



# Mars Borough

## Meeting Minutes

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

**Meeting Date:** January 16, 2023  
**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	Amy Brown	Assistant Sec. / Treas.
x	Chris Clutter	Council Pro Tem Public Safety		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
	Julie Schultheis	Parks & Rec, Celebrations			
x	Gregg Hartung	Mayor		Renea Pomeroy	Elected Tax Collector

VISITORS:	
Name(s) / Organization	Topic
Mary Snow	4-H Update. Wants extended period of time in church into March. Potentially want to use until June. Recently went to PA Farm Show. Thank you to borough for support and generosity. Working on Goldberg machine. Collaborated teams with Mars Robotics. Created calendar to fundraise, featuring some Mars businesses. Doing promotion for Mars area events. Fleming stated they are trying to find tenant for church but until that happens, doesn't see a problem with continued use of church.
Jeff Beckstead	Mars Robotics. Update on Discovery Center. Envisioned as meeting space/community center for Mars. Moving away from one large space to a campus set up. Mayor mentioned Dutilh church, library, and Adams park as potential locations.
Bob Ando	Newly appointed president for Mars youth football and cheer. Wanted to introduce himself. Concerned with condition of field. Biggest concern is drainage. Field is sometimes unplayable. Wants to make improvements – who is responsible for funding? Fleming stated it is not in the budget for 2023. Dorsey stated field was destroyed one day when football played after a lot of rain. Backup plan is to practice at Middlesex and play at Marburger. Willing to work together. Fleming stated crowning needs to be planned a year in advance. Dorsey stated need to plug aerate again, will definitely seed this spring.

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

MOTIONS	FIRST	SECOND	ACTION
Motion to approve a transfer of \$35,000 from the PLGIT Reserve Fund to the Contingent/General Fund.	Lambert	Clutter	Carried

<b>MOTIONS (cont.)</b>	<b>FIRST</b>	<b>SECOND</b>	<b>ACTION</b>
Motion to allow space pioneers to continue to use church until such time we have secured long term tenant.	Clutter	Price	Carried
Motion to approve purchase of FCS ground mic not to exceed amount of \$4650.	Lambert	McWilliams	Carried
Motion to approve removal of 7 trees on Norton Drive and Lincoln Ave parking lot not to exceed \$4750.	McWilliams	Lambert	Carried
Motion to allow Lions Club to put garden boxes at end of parking lot next to Long Alley for seasonal use.	Price	Fleming	Carried

<b>OLD / ON-GOING ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:</b>		
Item	Submitted by:	Discussion / Status
Police Retirement/Pension	Bost	Being Worked On. Price stated he reached out to PMRS to make sure police pension Radford retired from was officially closed. Inquired about 457b for Novosel. PMRS does not administer. Defined benefit or defined cash. PMRS stated we cannot put Novosel into existing plan, would have to start another. Mayor stated Bost is setting up meeting with Jim Nelson. Price would like to be included.
Wireless Facilities Ordinance, Design Manual, and Fee Schedule	Clutter, Price, Schultheis	Tabled until further notice.
Event Packet/Permit	Forsythe	Tabled until further notice.
Paving Ordinance	Dorsey	Tabled until further notice. Fleming stated Dorsey should reach out to Chris Reese and see where this stands. McWilliams will take lead.

<b>NEW ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:</b>		
Item	Submitted by:	Discussion / Status
Lions Club	Price	Interested in putting in public garden behind Pfeifer's by Martian Arms or taking section of parking lot across from borough office. Interested in hosting yard sale at Woodland Valley parking lot or parking lot across from borough office. Interested in clean up day at Marburger Field.

<b>REPORTS:</b>	
Department	Report
Mayor	Presented weddings from 2022 for council to review. Working on resolution for event fee for police officers. Mars New Year countdown breakfast 2/23 for students.
Police	
Secretary / Treasurer	

<b>REPORTS (cont.):</b>	
Public Works	<p>Written report provided to Council.</p> <p>Three heaters at Marburger broken, company sending more free parts.</p> <p>Issues with St. John's Rosecrest building – 300 gallons/hour. In touch with Rocco to fix at least 5 toilets running within the next few days.</p> <p>Hot box that was delivered to Borough is not what was ordered. Four-ton unit is too heavy, borough can't tow. Fleming asked about using F350 to tow and acquiring combo plates. Dorsey will look into. Sealmaster can provide 2022 hot box, difference is \$1700. Sealmaster offered \$1700 worth of crack master mastic or pallet of crack seal for half price. McWilliams and Fleming would rather have pallet of crack seal for \$1250. Borough would pay \$450 difference. Quote for ground mic has increased from quote received in 2022. Discussion to move forward with purchase.</p> <p>Property on Reservoir Road to be developed. Survey Tech intends to pump sewage down left side of water reservoir for development above. Dorsey concerned with security of reservoir. Suggested taller fence with new barbed wire. Fleming suggested quote on camera and fence.</p> <p>To continue water line on Norton Drive, supplies need to be ordered. Fleming said order it.</p> <p>Dorsey acquired quote on epoxy floor for new office in the amount of \$2000. Fleming asked for summary of all expenses for new office.</p>
Code Enforcement	Written report provided to Council.
Parks/Rec & Celebrations	

<b>EXECUTIVE SESSION:</b>	
Requested by:	Topic(s):
Dorsey	Bid Review

Motion		First	Second	Action
To go into Executive Session	Time: 8:58	McWilliams	Lambert	Carried
To come out of Executive Session	Time: 9:13	Clutter	Lambert	Carried

<b>CLOSING ACTIONS:</b>				
Motion		First	Second	Action
To Adjourn	Time: 9:16	Lambert	McWilliams	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.