



Mars Borough

Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting Date: October 17, 2022

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

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

VISITORS:

Name(s) / Organization	Topic
Connor Dodd	In attendance to observe.
Julia Maruca, The Cranberry Eagle	In attendance to observe.

PUBLIC COMMENT TO SPEAK ABOUT STORMWATER MS4 ISSUES:

Name(s) / Organization	Topic

MOTIONS

	FIRST	SECOND	ACTION
Motion to purchase a pallet of crack sealer from SealMaster in the amount of \$2,250.00.	McWilliams	Lambert	Carried
Motion to approve carriage rides at Light Up Mars on November 26, 2022 by Misty Lanes Farms for \$550.00.	Schultheis	Lambert	Carried

OLD / ON-GOING ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Item	Submitted by:	Discussion / Status

NEW ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Item	Submitted by:	Discussion / Status
2023 Budget	Forsythe	Administrative expenses discussed.
Light Up Mars	Schultheis	Schultheis heard from the same company that provided carriage rides and they have raised their prices to \$550.

REPORTS:	
Department	Report
Mayor	<p>Verbal report provided to Council.</p> <p>Hartung reported that Brown Paper Bag has notified Mars New Year that the \$25,000 they have yet to pay to Mars New Year will be deposited within a week. He believes it was a combination of many legal letters they sent, the article in the Butler Eagle, and a radio interview Hartung did. Chatham University students collected research at Applefest on Revitalization.</p> <p>Hartung reported that he responded to a resident on Hook Street who sent an email about the state of Spring Avenue. Dorsey stated he also has a plan to do some work, however the equipment needed is being used for the water line work.</p> <p>Hartung was in contact with a resident on Clay Avenue who has complained about the hum from the generator being used at the substation on Clay Avenue. Russell has been in touch with the resident and has looked into the noise level. He believes it is nominal and has been in contact with the resident.</p> <p>Hartung and Schultheis have been in touch with Caden McKinney of Mars Troup 400 boy scout group. He is collecting bottle caps and raising money to get a bench and/or table to be donated for use in Garfield Park.</p> <p>Hartung is going to have a Zoom call with the Mayor of Scranton and others regarding grant funding.</p>
Police	No report provided.
Secretary / Treasurer	<p>Budget update provided to Council.</p> <p>2021 Audit information provided to Council.</p> <p>2023 Calendar of Important Dates</p>
Public Works	<p>Verbal report provided to Council.</p> <p>Dorsey stated Public Works is about done with as much work as they can do installing pipe on the west side of town.</p> <p>Dorsey ordered the new chart recorder for at the Plant.</p> <p>Dorsey has also had to make sure the insurance company is keeping the claim open for the lightning strike at the water plant. They tried to close the claim before including all of the costs/reimbursables.</p> <p>Dorsey stated an animal built a nest on top of the generator and it has chewed up some wires. He will be fixing the wiring and is looking for ways to deter the animals from coming back and building another nest.</p> <p>Dorsey reported there was a water break in front of Jimmy's restaurant. It was found on Friday and fixed on Monday. He stated this is the fourth break in that general area in recent years.</p> <p>Dorsey stated three of the four Public Works employees have obtained their CDL permits.</p> <p>McWilliams brought up purchasing a pallet of crack sealer through SealMaster for \$2,250. Fleming stated it was a good idea.</p>
Code Enforcement	Written report provided to Council.
Parks/Rec & Celebrations	Schultheis reported that football isn't practicing on the field right now because they tore it up a few Saturdays ago during a very rainy day.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:				
Requested by:	Topic(s):			
Fleming	Real Estate			
Motion	Time:	First	Second	Action
To go into Executive Session	8:11 PM	Bost	McWilliams	Carried
To come out of Executive Session	9:50 PM	McWilliams	Bost	Carried

CLOSING ACTIONS:				
Motion		First	Second	Action
To Adjourn	Time: 0:50 PM	Lambert	Schultheis	Carried

Submitted by: Bonnie Forsythe, Secretary/Treasurer