



# Mars Borough

## Meeting Minutes

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

**Meeting Date:** December 19, 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		Bonnie Forsythe	Secretary / Treasurer
x	Chris Clutter	Council Pro Tem Public Safety	x	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	x	Mark Lint	Police Officer in Charge
x	Brad Price	Budget, Finance		Brian Novosel	Police Sergeant
x	Julie Schultheis	Parks & Rec, Celebrations		Chris Reese	Solicitor
x	Gregg Hartung	Mayor		Renea Pomeroy	Elected Tax Collector

VISITORS:	
Name(s) / Organization	Topic
Keith Magness	<p>Inquire about removal of dead trees on borough right of way on Norton. Worried about tree falling into pool. Ed inspected, contractor came to discuss removal. Nothing has been done. Wants to know what to expect/when motion will be passed for removal. Fleming stated there are other trees that need taken down on borough properties and wanted to get estimate on all trees that need removed. Fleming stated request has not been disregarded, borough would like to do everything at once.</p> <p>Letter borough sent to BCRA stated Magness vacated authority. Magness stated this is false. Letter should have read seat was vacated not by Magness but by action of council. Magness was informed by one of his authority members and found it awkward that he was not notified personally. Fleming stated that was an error. Price suggested re-issuing the letter. Magness expressed gratitude for serving the last two years. Objected to sale of sewer authority.</p> <p>Schultheis referenced a recording of an Adam's Township meeting in which different information was presented than what was presented to council. Fleming disagreed with this statement.</p>

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

<b>MOTIONS</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
Motion to approve the 2023 Budget with a projected revenue of \$1,540,962.36, expenses of \$1,529,921.14, and a surplus of \$10,771.22.	Lambert	Price	Carried, Schultheis abstained
Motion to advise Ed to proceed with the repair at the estimated cost of \$1132 plus the additional cost of the connectors as recommended by Dumbaugh to put the second service pump back in usable condition.	Lambert	McWilliams	Carried
Motion to make a donation to Quality Ambulance on behalf of Mars Borough for \$1000.	Clutter	Lambert	Carried
Motion to reappoint Keith Magness to Sewer Authority Board and remove Mike Fleming.	Schultheis	None	Failed

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

<b>NEW ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:</b>		
Item	Submitted by:	Discussion / Status
Parking Lot Leases	Lambert	Lambert suggested to give signed leases back and borough should not maintain. Fleming stated borough should continue to maintain because it is public parking. Suggested council member should physically go to business owners who won't sign and explain why. Fleming stated because the borough insures it, they should continue to maintain. Suggested rewriting agreement with Chris Reese to be more detailed.

<b>REPORTS:</b>	
Department	Report
Mayor	Meeting with St. Johns, Salvaged, Mars Bank to discuss digital signs. Mayors meeting – concerns are fire departments and EMS don't have enough staff. Borough should consider ways to support Quality EMS. Chatham presentation results. Safety is number one thing residents like about Mars Borough.
Police	Verbal report to be provided to Council.  Mars Borough number 3 in donations to Toys for Tots. Scheduling taser training. All officers completed firearms training. Stressed importance of portable radio batteries. Updating policies and procedures. Would like to advertise in January for PT officer. Would like to make starting pay the same across the board. Asked for council to consider making him Chief of Police.
Secretary / Treasurer	Budget update provided to Council.
Public Works	Verbal report provided to Council.  Pump motor at plant caught fire, took to Dumbaugh. Not under warranty. \$1100 to fix. McWilliams suggested contacting manufacturer. Dorsey stated he will do that when he returns.
Code Enforcement	Written report provided to Council.
Parks/Rec & Celebrations	

<b>EXECUTIVE SESSION:</b>				
Requested by:		Topic(s):		
Price		Personnel		
Motion		First	Second	Action
To go into Executive Session	Time: 10:09 PM	McWilliams	Price	Carried
To come out of Executive Session	Time: 10:25 PM	McWilliams	Price	Carried

CLOSING ACTIONS:				
Motion		First	Second	Action
To Adjourn	Time: 10:25 PM	McWilliams	Price	Carried

Submitted by: Amy Brown, Assistant 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.