



# Mars Borough

## Meeting Minutes

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

**Meeting Date:** July 18, 2022

**Call to Order:** 7:00 PM, with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTED OFFICIALS / EMPLOYEE / PROVIDER ATTENDANCE						
("x" indicates present) ("tc" indicates teleconference attendance)						
	Rob Bost	Council Vice President Administration, HR		x	Bonnie Forsythe	Secretary / Treasurer
					Jamie Kochik	Assistant Sec. / Treas.
x	Chris Clutter	Council Pro Tem Public Safety			Amy Brown	Assistant Sec. / Treas.
x	Mike Fleming	Council President		x	Ed Dorsey	Public Works Foreman
x	Bill Lambert	Water			Allen Russell	Code Enforcement
x	John McWilliams	Streets			Mark Lint	Officer in Charge
x	Brad Price	Budget, Finance			Chris Reese	Solicitor
	Julie Schultheis	Parks & Rec, Celebrations				
	Gregg Hartung	Mayor			Renea Pomeroy	Elected Tax Collector

### MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Council Member Christine Clutter requested a moment of silence for Jim Ellis who was a lifelong member of the Pittsburgh Fire Department and who grew up in Mars.

### VISITORS:

Name(s) / Organization	Topic
Bill Shaw, Stephenson Equipment	Leaf Vac Truck. Shaw brought a leaf vac demo truck with him, the same one that was used to apply for the 902 Grant. Council asked multiple questions about the truck and the equipment. Discussion regarding the various trucks being considered and difference between the different trucks, including the fact that the larger trucks require a driver with a CDL. Dorsey said he would investigate the process for individuals to get a CDL and the cost associated. Decision tabled for following meeting.
Butler Eagle	In attendance to observe.

### PUBLIC COMMENT TO SPEAK ABOUT STORMWATER MS4 ISSUES:

Name(s) / Organization	Topic

MOTIONS	FIRST	SECOND	ACTION
Motion to approve Meeting Minutes from 06/06/2022 & 06/22/2022.	Lambert	Price	Carried
Motion to approve June 2022 Payroll Expenses in the amount of \$32,685.47.	Lambert	McWilliams	Carried
Motion to approve Resolution #25 regarding the hiring of Full Time Police Sergeant Brian Novosel.	Price	McWilliams	Carried
Motion to approve the adjusted wording of a new paving ordinance, and to move forward with advertising so that a vote can be taken in August 2022 to approve the ordinance.	Price	McWilliams	Carried

<b>OLD / ON-GOING ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:</b>		
Item	Submitted by:	Discussion / Status
Wireless Facilities Ordinance, Design Manual, and Fee Schedule	Clutter, Price, Schultheis	Price gave an update on his discussion with attorney. He reviewed the information that was given to Council over the last several months. A final copy with changes Council agreed on is to be sent to the attorney for a final clean copy to be sent back.
Paving Ordinance	Dorsey	Dorsey and Forsythe discussed the proposed ordinance drafted by Solicitor Chris Reese. Council discussed the examples presented. Fleming felt Council should move on the ordinance right away.

<b>NEW ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:</b>		
Item	Submitted by:	Discussion / Status
Addition to Spring Avenue Building	Lambert	Lambert presented a quote from Smith Metal Buildings for \$147,000 to add a 50'x80' addition to the borough building on Spring Avenue. Dorsey felt Public Works could do a lot of the work for plumbing and electrical if Professional Code Services would approve of them doing the work.
Grand Avenue & Spring Avenue Road Complaints	Hartung	Hartung stated he received complaints from people driving on Spring Avenue that there are areas that are heaved up causing some people to "bottom out" when they drive there. He also received a complaint about a section on Grand Avenue that a resident made to their sidewalk and another resident believes it may be a problem when the Borough plows.

<b>REPORTS:</b>	
Department	Report
Mayor	Hartung reported that Officer Greenlee has resigned. He also stated that Officer Lutz is considering retirement. He also reported that the police department has everything in place for the car show on July 30 <sup>th</sup> . Price asked if the organizer of the car show would be paying for the police to be there. A discussion regarding the need for a policy for events needs to be established. Forsythe stated there is a draft of a policy and Administration will try to have it finalized to present to Council in August. Hartung also had a discussion with St. John's regarding signage.
Police	n/a
Secretary / Treasurer	Budget update provided to Council. Payroll calendar. Forsythe explained that Officer In Charge Lint requested changing the pay weeks from Monday through Sunday to Sunday through Saturday. Council did not see any reason to change anything.
Public Works	Public Works report provided to Council. Dorsey asked for clarification on what Ernie Kuhs asked for regarding eliminating the pole in front of his building on Grand Avenue. Fleming explained the situation and request. Council discussed the continued efforts to get signed agreements for the properties between Grand Avenue and Railroad Street that are used as public parking. Three of six agreements have been acquired.
Code Enforcement	Code Enforcement report provided to Council

<b>EXECUTIVE SESSION:</b>				
Requested by:	Topic(s):			
Price	Real Estate, Personnel			
Motion	Time:	First	Second	Action
To go into Executive Session	9:10 PM	Price	Clutter	Carried
To come out of Executive Session	9:41 PM	Lambert	Clutter	Carried

<b>CLOSING ACTIONS:</b>				
Motion		First	Second	Action
To Adjourn	Time: 9:41 PM	Lambert	Clutter	Carried

Submitted by: Bonnie Forsythe, Secretary/Treasurer