



Mars Borough

Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting Date: November 21, 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
	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

PUBLIC COMMENT TO SPEAK ABOUT STORMWATER MS4 ISSUES:

Name(s) / Organization	Topic

MOTIONS

	FIRST	SECOND	ACTION
Motion to approve KLH to proceed with Stormwater Ordinance at a cost of \$2,500 pending further discussion and clarification.	Clutter	Bost	Carried
Motion to appoint Mike Fleming to the Breakneck Creek Sewer Authority to the seat that will be vacant January 2023.	Price	Bost	Carried Fleming abstained

OLD / ON-GOING ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

Item	Submitted by:	Discussion / Status
Lightning Strike Insurance Claim	Fleming	Fleming asked about the status of the insurance claim for the lightning strike at the Water Plant. Forsythe stated a partial claim check was received. Dorsey gave an update on component availability.
Clay Avenue Substation	Price	Price asked for clarification on the status of the Clay Avenue Substation after a meeting that occurred between First Energy, Fleming, and Hartung. Fleming gave an update and explained the upgrades that were made and clarified it was not expanded.

NEW ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:		
Item	Submitted by:	Discussion / Status
Water & Sewer Grant	Dorsey	Kevin from KLH mentioned the availability of grant money for PA Small Water & Sewer Grant opportunities for a grant up to \$500,000 for 85% with the municipality giving 15%. Fleming was not in favor of applying for the grant. Schultheis asked if there was more information that Council could look at.

NEW ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION (cont.):		
Item	Submitted by:	Discussion / Status
Stormwater Ordinance	Dorsey	Kevin from KLH asked about status of updating Stormwater Ordinance. He will do the work and cap the cost at \$2,500.00.
Budget for Stream Restoration	Dorsey	Borough was denied the grant monies applied for. Dorsey asked if there would be any money in the budget for some of the work in 2023. Fleming stated it was unlikely.
2023 Budget	Forsythe	Budget discussion occurred.
Sewer Board Letter	Fleming	Letter presented to Council for their consideration.

REPORTS:	
Department	Report
Mayor	
Police	
Secretary / Treasurer	
Public Works	<p>Written report provided to Council.</p> <p>Dorsey notified Council there was a positive test for bacteria in a test at the Borough building on Spring Avenue. The testing company was supposed to notify the Borough within a week, but they waited a month. Dorsey worked with the testing company and DEP for retesting and to get everything updated. Dorsey stated one of the pumps at the water plant had melted wires. He has taken it back to the company it was purchased from for them to look at it because it was only eight months old.</p> <p>Dorsey gave an update on the status of the new leaf vac truck and issues that have arisen during use. The truck had to have service multiple times and it was taken back to the garage for service, so it was good the Borough still had the old leaf vac set up so leaves could continue to be collected.</p>
Code Enforcement	
Parks/Rec & Celebrations	

EXECUTIVE SESSION:				
Requested by:	Topic(s):			
Motion	First	Second	Action	
To go into Executive Session	Time:			
To come out of Executive Session	Time:			

CLOSING ACTIONS:				
Motion	First	Second	Action	
To Adjourn	Time: 10:00 PM	McWilliams	Price	Carried

Submitted by: Bonnie Forsythe, Secretary/Treasurer

[NOTE: Items in Blue brought to the attention of Secretary/Treasurer within 24 hours of meeting.](#)

[NOTE: Items in Red not originally on the agenda and added without a vote.](#)