

MARTINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES
MARCH 2, 2015

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Borough Council was held on Monday, March 2, 2015 in the municipal building. The meeting started at 7:00 p.m. with prayer by Randy Stoltz and the Pledge of Allegiance.

ELECTED OFFICIALS PRESENT: Mayor Rex L. Hartman, President Connie S. Lamborn, Vice-President Durban D. Metzler, Councilman Edward Bennett, Councilwoman Janet E. Blattenberger, and Councilman Douglas D. Smith (*Councilmen Dan Smouse and Councilwoman Linda Smith were absent*)

In addition to the council, present were Manager Randy Stoltz, Borough Secretary/Treasurer Jane Staily, Chief Kerry Hoover, Rich Brantner, Jr., Attorney Frederick G. Gieg, Jr., Attorney Matthew Gieg, Dale Mellott, Mike Miller, Nathan Claycomb, and Deborah Maze.

DEBBIE MAZE was introduced as the personnel committee's choice to replace Amber Brumbaugh who recently resigned as she plans to move out of the 5-mile radius which is an employment requirement for her position.

(Debbie Maze leaves)

Mike Miller does Information Technology for a living and is the creator of the **ONLY IN THE COVE** website and Dale Mellott were present to request permission from council to place cameras in town that can be viewed on Only in the Cove, a local website that portrays happenings in the Cove. The camera(s) will not be recording and can be used to view road conditions, the horse and buggies, events such as the Ag Parade, etc. The web cams will be a way of connecting people to this area. He already has one web cam placed on Cove Lane. Attorney Gieg recommended that the borough contact town center businesses to get their reaction to having web cams installed at town center. Viewers can watch the web cams on Only in the Cove for free. The indirect benefit Mr. Miller receives is the cams drive viewers to his site. Mr. Miller suggested rotating/panning cams since some of council seemed concerned about the position of a camera having a constant view of one area of activity. Council seemed split on whether the video cams would infringe on privacy or be a good thing for the town. Mike Miller would like to place the video cam at the signal light area since that seems to be a key focal point in the Cove. He mentioned that Roaring Spring Borough uses his site for announcements, etc. at no charge.

(Mike Miller and Dale Mellott leave at 7:20 p.m.)

*The **MINUTES** of the regular meeting of February 2, 2015, were approved updating the information that was quoted incorrectly that the new police car ordered was a 2015 NOT a 2016 and correcting that "Normally Attorney Gieg does not [insert not] recommend..." on page 2 on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by Doug Smith. The motion passed unanimously.*

The **FINANCIAL AND TREASURER'S REPORTS** were presented for February 2015 as prepared by Treasurer Jane Staily.

*The **LIST OF BILLS** for February 2015 check nos. 7898-7930 in the amount of \$31,073.51 was approved on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by Doug Smith. The motion passed unanimously.*

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Chief Hoover presented the **POLICE REPORT** as written. He introduced **NATHAN CLAYCOMB** as his recommended applicant for hire as a part-time patrolman. Mr. Claycomb is already certified through MPOETC and is currently a full-time police officer for Freedom Township. He had a very good resume. He has been a police officer for fifteen years and moved back here from Somerset a few years ago. *Council on a motion by Ed Bennett, seconded by Janet Blattenberger, approved to hire Nathan Claycomb as a part-time police officer for the Borough of Martinsburg. Chief Hoover has already discussed the employment agreement with him and since Mr. Claycomb is already certified he has not major expenses. The motion passed unanimously.*

Chief Hoover discussed the recent **BAD VEHICLE ACCIDENT** on Clover Creek Road – amazingly all three people ended up with no major injuries. Also, the credit/debit **CARD SCAMS** are still being investigated.

Mayor Rex Hartman swore in **NATHAN CLAYCOMB** as the new part-time patrolman. **LANCE MORRIS** have finally been sworn in also. With the addition of these two officers the department now has six part-time patrolmen.

Chief Hoover reported that his department will be hosting a **FIRE ARMS INSTRUCTOR COURSE** on June 8. Plans are already being made.

Chief Hoover cleared up the question last month regarding the new police cruiser. The vehicle to be ordered was a 2015 Ford Explorer 4 Door AWD vehicle costing \$30,836 leased for three years. The cost includes all the lighting but not the mud flaps and striping. The striping will cost less than \$500. *Council on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by Durban Metzler, authorized Chief Hoover to order the new **2015 FORD EXPLORER 4 DOOR AWD SUV UTILITY INTERCEPTOR** through the Tri Star dealer as a member of Co-Stars (which does not require the purchase to be bid out) at a cost of \$30,836.00 to be paid for from the equipment fund as a three year lease agreement. The motion passed unanimously.*

Manager Randy Stoltz reported that the annual **COMMUNITY FUND** drive as of January 19, 2015 has reached 95% of its goal (\$38,393.98); the new **COMPOST GATE** was put into service on February 3 – borough residents who use the site will need to purchase a \$10.00 key card; February 11 was the **FOUR YEAR ANNIVERSARY** of the new municipal building at 110 S. Walnut Street; received a check February 12 for our **RECYCLING GRANT** in the amount of \$17,957.16 – we will now be able to reimburse all of the three municipalities expenses for the construction of the site; and on February 13 received our new eXmark zero turn **MOWER** – price was \$9,223.00 minus trade in of \$3,500 making the balance due \$5,723.00 – we mow a total of 14.68 acres and 8% of that or 1.24 acres is borough and the others is municipal authority – borough share is \$457.84.

Janet Blattenberger reported that **BILL REPLOGLE** has fallen on the ice at his residence and broke his hip.

Attorney Frederick Gieg had nothing to report.

Manager Randy Stoltz reported that the municipal authority has repaired a few **BROKEN WATER LINES** and is currently looking for some leaks.

Manager Stoltz reported that he plans to meet with the borough's insurance agent Dave Frederick to discuss next year's **HEALTH CARE** for the employees.

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Manager Stoltz has sent in a **904 RECYCLING GRANT**. He has all of the figures for the 2014 State Grant and the 2013 is done.

The **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** wants to meet again after Durban and Linda both get back from Florida.

The borough's **WORKER'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE** is asking for a list of fire company events and a personnel roster. The Martinsburg Volunteer Fire Company has junior fire fighters but does not have a ladies auxiliary.

Council on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by Ed Bennett, accepted **AMBER BRUMBAUGH'S RESIGNATION** as part-time clerk for the borough office. The motion passed unanimously. Her exit interview with the personnel committee determined that she resigned due to moving out of the 5-mile radius which is a residency requirement for the job.

Council on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by Durban Metzler, authorized to hire **DEBORAH MAZE** as the new borough clerk effective immediately. The motion passed unanimously.

Council had mixed feeling on the request to install a **WEB CAM** in the center of town. Some felt it may be a bad location due to privacy concerns while other thought it was a great location. All seemed in favor of a panning web cam if they are installed. Attorney Gieg recommended that the affected businesses in that area be approached for their thoughts before it gets printed in the local newspaper.

*The meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:11 p.m. on a motion by Ed Bennett, seconded by Janet Blattenberger. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

M. Jane Staily
Borough Secretary