



Mars Borough

Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting Date: April 17, 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	x	Bonnie Forsythe	Secretary / Treasurer
				Amy Brown	Assistant Sec. / Treas.
x	Chris Clutter	Council Pro Tem Public Safety	x	Andrew Schultheis	Public Works Foreman
x	Mike Fleming	Council President	x	Mark Lint	Police Chief
	Bill Lambert	Water		Brian Novosel	Police Sergeant Interim Code Enforcement
x	John McWilliams	Streets		Allen Russell	Code Enforcement
x	Brad Price	Budget, Finance		Chris Reese	Solicitor
	[vacant seat]	Parks & Rec, Celebrations		Renea Pomeroy	Elected Tax Collector
x	Gregg Hartung	Mayor			

VISITORS:	
Name(s) / Organization	Topic
Jim Geherty, 218 Oakland Street	Came to Council to ask about process to get streets paved. He stated there is a rough patch right at his driveway that he has to avoid going in and out of his property. Fleming explained that water line is being replaced in that area, and that paving would not occur until the infrastructure beneath the street was updated. Fleming acknowledged that the streets in that area do need paved, badly, however until the infrastructure is replaced the paving would not happen.

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

MOTIONS	FIRST	SECOND	ACTION
Motion to take the \$140,069.00 obtained through DEP grant for Leaf Vac Truck and put it toward the loan at Mars Bank.	Lambert	Clutter	Carried
Motion to authorize two new hydro injectors for chlorine room with the cost of \$1,920.00 from Heritage Environmental	Clutter	McWilliams	Carried
Motion to authorize parking lot line striping, including the amount for St. Killian which they will pay their portion, by Meeder Line Striping.	McWilliams	Clutter	Carried
Motion to have Mike Fleming sign documents necessary to purchase new police vehicle.	Clutter	Price	Carried
Motion to transfer funds from Reserve Fund to pay for the purchase of a new police vehicle in the amount of \$37,880.00.	Price	Clutter	Carried
Motion to appoint Alan Boburczak to the open council seat for the remainder of the term.	Price	McWilliams	Carried

NEW ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:			
Item	Submitted by:	Date Added:	Discussion / Status
Leaf Vac Grant Funds	Forsythe	04/17/2023	Fleming suggested applying amount to loan.
Clint Colpo, Letter of Interest	Forsythe	04/17/2023	Clint Calpo stated he is interested in filling the open seat, but he wondered if Alan would be a better choice because of his IT experience. He is retired and has several rental properties in town.
Alan Boburczak, Letter of Interest	Forsythe	04/17/2023	Alan Boburczak stated he read on the Borough website that there is an open seat and he is interested to serve and do what he can for the town. He stated he isn't sure he brings any specific knowledge, but he's willing to learn.

OLD / ON-GOING ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:			
Item	Submitted by:	Date Added:	Discussion / Status:
Wireless Facilities Ordinance, Design Manual, & Fee Schedule	Clutter, Price, Schultheis	09/20/2021	Ordinance passed 04/03/2023.
Revisions to Water Rules & Regulations	Dorsey	02/21/2022	No Update Available
Police Retirement/Pension	Bost/Price	06/20/2022	No Update Available
Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)	Forsythe	08/01/2022	No Update Available
Event Packet/Permit	Forsythe	09/06/2022	No Update Available
Police Event Fees/Wages	Council	2023 Budget	No Update Available
Stormwater Ordinance	KLH	Late 2022	No Update Available
Reservoir Fencing	Dorsey	02/20/2023	Fleming stated adjustments to the budget need to be made, but this is a priority. Schultheis clarified what parts of the fence actually need to be added.
IT/Network Security	Forsythe	02/20/2023	Acquiring other quotes.
Connoquenessing Watershed Conservancy	Hartung	03/06/2023	No Update Available
Vacant Council Seat	Forsythe	03/20/2023	Council has until April 19, 2023, to fill the seat.
Anti-Nepotism Resolution	Price	04/03/2023	

REPORTS:		
Department/Official	Report	
DEPT.	Administration	Budget report provided to Council. Professional Code Services will not renew beyond December 2023. Fleming explained that PCS will no longer be servicing the boroughs they currently cover as of the end of the year. The good news is there is time to find someone else since the Borough has been given a good amount of notice.
	Code Enforcement	No items presented for Agenda prior to publication.
	Parks & Rec / Celebrations	No items presented for Agenda prior to publication.

REPORTS (cont.):		
Department/Official	Department/Official	
DEPT. (cont.)	Police	<p>Chief Lint to provide report to Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lint did two presentations at Overbrook and PennMar Plaza pertaining to elder fraud. • Advance Community Church has a home school organization who uses the church. They requested a security evaluation. Lint and Detective Pfeifer did the evaluation and the group requested active shooter training and first aid training. • Police still do foot patrols, business checks, locking up the parks, etc. Sergeant Novosel has also been providing traffic patrols and Lint has received positive feedback about how traffic has slowed down because the police are visible, and people are paying attention. Other traffic citations are tractor trailers attempting to go down Pittsburgh Street (it is posted that tractor trailers are not permitted). • Lint attended several Chief meetings, as well as a FirstNET meeting to switch laptop MDTs. • Locks were replaced at police department. • Lint detailed an incident with Sergeant Novosel that resulted in an arrest, and damage to the unmarked police vehicle. • Detective Pfeifer is currently in Crime Scene Investigation school. • Increased access to various online accounts necessary to the department. • A mistake was made by dealership when ordering new police vehicle – they ordered black rather than white. Lint spoke to Adams Township Police, and they put him in touch with another dealership who does have a white vehicle. The upfitter removed radio and is providing graphics for the new vehicle. • There were some camera system issues at the station. It has been fixed. • The printer/scanner/fax machine in the station needs replaced. He has a quote for a new machine. • Lint was notified, at the Chiefs’ meeting that the paper citations issued by the state are being phased out and starting in January 2024 everything will be e-filed and printers will be needed in the vehicles. The IT company will need to get a quote for the hardware. • Central Square owns Alert, which is the system the department uses, and they are phasing out Alert. There are two options to replace the software, one is local and the other is another Central Square product. Most of the surrounding departments are going with the local option. • Lint provided an update on several cases, including the Oilology case that has made the news, a sexual assault case, a fraud case, and several more. • There was one separation with the department, one officer resigned. Officer Caleb Forsythe is drafting a hiring notice. • Lint requested that if anyone ever hears about something out-of-line or questionable that an officer does, please notify him and he will address it. <p>Clint Colpo raised concerns about an elderly man that lives on Beaver Street who walks at night, and he is concerned that the man may be harmed or injured when he walks in the street or close to the edge of a sidewalk. Lint knew which individual Colpo was referring to and stated he would talk to the gentleman.</p>
DEPT. (cont.)	Public Works	<p>Schultheis provided a verbal report to Council.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Equipment maintenance was covered. • Quotes for work to be done at water plant were given to Council, including having chlorine injectors being rebuilt. • Schultheis reported about a potassium permanganate over feeding at the water plant on Sunday morning. The CWM operator reached out to the DEP and there is no health risk, however it did turn the water pink. Fortunately, they caught the issue early and shut the plant down, then were able to flush the lines by flushing hydrants. • Quotes for parking lot line striping provided to Council. St. Killian asked to get a quote as well, but they will pay their portion same as they did with paving.

REPORTS (cont.):		
Department/Official		Department/Official
Dept. (cont.)	Public Works (cont.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schultheis reported that Public Works had 10 PA One Calls and 20 Service Calls in the last month. There are a few trees that fell after the recent storms, and they will need to be taken out soon.
OFFICIALS	Rob Bost	No items presented for Agenda prior to publication.
	Chris Clutter	No items presented for Agenda prior to publication.
	Mike Fleming	No items presented for Agenda prior to publication.
	Bill Lambert	No items presented for Agenda prior to publication.
	John McWilliams	Church Rental Forsythe presented a flyer for The Church on Pittsburgh, a possible community and event center business that Forsythe and Brown have worked on in their own free time.
	Brad Price	Lions Club is going to put in above ground garden boxes in the parking lot across the street. Price requested concrete parking barriers be placed to keep people from driving over the boxes. Price asked about the laptops that were purchased last year. Boburczak gave an opinion. Price asked that Council start using the laptops soon.
	[vacant seat]	No items presented for Agenda prior to publication.
Mayor Gregg Hartung	Event Calendar Hartung presented a potential list of events through the end of the year. Mars New Year & Brewfest Update NASA has 12 people coming and 12 exhibits that will be at Mars New Year, June 9 th & 10 th . Astrobotics is coming back. Hartung thinks they have Pittsburgh Street and Grand Avenue filled up down through the Post Office.	

EXECUTIVE SESSION:				
Requested by:		Topic(s):		
Council		Police Personnel		
Council		Council Vacancy		
Motion	Time:	First	Second	Action
To go into Executive Session	9:53 PM	Price	Clutter	Carried
To come out of Executive Session	10:57 PM	Clutter	McWilliams	Carried

CLOSING ACTIONS:				
Motion	Time:	First	Second	Action
To Adjourn	11:01 PM	Clutter	McWilliams	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.