



# Mars Borough

## Meeting Minutes

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

**Meeting Date:** March 21, 2022

**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
	[vacant seat]	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
x	Jamie Kochik	Assistant Sec. / Treas.
x	Amy Brown	Assistant Sec. / Treas.
x	Ed Dorsey	Public Works Foreman
	Allen Russell	Code Enforcement
	Mark Lint	Officer in Charge
	Chris Reese	Solicitor
	Renea Pomeroy	Elected Tax Collector

VISITORS:	
Name(s) / Organization	Topic
Kevin Creagh KLH Engineers	Kevin Creagh presented two Streambank Rehabilitation Projects to Council. WRRP Grant money is available for 85% so the Borough would only have to pay 15%, however Creagh mentioned other potential grant money previously mentioned by Professor Weitzell as a possible source of funds for the additional 15%. Creagh also recommended putting both projects out for bid. Fleming stated he would be comfortable moving forward with the grant application for the 85%.
Julia Cranberry Eagle	In attendance to observe.

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

MOTIONS	FIRST	SECOND	ACTION
Motion to approve Resolution 23 regarding Butler County Hazard Mitigation.	Clutter	Bost	Carried
Motion to donate police vehicle M4 to Quality Ambulance rather than "scrap" the vehicle.	Schultheis	Bost	Carried
Motion to advance the Rehabilitation projects for the two restoration areas to the grant process through KLH at an estimated cost of \$1,500.00.	Schultheis	Clutter	Carried
Motion to authorize the two existing trees on the Mars Bank sidewalks on Grand Avenue and Pittsburgh Street, as well as replacement of the dead tree on Pittsburgh Street.	Schultheis	Clutter	Carried

<b>OLD / ON-GOING ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:</b>		
Item	Submitted by:	Discussion / Status
Wireless Facilities Ordinance, Design Manual, and Fee Schedule	Forsythe	Tabled for Review by Committee of Schultheis, Price, and Clutter. To be discussed at March 18, 2022 meeting.

<b>NEW ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:</b>		
Item	Submitted by:	Discussion / Status
Proposed Changes to Parking Lot Lease (Mars Bank)	Forsythe	Council reviewed changes proposed by Mars Bank. Council would like to have allocation example included. Tabled for next meeting.

<b>REPORTS:</b>	
Department	Report
Mayor	Hartung mentioned that Jeff Beckstead from Mars Robotics was named First Robotics Volunteer of the Year for the whole area, and was recognized for all of the work the group does.
Secretary / Treasurer	Budget Update, including Dutilh Property Revenue/Expenses report provided to Council.
	Water Billing Software discussed by Council. Council discussed various aspects of the proposals presented and asked to have several questions answered. To be discussed further at 04/04/2022 meeting.
Public Works	Public Works report provided to Council.
	Paving Estimate and Form of Advertisement presented to Council. Dorsey detailed the various areas on the estimate, including an area around the old St. Killian church which the Church would pay for and the parking lot next to Pfeifer Hardware that a portion of would be paid for by Pfeifer Hardware. Fleming expressed concern over the need for more paving in parking lot by Pfeifer Hardware due to garbage trucks going in and out of the area. Dorsey will coordinate with PennDOT rep to make alterations to the bid documents. Council to vote on putting out bid package on 04/04/2022.
	Tree removal on Pittsburgh Street Dan Doyle from Mars Bank would like two trees removed around the park area at the corner of Pittsburgh Street and Grand Avenue. One is dead and the other is lifting the sidewalk, making a tripping hazard. The dead tree will be replaced.
	Garbage Cans were installed (bolted down) downtown. Dan Doyle has asked that the two near the park area at the corner of Pittsburgh Street and Grand Avenue be moved, and cement pads be poured, and the cans moved to the far corners of the park. Council agreed it was a reasonable request.
	Hot Box Dorsey reported that there was approximately \$27,000 in liquid fuels to use on equipment. He got quotes on two hot boxes, one used (approx. \$27,000) and one new (approx. \$32,000). Discussion to move forward next month.
	Bricks & Concrete at Anderson Left over bricks that were removed from Lincoln Avenue, and concrete, is piled at the old Anderson plant. Dorsey was asking if Council had any ideas of what to do with it. Bost suggested selling them. Schultheis will go to look at them to see if there is something that can be done with them.
	Fleming brought up an incident on Crowe Avenue where a permitted load truck damaged the curb and potentially damaged the tank on the truck. Dorsey said he would drive by and look at the curb. Hartung will also talk with Lint to help establish who the truck may belong to.

<b>REPORTS (cont.):</b>	
Department	Report
Public Works (cont.)	Pipe delivered to Kerchner's property to be installed in storm drain.
	Dorsey mentioned the "forever chemicals" that have been mentioned in news reports. He just heard from the DEP and they are only now proposing lowering the acceptable rates.
	Schultheis discussed need for adding dirt and grass seed at Marburger field. Dorsey will coordinate with Schultheis.

<b>EXECUTIVE SESSION:</b>				
Requested by:	Topic(s):			
Fleming	Real Estate			
Motion		First	Second	Action
To go into Executive Session	Time: 9:00 PM	Clutter	Bost	Carried
To come out of Executive Session	Time: 9:30 PM	Bost	Clutter	Carried

<b>CLOSING ACTIONS:</b>				
	Motion	First	Second	Action
To Adjourn	Time: 9:35 PM	Lambert	Schultheis	Carried

Submitted by: Bonnie Forsythe, Secretary/Treasurer