



# Mars Borough

## Meeting Minutes

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

**Meeting Date:** December 5, 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
				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
	Brad Price	Budget, Finance				
x	Julie Schultheis	Parks & Rec, Celebrations		x	Chris Reese	Solicitor
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 meeting minutes from 11/07/2022.	McWilliams	Lambert	Carried
Motion to approve meeting minutes from 11/21/2022.	Lambert	Clutter	Carried
Motion to approve meeting minutes from 11/28/2022.	Lambert	McWilliams	Carried
Motion to approve expenses from October 2022 in the amount of \$66,083.67.	McWilliams	Clutter	Carried
Motion to approve expenses from November 2022 in the amount of \$164,127.67 (revised 12/05/2022).	McWilliams	Price	Carried
Motion to approve payroll expenses from November 2022 in the amount of \$36,174.82.	Price	McWilliams	Carried (Schultheis abstained)
Motion to approve the 2023 budget with a gross revenue of ...	McWilliams	Cutter	Carried

OLD / ON-GOING ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:		
Item	Submitted by:	Discussion / Status
2023 Budget	Forsythe	Budget discussed.

NEW ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:		
Item	Submitted by:	Discussion / Status

<b>REPORTS:</b>	
Department	Report
Mayor	<p>Verbal Report provided to Council.</p> <p>Hartung reported Chatham University will have a meeting on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM to review the findings of their study.</p> <p>Hartung reported there are still some conversations regarding couches being left behind buildings. Complaints have been received. Price stated he'd been told someone paid a fine. Hartung and Forsythe stated they did not have any knowledge of that and had not received an update from Russell to see if he had cited them through Code Enforcement or if Police had issued a citation. Hartung confirmed with Forsythe that the CBA was still open from several months ago when wages were adjusted. Hartung would like to change the language regarding the time period referenced for new hires because there has been a recommendation to change the language to a number of hours rather than years of experience. He also believes that the language that lowers new hires with less than five years of experience receives \$1 less per hour could be removed.</p> <p>Hartung is working with Stick City to do a test to can water from Mars. Nick from Stick City has already had his lab test the water. The water would be "still bottling water" not carbonated. The idea is to do a test run in January. Hartung stated it would be good to see the outcome of the tests, and he suggested having the Borough's lab do a secondary test. Hartung stated the sale of the canned water would be a fundraiser for Mars New Year and possibly MARS150. Hartung will report back when he knows more.</p>
Police	Written Report provided to Council.
Secretary / Treasurer	Budget update provided to Council.
Public Works	
Code Enforcement	
Parks/Rec & Celebrations	

<b>EXECUTIVE SESSION:</b>					
Requested by:		Topic(s):			
Lambert		Borough Properties			
Lambert		Public Works Employees			
Motion		Time:	First	Second	Action
To go into Executive Session		10:00 PM	Clutter	McWilliams	Carried
To come out of Executive Session		10:42 PM	Lambert	Fleming	Carried

<b>CLOSING ACTIONS:</b>					
Motion		Time:	First	Second	Action
To Adjourn		10:45 PM	Lambert	Clutter	Carried

Submitted by: Bonnie Forsythe, Secretary/Treasurer

NOTE: Items in Blue brought to the attention of Secretary/Treasurer within 24 hours of meeting.