



Mars Borough

Council Meeting Minutes: *November 5, 2018*

7:00 - Call to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTED OFFICIALS ATTENDANCE (x indicates present)					
	Name	Office/Committee		Name	Office/Committee
x	Rob Bost	Vice President Administration & Finance Chair Public Safety & Human Resources	x	Brad Price	Administration & Finance
x	Chris Clutter	Public Safety & Human Resources Chair	x	Julie Schultheis	Chairman Pro Tem Administration & Finance
x	Mike Fleming	President Public Works	x	Doug Weinrich	Public Safety & Human Resources Public Works
x	Rick Foster	Public Works Chair		Gregg Hartung	Mayor

EMPLOYEE / PROVIDER ATTENDANCE (x indicates present)					
	Name	Position		Name	Position
	Ed Dorsey	Public Works Foreman	x	Bonnie Forsythe	Secretary/Treasurer
	Greg Szypulski	Public Works		Patricia Madaffari	Secretary
	Jim Louis	Public Works		Chris Reese	Solicitor
	Nathan Sergent	Public Works	x	Kevin Radford	Police Chief
	Richard Mannas	Code Enforcement		Renea Pomeroy	Tax Collector

VISITORS		
Name	Topic	Resolution
Alan Beechy	Pine Avenue Development	Asked if he could expect action on the topic tonight. Fleming informed him that there would be no decision at tonight's meeting, however the intent is not to let it go on indefinitely without action.
Tom Dorsh	Pine Avenue Development	He has a letter prepared to send out to residents to get feedback prior to the next meeting.
John Koenig Alan Boburczak Mac McSwain Jim & Allen Lees Jeff Schlichtkrull Paul Lubbert Paula Eisenrich George Hensel	Pine Avenue Development	In attendance to reiterate their dislike of the proposed plan. Fleming reiterated that there may be only a limited number of things that Mars Borough can do, however it may be best to consider all options and come to a reasonable compromise. There are also still concerns over stormwater runoff that may compromise the area about Grand Avenue Commons and the railroad tracks. What are the options for now allowing access? Cul-de-sac? Abandonment? General thought is that these options can be challenged. Concern was expressed regarding the other streets that end in a similar manner (Stanton, etc.). There is the possibility of an agreement between the Borough, Adams Township, and the developer to limit future access.
John Wills Don Spatow (ReMax)	Dutilh Methodist Church	Donation of the church isn't an option due to the church bylaws. Church is open to offers and has decided to allow Mars Borough the first option to purchase. They will consider any offers the Borough wishes to make.
Frank Haustovich	Mars Area Public Library	Presented several newspaper articles to Council regarding the Library. Reasserted his desire to see the Library stay in Mars and brought up several points that have been discussed before.

Motion	First	Second	Action

EXECUTIVE SESSION NEEDED?	
Yes/No	Requested By
Yes	Mike Fleming

CORRESPONDENCE			
Name	Topic	Resolution	
Phil & Deb Kuhn	Howells Housing Development		
Gannett Flemming	Breakneck Creek Regional Authority Official Sewage Facilities Plan Update Wastewater Treatment Plant Expansion	Approved Motion	
Thomas Smith Borough of Seven Fields	CC of letter sent to Robert Gold, Chairman of Breakneck Creek Regional Authority Board of Directors, requesting one (1) seat on the board of directors		
Daryl Metcalf	Reply to information received from his Volunteer Legislative Assistants who attended the October 1, 2018 meeting.		
Pennsylvania DEP	Changes to Chapter 109-Safe Drinking Water Regulations: General Update and Fees Rule		
Motion	First	Second	Action
Motion to approve Resolution 25 approving Breakneck Creek expansion.	Weinrich	Bost	Carried

MINUTES				
Minutes of:	Additions/Corrections/Motion	First	Second	Action
10/01/2018	Motion to approve	Bost	Foster	Carried

MAYOR: GREGG HARTUNG			
Report	Discussion/Follow-Up		
See Mayor's Report.			
Letter to residents regarding Pine Avenue Development	To be mailed out, with /Council's approval.		
Proposed handicapped spot in front of salon on Grand Avenue	There is already handicapped parking nearby.		
Motion	First	Second	Action
Motion to approve sending letter to all Borough residents, with corrections from Reese and revisions by Council, with responses to be submitted in writing, sent to the Borough Office or via the Contact Us page on the website.			No action taken.

SOLICITOR: CHRIS REESE			
Report	Discussion/Follow-Up		
Firefighter Tax Ordinance			
Need for a resolution to allow a Council member to participate in a meeting via phone/teleconference.			
Motion	First	Second	Action
Motion to approve Ordinance 443, aka Fire Fighters Tax Ordinance for Adams & Callery Departments.	Weinrich	Clutter	Carried

COUNCIL PRESIDENT: MIKE FLEMING			
Report		Discussion/Follow-Up	
Fleming Tire work on Police vehicles	Fleming also said he would recuse himself from any votes approving any payments made to his company if Council voted to have his company do the work. Fleming brought it to the attention that his business has done work on police vehicles and asked for the opinion of other Council members as to whether he should continue doing the work. Fleming has parts billed directly to the Borough when he does work. Chief Radford believes that this saves the Borough money. Price stated he supported Fleming doing the work, and stated he believed a resolution could be passed to protect the Borough and Fleming.		
Audit	Fleming asked for feedback from Council regarding audit and thinks Council should meet with Auditor to get clarification on several items.		
Motion		First	Second

SECRETARY / TREASURER: BONNIE FORSYTHE			
Report		Discussion/Follow-Up	
Health Insurance Renewal	Discussion over whether new insurance should be purchased for employees. Too late to do it this year, but a reminder has been set for June 2019.		
Motion		First	Second
Motion to renew UPMC Health Insurance, Gold Plan (same as previous year), and if employees wished to have the Platinum Plan that will be paid out of their own pocket as a payroll deduction.	Weinrich	Foster	Carried

ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE COMMITTEE: BOST, PRICE, SCHULTHEIS						
Main Office	Budget	Monthly Bills	Water Billing	Parks & Special Events	Public Relations	
Report			Discussion/Follow-Up			
Mulch at Garfield Park	Schultheis arranged for mulch to be delivered and volunteers help spread around the park.					
PMRS Excess Interest						
Motion			First	Second	Action	
Motion to approve & pay bills in the amount of \$124,229.53.	Weinrich	Foster	Carried (Fleming abstained)			
Motion to approve payroll disbursements & payroll taxes for September and October 2018 in the amount of \$50,584.82.	Foster	Bost	Carried			
Motion to approve Resolution 26 regarding PMRS Excess Interest	Price	Weinrich	Carried			

PUBLIC WORKS: FOSTER, FLEMING, WEINRICH						
Streets	Water System	Equipment	Buildings	Field/Park Maintenance	Vehicles	
Report			Discussion/Follow-Up			
Paving	Paving completed on Lincoln & Grand Avenue. Some problems came up on Grand Avenue, however Shields and Public Works handled the situation well. Weinrich complimented Public Works on a job well done.					
MS4	Not entering into intermunicipal agreement with Adams Township. Dorsey & Forsythe worked with Engineer to get DEP what they needed.					
Leaf pickup	Began last week.					
Bridge work on Hook & Church.	Bridges reinforced, paving to remove harsh bumps in paving.					
Clarks Lane	Gabion baskets to be used.					
Snow plow repair	Need approximately \$1,600 worth of parts. Louis will be doing the work, reducing Borough's cost.					
Motion			First	Second	Action	

PUBLIC SAFETY & HUMAN RESOURCES: CLUTTER, WEINRICH, BOST			
Police		Code Enforcement	Pensions Payroll Human Resources
Report		Discussion/Follow-Up	
Public Alert System	Clutter is still researching and has not heard back from all of the companies. Reese will investigate whether quotes are necessary.		
Motion		First	Second Action

CLOSING ACTIONS				
Motion		First	Second	Action
To go into Executive Session	Time: 9:49 PM	Weinrich	Clutter	Carried
To come out of Executive Session	Time: 11:00 PM	Weinrich	Bost	Carried
Items discussed in Executive Session:				
To Adjourn		Weinrich	Bost	Carried

REPORTS FILED	
Report	Date
Expenses Spreadsheet	11/05/2018
Police Chief	
Public Works Foreman	
Code Enforcement	
Budget Update	11/05/2018

Submitted by