lambert	Bost	Carried
Motion to approve meeting minutes from 07/19/2021.			

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:	
Item	Discussion/Status
303 Garfield Avenue	Council requested an update from the Code Enforcement Officer. Forsythe stated she did not believe there was a building permit filed, but that the demolition likely fell under the condemnation that the Code Enforcement Officer was working on with the previous owner.

Expense Approval	Tabled.		
CARES Act & ARPA Funds	Council discussed whether the funds received could be used to offset Public Safety wages as a "refund" to the general fund. Forsythe recommended having the Auditor sign off on it. Council discussed the ARPA funds and whether they should be segregated into a separate account. Price recommended opening up a fund for the CARES Act funds and for the ARPA funds.		
CodeRED Quote	Quote to add weather warnings to existing emergency CodeRED system. Council discussed the option and agreed it was prudent.		
Mutual Aid Agreement (County ESU)	Reese pointed out that the County isn't taking on liability under the agreement and the Borough would be responsible for any expenses of having Mars Borough officers respond to an incident. ESU exists to respond to critical incidents within the jurisdiction of those involved.		
Enhanced Mutual Aid Agreement (Saxonburg Borough Police Department)	Hartung said he talked with Saxonburg Mayor Bill Gillespie about the potential liability that exists with sharing officers between municipalities. Both felt having this mutual aid agreement was in the best interest of both municipalities and departments.		
432 Beaver Street Stormwater	Landscapers plan to repair and replace stormwater area on property at 432 Beaver Street. Reese recommended having the engineer look at it. Fleming agreed, and suggested he, Dorsey, Lambert, and the engineer meet to look at the property because he is concerned about putting in a straight pipe that may increase the velocity of the water and cause a problem further down the hill.		
MOTIONS	FIRST	SECOND	ACTION
Motion to approve expenses.	TABLED		
Motion to open a new checking account for ARPA Funds and to move the \$84,363.38 received 07/14/2021 into that new fund.	Bost	Lambert	Carried
Motion to approve the addition of CodeRED Weather Warnings to CodeRED service, with a cost of \$217.00.	Clutter	Bost	Carried
Motion to approve Mutual Aid Agreement between Mars Borough and Butler County for the purposes of supporting the Emergency Services Unit established to coordinate tactical response to critical incidents and shall remain binding until authorized representatives take action to withdraw.	Clutter	Bost	Carried
Motion to approve Enhanced Mutual Aid Agreement between Mars Borough and Saxonburg Borough to allow Mars Borough Police Officers and Saxonburg Borough Police Officers to be cross sworn and empowered to act as police officers within both municipalities, for the term of 1 (one) year with succeeding one year terms after such unless terminated in accordance with the terms of the agreement.	Clutter	Price	Carried

REPORTS:	
Department	Report
Mayor	See Mayor's report. Highlights at meeting: 07/07/2021 meeting with NASA where they confirmed they would be traveling to Mars for Mars Exploration Celebration (Mars New Year). 07/22/2021 met with Astrobotics. 07/28/2021 met with new Route 228 magazine about events that could be highlighted in Mars Borough. 07/29/2021 met with Mars Rumble planners regarding car show. Mars Exploration Celebration will be held August 27 & 28, 2021.
Secretary/Treasurer	Budget update presented to Council for their information.

EXECUTIVE SESSION					
Requested by:		Topic(s):			
Mayor Gregg Hartung		Police Department Personnel			
Motion			First	Second	Action
To go into Executive Session	Time:	8:10 PM	Clutter	Bost	Carried
To come out of Executive Session	Time:	9:23 PM	Clutter	Lambert	Carried

CLOSING ACTIONS					
Motion			First	Second	Action
To Adjourn	Time:	9:23 PM	Price	Clutter	Carried

Submitted by: Bonnie Forsythe, Secretary / Treasurer