



Mars Borough

Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting Date: October 18, 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
	Bill Lambert	Water
	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
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
Julia Maruca, Cranberry Eagle	In attendance to observe.
Owner of Grand Avenue Salon	In attendance to observe.

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

MOTIONS	FIRST	SECOND	ACTION
Motion to approve Compugig quote for Server Backup Services for unlimited storage, & an 8 TB External Hard Drive, for \$488.50.	Bost	Schultheis	Carried
Motion to approve Compugig quote for setting up a VPN at water plant to eliminate separate internet service, for \$499.99.	Bost	Schultheis	Carried
Motion to schedule Leaf Pickup starting October 20, 2021 through November 17, 2021, with the possibility of extending if necessary.	Clutter	Bost	Carried
Motion to accept the Cohen Law Group proposal to create a Small Wireless Facilities ordinance, for the flat fee of \$4,320.00.	Price	Bost	Carried
Motion to pay officers for Non-Lethal training to take place in Saxonburg on October 24, 2021. Three to four officers will take part.	Clutter	Schultheis	Carried
Motion to approve the purchase of a 3-inch for Rosepoint Property and 2-inch meter for the GA Industries/Woodings meter pit located on Clay Avenue, in the amount of approximately \$5,000.00	Bost	Schultheis	Carried
Motion to add quote from Spectrum Insurance to Agenda.	Price	Clutter	Carried
Motion to approve Spectrum Insurance Quote for the term of November 1, 2021 to November 1, 2022 in the amount of \$49,919.00.	Price	Clutter	Carried

NEW ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:		
Item	Submitted by:	Discussion / Status
Small Wireless Facilities (Act 50)	Forsythe	Schultheis, Price, and Forsythe participated in a conference call with Mike Roberts of Cohen Law Group. Price reported on the discussion. PA Act 50 goes into effect October 28, 2021. Cohen Law Group would aid in creating an ordinance for the Borough that would help provide guidance on design and aesthetic guidelines, as well fees the Borough could collect. Schultheis suggested anyone who was interested in learning more to review Act 50 and educate themselves. Forsythe will contact surrounding municipalities to see what they're doing.

OLD / UNADDRESSED ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:		
Item	Submitted by:	Discussion / Status

REPORTS:	
Department	Report
Mayor	Mayor Update provided to Council. Mayor has interviewed one person so far for the Officer-in-Charge position. There are four additional interviews to take place. OIC Sneddon requested police take part in training that Saxonburg is doing.
Administration	Budget Update provided to Council. Administration Schedule provided to Council. 2022 Budget Prep information provided to Council. Forsythe provided Water Revenue information as well as Employee Health Insurance information was provided to Council.
Public Works	Written Public Works report provided to Council. Fleming asked for updates on various pieces of equipment, getting things ready for winter/snow. Dorsey gave an update on water plant chemical orders. Dorsey also provided an update on the sewer lines at the Marburger Athletic Field. Council was in agreement the section that was found to be terracotta would need to be replaced. Dorsey also stated the Borough received the permit for repairing the stream at Borough building property. Dorsey provided an update on the status of cellular endpoints for the larger water customer meters. Public Works Schedule provided to Council. Paving & Water Projects for 2022 – Tabled for Budget Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION				
Requested by:	Topic(s):			
Mayor Gregg Hartung	Police Personnel			
Mike Fleming	Personnel			
Motion	First	Second	Action	
To go into Executive Session	Time: 8:33 PM	Bost	Clutter	Carried
To come out of Executive Session	Time: 9:16 PM	Clutter	Schultheis	Carried

CLOSING ACTIONS				
Motion	First	Second	Action	
To Adjourn	Time: 9:16 PM	Clutter	Schultheis	Carried

Submitted by: Bonnie Forsythe, Secretary / Treasurer