

MARTINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 6, 2015

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Borough Council was held on Monday, July 6, 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 L. Bennett, Councilman P. Robert Dickson, Councilwoman Janet E. Blattenberger, Councilman Douglas D. Smith, and Councilwoman Linda K. Smith

In addition to the council, present were Manager Randy Stoltz, Borough Secretary/Treasurer Jane Staily, Chief Kerry Hoover, Richard Brantner, Jr., Attorney Frederick Gieg, Jr., Attorney Matt Gieg, Mark Ickes and John Scarfone of Explore Altoona, and Brian Hess of the Morrisons Cove Herald.

Mayor Rex Hartman administered the Oath of Office to **P. ROBERT DICKSON** as the appointed councilman to fulfill Dan Smouse's remaining term of office.

Two representatives of **EXPLORE ALTOONA**, Executive Director Mark Ickes, and Technical Coordinator John Scarfone, were present to introduce the benefits of belonging to Explore Altoona. Martinsburg fits into the classic nostalgic family fun section. They discussed other area places of interest as well as the Freedom and Lower biking/walking trail that is being linked together. A power point show was presented. This group has been in existence for fifty years. Municipalities qualify for the non-profit/municipal enhanced membership for an annual cost of \$625 with the following benefits. A two year courtesy membership is also being offered:

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| • PDC weekly e-Update (education, funding, jobs) | • Discounted rates on PDC Programs & Services | • Invitation to Regional Leadership Forums |
| • Complimentary e-Update to Board Chair | • Legislative & Program Advocacy Alerts | • Letters of Support for Funding Applications |
| • PDC Centerpiece Newsletter | • Annual Salary Survey Reports | • One Annual Socio-Economic and Demographic Data Update (upon request) |
| • Discounted Registration at PDC Annual Conference | • Unlimited Telephone Consultation | • Use of PDC Online Survey Tool |
| • Members-Only Access to PDC Website Resources | • Managers' Memos for Local Distribution | • One Annual General Site Visit (upon request) |
| • PDC Resource Library Access | • Invitation to Regional Networking Meetings | |

*The **MINUTES** of the regular meeting of June 1, 2015, were approved on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by Durban Metzler. The motion passed unanimously.*

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

*The **LIST OF BILLS** for June 2015 check nos. 8013-8050 in the amount of \$37,226.47 was approved on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by Durban Metzler. The motion passed unanimously.*

President Connie Lamborn announced that there will be an **EXECUTIVE SESSION** following the adjournment of the meeting to discuss legal matters.

Chief Kerry Hoover presented the **POLICE REPORT** as written. Attorney Gieg reported that **HOUSE BILL 709** has not made it any further in the House as of yet. It does not appear that Martinsburg Borough would be charged by the State Police since the police department has the required criteria to exempt it from the fees. The **FIREARMS INSTRUCTOR COURSE** held in Martinsburg on June 8 went well. Sergeant Davis was Martinsburg Borough's participant and some of the part-time patrolmen also attended through their jobs with other departments. **FOURTH OF**

JULY WEEK was extremely busy but there were no major incidents. There was a huge crowd at the park for the fireworks display. Linda Smith commended all those involved in traffic control after the parade.

Manager Randy Stoltz reported that he and Jane Staily met with April Ressler of the Teeter Group on June 2 to review the **INSURANCE COVERAGE** for all of the borough and authority property; power washed all the **SIDEWALK** area on June 10 where the brick design is to be stenciled; attended a **ZONING HEARING** on June 11 to see if Loreen Foor of 300 Oakdale Road would be permitted to operate a small wholesale bakery as a home occupation in her home – the request was approved; on June 12 sprayed **WEEDS** along all the borough street curbs and along the Ag Parade route; on June 17 sprayed 125 feet of red brick pattern on a portion of **SIDEWALKS** in front of the laundromat on South Market Street – the pattern will be continued for about another 900 feet as time and weather permits – we have had 20 rain events in June totaling an unofficial 9.5” of rain; hosted a meeting on June 22 with State Representative Judy Ward to see if she could help with funding for a main water line from Martinsburg to **CURRYVILLE**; there was a public auction on June 29 at the **MARTINSBURG RV/GULF STREAM CAFÉ BUILDING** selling contents from the building – the building will be offered at a sheriff’s sale on July 8 – Manager Stoltz is hopeful that the building is sold and then occupied.

The Everett Railroad ran an excursion **PASSENGER TRAIN** from Hollidaysburg to Martinsburg with a stop in Roaring Spring on June 30 the evening of the Ag Parade. The train held 162 passengers. Four bleachers were borrowed from the Spring Cove School District to provide seating at Penn and Locust Streets so the passengers could watch the parade. Alan Maples of the Everett Railroad was pleased with the response. The passengers Manager Stoltz spoke with were very happy with the ride. Manager Stoltz wanted to thank Dan Replogle and Martinsburg Pizza for handing out 300 tokens for the passengers to get free pizza and the Memorial Park for donating coupons for a free skating session or game of bowling or a day at the pool. He also wanted to thank Connie Lamborn for being the information liaison for all of the train passengers and to Carlos Lamborn for all of this parade photos.

GRANNAS BROTHERS paved Ann, Mansard and Locust Streets on July 2 - Manager Stoltz wanted to thank all of the property owners along those streets for their cooperation in moving their vehicles and for taking the inconvenience in stride; **C & S MARKETS** is moving ahead with their renovations to the old Riverside building - they are planning to open on September 1, 2015; permission to proceed was received from the County to build nine **ADA COMPLIANT CURB RAMPS** through the CDBG grant - hopefully the ramps will be done this fall – the CDBG grant is estimated at \$100,000.

Janet Blattenberger questioned the borough’s **BURNING LAWS**. Only things like tree limbs, leaves and paper can be burned – no recyclables. Also fires can be used to cook food during the day or night and for ceremonial purposes.

Reportedly a borough resident dumped a load of **COMPOST** material which was transported from Roaring Spring. This is not permissible as we have limited space in our compost area reserved strictly for Martinsburg Borough residents.

Manager Stoltz responded to Janet Blattenberger’s inquiry that there are more **SOLAR LIGHT POLES** to be installed.

Attorney Frederick Gieg, Jr. reported that under **HB 709** which imposes fees for service on municipalities for patrol services provided by the Pennsylvania State Police, Martinsburg Borough should be exempt from of these costs. It will mainly be the townships with their small or no police

forces that will pay the fees. Attorney Gieg recommends purchasing the **COMPUTER COMPROMISE INSURANCE** that The Teeter Group was recommending, especially in this day and age. He will check out the cost of the insurance and exactly what all it covers and report back next month. Attorney Gieg responded to the County correspondence on the sheriff sale of the **MARTINSBURG RV/GULF STREAM CAFÉ BUILDING** entering the amounts due on the water and sewer and borough real estate taxes.

Ed Bennett reported that the **2015 PAVING PROJECT** is complete.

Linda Smith reported that the Revitalization Committee was thankful for all the **RAIN** as they did not have to water the potted plants as much. Manager Stoltz has the plaques for the **SOLAR LIGHT POLES**. They just need to be installed.

Durban Metzler reported that the sheriff sale of the **MARTINSBURG RV/GULF STREAM CAFÉ BUILDING** is scheduled for Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 10 a.m.

LOY KREIDER has resigned from the municipal authority board due to a work schedule conflict. A new member will need to be appointed to replace him. The new member must be a resident of the Borough of Martinsburg. The board consists of two township representatives (one from North Woodbury Township and one from Taylor Township) and five members from the Borough of Martinsburg.

The June 8, 2015 minutes of the **MARTINSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY** were included in the monthly agenda packet.

The next **SOUTH CENTRAL COUNTIES BOROUGH ASSOCIATION** dinner meeting will be held on July 23, 2015 at Charlotte's Trove in Roaring Spring.

A thank you note was received from the **MARTINSBURG COMMUNITY LIBRARY** for their annual allocation of \$3,500 from the borough.

*The meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:25 p.m. on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by Durban Metzler. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

M. Jane Staily
Borough Secretary