



# Mars Borough

Agenda Meeting Minutes: **August 17, 2020**

**As of January 2020, visitors/speakers are limited to:  
5 minutes during Council Meetings and 3 minutes during Agenda Meetings.  
Council reserves the right to extend these time limits as they see fit.**

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS ATTENDANCE (x indicates present)		
x	Rob Bost	Council Vice President Administration, HR
x	Chris Clutter	Council Pro Tem Public Safety
x	Mike Fleming	Council President
	Rick Foster	Streets
	Bill Lambert	Water
x	Brad Price	Budget, Finance
	Julie Schultheis	Parks & Rec, Celebrations
x	Gregg Hartung	Mayor

EMPLOYEE / PROVIDER ATTENDANCE (x indicates present)		
x	Bonnie Forsythe	Secretary / Treasurer
	Patricia Madaffari	Assistant Secretary
	Ed Dorsey	Public Works Foreman
	Allen Russell	Code Enforcement
	Beau Sneddon	Officer in Charge
	Renea Pomeroy	Tax Collector
	Chris Reese	Solicitor
x	Tim Llewellyn	Adams Area Fire Chief

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:	
Item	Status
Fire Department Update from Chief Llewellyn & Open Burning Ban	Fire Chief, Tim Llewellyn addressed Council and recommended extending the fire ban indefinitely. Wording to include "indefinite pending regular reviews." Llewellyn also updated Council on increased membership of the Fire Department and equipment. The Fire Department applied for grants for various grants for equipment and staffing costs. Fleming asked whether the new radio system is up and running and Llewellyn stated the radio system has been fully implemented and is working with great success.
Paving Bid Package	Ads scheduled for 08/17/2020 & 08/21/2020. Package divided into two bid packages; (1) parking lot paving & (2) street paving.
Board Vacancies	One Zoning Hearing Board Vacancy. Two Planning Commission Vacancies. Bost has someone who might be interested in the Zoning Hearing Board. Clutter has two people who may be interested in either board.
Unifirst Cancellation	Need new service, or Borough can purchase items & give Public Works employees a uniform allowance.
Condemning a Property	House fire on Garfield Avenue. Concern over whether the owner has been attempting to live in the structure despite the condition. Consensus was that the building should be condemned. Proceed with having Mike Gallagher walk through the process with Code Enforcement Officer, Allen Russell. Llewellyn noted that there is a hole in the roof where the fire was vented, and the fire did break through the roof. He also noted that if there are openings in the structure where the public could gain access to the burned out building it would remain a potential threat to public safety. (Copies of all citations/paperwork to be sent to the mortgage company and insurance company.)
Parking at Marburger	Schultheis and Bost met with leaders of the football group to try to figure out how to limit traffic and parking congestion.
New Police Officer	Mayor swore in Conrad Pfeifer on August 11, 2020 and will be under probation for six months. He will be working on investigations and will help with training.

Armstrong Fiber Optic Cable Installation	Fleming, Lambert, Dorsey, and Forsythe participated in a conference call regarding underground installation of fiber optic cable in the Mars Area. Fleming expressed concern over their intent to bore under Crowe Avenue where there is a lot of abandoned infrastructure.		
Motion	First	Second	Action
Motion to extend ban on open burning, indefinitely, pending regular, timely reviews.	Clutter	Bost	Carried
Motion to hire Conrad Pfeifer as a Mars Borough Police Patrol Officer, according to the CBA, with a six-month probationary period.	Schultheis	Clutter	Carried

<b>CLOSING ACTIONS</b>			
Motion	First	Second	Action
To go into Executive Session	Time:		
To come out of Executive Session	Time:		
Items discussed in Executive Session:			
To Adjourn	Bost	Schultheis	Carried

<b>REPORTS FILED</b>	
Report	Date
Police Report	July 2020

Submitted by