



# Mars Borough

## Meeting Minutes

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

**Meeting Date:** February 20, 2023

**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 Chief
x	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
Keith Magness	Magness was in attendance to thank Council for removing the dead trees near his house. He stated, however, that it would have been better if the tree service would have taken the debris with them. He also stated he understood that it would have been an additional cost to the Borough and he understood why it was not done [to save the money]. McWilliams stated Council was under the impression a neighbor was going to take it. Dorsey stated if it is an eyesore, Public Works can come up and do some cleanup.
Alecia Slade, Plummer Slade	Slade was in attendance to present her IT business to Council. She introduced herself and her company to Council. She also went over the proposals she sent regarding IT security, software, and hardware.

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

MOTIONS	FIRST	SECOND	ACTION
Motion to approve Resolution 14 REV to hire Mark Lint as the Chief of Police, with revisions made to language regarding benefit days as previously agreed upon at time of hiring in 2021.	Bost	Clutter	Carried, Schultheis abstained.
Motion to move forward with advertising a Paving Ordinance so a vote can be taken in March.	McWilliams	Lambert	Carried
Motion to have Chris Reese to proceed with sending the Small Wireless Facilities Ordinance to Butler County Planning Commission, then to advertise and schedule the public hearing.	Price	Clutter	Carried

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

<b>OLD / ON-GOING ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:</b>			
Item	Submitted by:	Date Added:	Discussion / Status:
Wireless Facilities Ordinance, Design Manual, & Fee Schedule	Clutter, Price, Schultheis	09/20/2021	Tabled – No Update
Paving Ordinance	Dorsey	04/04/2022	Tabled – Being Worked On
Police Retirement/Pension	Bost	06/20/2022	Tabled – Being Worked On
Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)	Forsythe	08/01/2022	Tabled – No Update
Event Packet/Permit	Forsythe	09/06/2022	Tabled – Being Worked On
Revisions to Water Rules & Regulations	Dorsey	02/21/2022	Tabled – No Update

<b>REPORTS:</b>		
Department/Official	Report	
DEPT.	Administration	No Agenda Items
	Code Enforcement	No Agenda Items
	Parks & Rec / Celebrations	No Agenda Items
	Police	No Agenda Items
	Public Works	<p>Written report to be provided to Council.</p> <p>Dorsey reported that the most important item on his report was that a large water leak was located. He thinks the amount of water lost is significant. He knew there was a leak but it was not showing up using any conventional means of detection. He decided to begin looking in “unusual” spaces and by less conventional means, and determined the leak was inside an abandoned residence where the water had been shut off over a decade ago. He estimates the leak goes back to October 2022, which he knew about and has spent that long looking for it.</p> <p>Dorsey met with Matt from Treesdale Landscaping. They would like to come into the Borough and donate services to help improve the Borough. They will work with Crystal Landscape and get the Borough discounts. They also discussed recrowning the football field at Marburger Field. Schultheis asked about what kind of timing would be available for that. Dorsey stated he could arrange for a meeting to discuss it. Dorsey also discussed the trees that are along the streets downtown with Matt, and replacing the trees with more appropriate and maintenance friendly trees.</p> <p>Dorsey mentioned he left this item off his report, but he did receive two quotes for fencing at the reservoir. Penn Fencing was \$37,678.55 and Fence by Maintenance Service \$16,010.00.</p> <p>One other topic not on the report is the company the Borough purchases Badger meters has been purchased by another company. That company is not a Badger meter distributor, so the Borough will need to find a new company to purchase Badger meters from.</p>
OFFICIALS	Rob Bost	See executive session.
	Chris Clutter	No Agenda Items
	Mike Fleming	No Agenda Items
	Bill Lambert	No Agenda Items
	John McWilliams	See executive session.
	Brad Price	No Agenda Items
	Julie Schultheis	No Agenda Items

<b>REPORTS (cont.):</b>		
Department/Official	Report	
OFFICIALS (cont.)	Mayor Gregg Hartung	Mayor Hartung presented a Mars New Year Update. There will be a breakfast held at the regional learning alliance for high school students. That evening will be the Blast Off Dinner at the Steamfitters event space in Harmony. Hartung reported there will be about 20 pieces of student art and a moon map and a mars map. The STEAM ed teacher at Mars Area school district will be honored as Martian of the Year. Hartung also introduced the canned water, canned by Stick City Brewing, that will be sold as a fundraiser for Mars New Year.

<b>EXECUTIVE SESSION:</b>				
Requested by:	Topic(s):			
Council	Borough Security			
McWilliams	Public Works Personnel			
Bost	Personnel			
Motion		First	Second	Action
To go into Executive Session	Time: 8:50 PM	Bost	Schultheis	Carried
To come out of Executive Session	Time: 10:35 PM	Lambert	McWilliams	Carried

<b>CLOSING ACTIONS:</b>				
Motion		First	Second	Action
To Adjourn	Time: 10: 35 PM	Bost	Lambert	Carried

Submitted by: Bonnie Forsythe, Secretary/Treasurer

NOTE 1: Items in Blue brought to the attention of Secretary/Treasurer within 24 hours of meeting.

NOTE 2: Items in Green added to Agenda with a motion/vote.

NOTE 3: Items in Red not originally on the agenda and added without a vote.