



Mars Borough

Meeting Minutes

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

Meeting Date: June 5, 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	Alan Boburczak	Parks & Rec, Celebrations		x	Bonnie Forsythe	Secretary / Treasurer
x	Rob Bost	Council Vice President Administration, HR		x	Amy Brown	Assistant Sec. / Treas.
x	Chris Clutter	Council Pro Tem Public Safety			Andrew Schultheis	Public Works Foreman
x	Mike Fleming	Council President			Mark Lint	Police Chief
x	Bill Lambert	Water			Brian Novosel	Police Sergeant Interim Code Enforcement
x	John McWilliams	Streets			Allen Russell	Code Enforcement
x	Brad Price	Budget, Finance		x	Chris Reese	Solicitor
x	Gregg Hartung	Mayor			Renea Pomeroy	Elected Tax Collector

VISITORS:	
Name(s) / Organization	Topic
Staci Nelson	In attendance to ask what the Library would need to do to have the parking lot resurfaced. She stated she had spoken to a sealer and he recommended getting a civil engineer to determine if they can fit more cars in the lot. Fleming recommended contacting several line striping companies and if necessary she could contact the Borough engineer.
Amber, Mars Farmhouse Cafe	Josh Zimmerman would like to hold the Artisan Dinner again on Thursday, August 17, 2023 from 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM.
Sue Panizzi	Stated she had a competitive bid for real estate that she requested executive session to present it to Council.
Jennifer Koch	In attendance to make Council aware of an older tree that she cut down on her property at the intersection Pittsburgh and Beaver. She stated she would like to get it carved into an alien as a local attraction to bring people into town. She stated she has received several quotes from several carvers and is looking for additional quotes, as well as any fundraising suggestions to cover the costs. Rick Rapp, who was also in attendance, suggested attempting to raise funds at Mars New Year which will be held during the upcoming weekend. Hartung stated he would check with the MNY coordinator to see how it could be incorporated at their tent at the event.
Pam Vivirito, Rowdy Roots	In attendance to discuss the possibility of balloon street decorations on light poles on Grand Avenue. She stated she would like to bring some brightness to Mars. Clutter asked how it would stand up to high winds. Fleming stated he was also concerned about whether it would withstand a storm.
	Also, in attendance to show Council a section of sidewalk that she stated a client of hers allegedly tripped on.
	Vivirito also stated that the businesses downtown are not notified of events. Brown stated she and Sergeant Novosel walked around downtown and went to all the open businesses to give them a packet of information for the upcoming Borough events. Vivirito also stated businesses don't have a choice about Mars New Year. Hartung explained that Mars New Year isn't just an event for the sake of having an event and that there is a \$1M grant to help create a learning center in Mars that Mars New Year helps bring attention to.

VISITORS (cont.):	
Name(s) / Organization	Topic
Katie, Agway	Stated she talked with Forsythe about participating in events and appreciated the contact.
Rock Charles	In attendance to Observe and stated he was interested in participating more in local government. Charles stated he had interest in participating in one of the boards or on Council if the opportunity presented itself. He also provided a letter of interest to Forsythe.
Rick Rapp	Rapp asked Council members to give a thirty second speech on how to get the public more involved or to introduce themselves to everyone in attendance. Each Council member introduced themselves to those in attendance.

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

MOTIONS	FIRST	SECOND	ACTION
Motion to approve meeting minutes from 05/01/2023.	Bost	Clutter	Carried
Motion to approve meeting minutes from 05/15/2023.	Lambert	Bost	Carried
Motion to approve Expenses through May 2023 in the amount of \$70,110.76.	Lambert	Clutter	Carried
Motion to approve May 2023 Payroll Expenses in the amount of \$39,127.60.	Clutter	McWilliams	Carried
Motion to approve the ROV Inspection of reservoirs by Atlantic Underwater Services, in the amount of \$9,600.00, with the understanding that if a diver is required there may be an additional expense.	Lambert	McWilliams	Carried
Motion to approve Artisan Dinner on August 17, 2023 from 5:00 PM to 8:30 PM, with street closure of Pittsburgh Street from Crowe to Grand beginning at 3:00 PM, pending notification of businesses as well as receipt of insurance COI.	Bost	Clutter	Carried
Motion to reschedule July 3, 2023 meeting to July 10, 2023 and the July 17, 2023 to July 24, 2023.	Bost		Carried
Motion to have Mayor Hartung arrange July 4 th fireworks on July 4, 2023 with Zambelli Fireworks for \$15,000.00. If shooters are not available he is authorized to pursue a fireworks show through Kellner's for July 3, 2023 at a cost of \$11,000.00	Lambert	Clutter	Carried

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

OLD / ON-GOING ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:			
Item	Submitted by / Responsible Party:	Date Added:	Discussion / Status:
Zoning Hearing Board Vacancy	Council	Discussed in 2021	One vacancy remains. Fleming suggested that Rock Charles, who was in attendance, may be a potential member. He also suggested Charles could fill any vacancy that may exist on the Planning Commission.
Revisions to Water Rules & Regulations	Dorsey	02/21/2022	No Update Available
Police Retirement/Pension	Price	06/20/2022	No Update Available

OLD / ON-GOING ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION (cont.):			
Item	Submitted by / Responsible Party:	Date Added:	Discussion / Status:
Low Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)	Council	08/01/2022	No Update Available
Event Packet/Permit	Forsythe / Brown	09/06/2022	No Update Available
Police Event Fees/Wages	Council	2023 Budget	No Update Available
Stormwater Ordinance	KLH	Late 2022	Reese spoke to Marissa at KLH. She recommended using the model ordinance provided by the State. The only item of discussion was the potential fine, which he suggested be \$600, which is the maximum penalty. Reese stated additional items can but there is not much room to add things that aren't already included. He stated Marissa would finalize everything and get it to him so he could advertise it for the July meeting. Fleming stated he would like to reread the proposed ordinance. Rapp asked if the penalty of \$600 was per violation or per day. Reese clarified that it would be per day. Fleming explained the importance of the ordinance and how it could impact surrounding properties.
Reservoir Fencing	Schultheis	02/20/2023	No Update Available
IT/Network Security	Council	02/20/2023	No Update Available
Connoquenessing Watershed Conservancy	Hartung	03/06/2023	No Update Available
Personnel Manual Review	Bost	05/01/2023	No Update Available
Garfield Park Equipment Repair	Residents	05/01/2023	No Update Available
Church Roof Repair Quote	McWilliams	05/15/2023	Obtaining additional Quotes for Roof Repairs.
Church Window Frame Painting Quote	McWilliams	05/15/2023	Obtaining additional Quotes for work on Property.

REPORTS:	
Department/Official	Report
Administration	Budget update provided to Council. July 3, 2023 Meeting Date
Mayor Gregg Hartung	Hartung provided a Mars New Year update. He also detailed some logistics for the drone show to be held on Friday and Saturday. He also explained a new experience/exhibit (the second location in the US) that will include sound and video from Mars to be able to experience what it's like on Mars. He stated food trucks, builder/maker space, art gallery, "mission control," and a lot more. Sheriff Services will be provided at Mars New Year to patrol the new exhibit. Hartung has two July 4 th Fireworks quotes he would like to discuss. He also stated Fritz Baehr is back in town and he believes there will be progress on the MS4 work.
Alan Boburczak	July 4 th Fireworks. (See above.)
Bill Lambert	Reservoir Inspection Quote McWilliams stated Schultheis had two quotes but one would only do the inspection and the other would do both the inspection and cleaning. Follow up on HR response to employee complaint.
John McWilliams	Church – to be discussed in Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:				
Requested by:		Topic(s):		
Sue Panizzi		Real Estate		
John McWilliams		Church		
Brad Price		Pension		
Bill Lambert		HR Complaint		
Gregg Hartung		Fireworks		
Motion		First	Second	Action
To go into Executive Session	Time: 8:41 PM	Clutter	Price	Carried
To come out of Executive Session	Time: 10:25 PM	McWilliams	Clutter	Carried

CLOSING ACTIONS:				
Motion		First	Second	Action
To Adjourn	Time: 10:27 PM	Lambert	Clutter	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.