



Mars Borough

Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting Date: November 28, 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
			x	Amy Brown	Assistant Sec. / Treas.
x	Chris Clutter	Council Pro Tem Public Safety		Ed Dorsey	Public Works Foreman
x	Mike Fleming	Council President		Allen Russell	Code Enforcement
x	Bill Lambert	Water		Mark Lint	Police Officer in Charge
x	John McWilliams	Streets		Brian Novosel	Police Sergeant
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
Melissa Linz	Employee Health Insurance (see below).

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

MOTIONS	FIRST	SECOND	ACTION
Motion to approve Plummer & Slade Evaluation of Borough Computer Network for Administration, Public Works, and Water Plant at a cost of \$600.00.	McWilliams	Bost	Carried (Clutter abstained)

OLD / ON-GOING ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:		
Item	Submitted by:	Discussion / Status

NEW ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:		
Item	Submitted by:	Discussion / Status
2023 Budget	Forsythe	2023 budget discussed.
Employee Health Insurance	Forsythe	Linz presented information to Council regarding HRA (health reimbursement account) that would allow employees to choose individual healthcare plans that would be less expensive overall to the Borough. Linz answered many questions asked by Council. Fleming would like to see a workup of the cost per employee to compare to UPMC renewal costs. Linz will talk with employees to gauge the plans they are interested in.

NEW ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:		
Item	Submitted by:	Discussion / Status
Library Donation	Hartung	Hartung stated he had a conversation with Russ Ford from Adams Township, and he requested Mars Borough make an additional donation to the library. Fleming stated Adams is donating the equivalent of \$10/resident and he believes Ford would like to see the other municipalities get closer to that.
Part Time Police Ad	Hartung	Hartung discussed the need for a minimum number of hours vs. a number of years for a new part time police officer ad.
TVs	Price	Price suggested looking at getting one or two TVs to use as visual displays in the Council room. Several Council members suggested discussing it later.
Chatham University Student Meeting	Hartung	Hartung discussed a meeting held with Chatham University Students and a survey they did regarding the perception of Downtown Mars and what people like/dislike, where improvements can be made, etc. Nine businesses were represented at the meeting. A presentation will be done on December 15, 2022.
Digital Sign at Salvaged	Hartung	Hartung stated Brian, the owner of Salvaged, is interested in replacing the community bulletin board with a digital sign. He thought of talking with the Borough to see if there could be a cooperative effort. St. John's has had something designed. Hartung thinks a group could look at the St. John's design and try to come up with something cohesive for multiple locations. Hartung suggested asking Reese to look at comparable Boroughs for their ordinances. Fleming suggested looking at Middlesex and Adams Townships.

REPORTS:	
Department	Report
Mayor	
Police	
Secretary / Treasurer	
Public Works	
Code Enforcement	
Parks/Rec & Celebrations	

EXECUTIVE SESSION:				
Requested by:	Topic(s):			
Hartung	Police Personnel			
Motion	First	Second	Action	
To go into Executive Session	Time: n/a			
To come out of Executive Session	Time: n/a			

CLOSING ACTIONS:				
Motion	First	Second	Action	
To Adjourn	Time: 9:28 PM	Lambert	Schultheis	Carried

Submitted by: Bonnie Forsythe, Secretary/Treasurer

NOTE: Items in Red not originally on the agenda and added without a vote.