

**MARTINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES  
OCTOBER 5, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Borough Council was held on Monday, October 5, 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:** President Connie S. Lamborn, Durban D. Metzler, Pro-Tem Edward L. Bennett, Councilman P. Robert Dickson, Councilwoman Janet E. Blattenberger, Councilman Douglas D. Smith, and Councilwoman Linda K. Smith (*Mayor Rex Hartman was excused and absent*)

In addition to the council, present were Manager Randy Stoltz, Borough Secretary/Treasurer Jane Staily, Chief Kerry Hoover, Richard Brantner, Jr., Attorney Frederick B. Gieg, Jr. and Attorney Chris Jancula, and Brian Hess of the Morrisons Cove Herald.

*The **MINUTES** of the regular meeting of September 8, 2015, were approved with a correction to the spelling of Linda on page 3 on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by Durban Metzler. The motion passed unanimously.*

*The **MINUTES** of the special budget workshop on September 28, 2015, were approved with the insertion of a (+) plus sign to reinforce a positive unbalanced draft budget 2016-02 on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by Linda Smith. The motion passed unanimously.*

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

*The **LIST OF BILLS** for September 2015 check nos. 8128-8147 in the amount of \$65,333.51 was approved on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by Rob Dickson. The motion passed unanimously.*

Chief Kerry Hoover presented the **POLICE REPORT** as written. The Blair 911 Center started asking residents one year ago to register with them if they have a **DISABILITY**. Of the known 22,000 disabled people only 700 were registered. Registration can be done through their website. It is important to know if there are disabled people in a home when they respond to an emergency situation.

Chief Hoover attended a **TRAFFIC CALMING SEMINAR** on September 22 with Manager Stoltz at Conemaugh Township – it was well worth attending; and on September 23 attended a wounds ballistic seminar.

President Connie Lamborn announced that two PSAB **WEBINARS** were coming up for anyone who wishes to attend: *Encouraging Positive Pubic Involvement* on October 21; and *Understanding the Needs of our Aging Population* on October 22.

Chief Hoover reported that Long's Outpost and Tyler Long donated a **SHOTGUN** to the police department. Attended the monthly **CHIEFS' MEETING** on September 25 – one of the topics was *In-Car Data Mobile Terminal*. Last week a tree fell on the **SHOOTING RANGE** – wires to the shed saved the shed – Valley Rural Electric repaired the wires. Stuckey and Team Force confirmed the price of the **NEW POLICE CAR** – the interest rate actually came down – they had different light bar packages for less money – firm figures will be announced at the next council meeting.

Durban Metzler inquired if the borough had any ordinances regarding **DOG OR HORSE WASTE**. He was informed that the Mennonite community had been putting waste catchers behind their horses and buggy but that doesn't always seem to be the case.

**TRAFFIC SPEED** on S. Walnut Street is notably not abiding by the 15 m.p.h. signs posted. This speed limit can only be enforced for the intended school zone. Although there is no longer a school building on S. Walnut Street the IU8 Program housed in the park building could qualify for the enforcement of the 15 m.p.h. speed limit.

Manager Randy Stoltz reported that on September 14 twenty-eight of the twenty-nine name plaques were installed on the **SOLAR LAMP POSTS** – the lamp in front of Drs. Kurtz and Jeffries office will be done after the ADA ramp is completed; we are now going to wait until spring to install the nine **NEW RAMPS** - this will give the contractors time to bid so they won't have to rush construction before winter; installed a **SOLAR LAMP** light beside the Borough Office and Police Office signs along the parking lot; on September 18 the **MOORE BUILDING** at 100 East Allegheny Street was demolished; attended a **TRAFFIC CALMING SEMINAR** sponsored by PennDOT on September 22 with Chief Hoover – the seminar concluded that there is no easy way to calm traffic and there are many options that may need to be implemented - if you implement measures on one street it may actually push the problem to other streets; on September 23 met with Dave Frederick from ARK Financial along with Jane Staily to discuss the borough's **HEALTH INSURANCE** – the current policy premium increased by \$8,000 for 2016 so he is looking into some additional policies and companies to consider; on September 25 the white roadway edge/fog lines were painted on **BOROUGH WAY** - the parking lot was sealed and painted – the lines make the job look complete; attended the **BUDGET MEETING** on September 28; on September 29 attended a 6:00 pm meeting at the court house to hear the changes in the **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT** administration - Blair County will now be the Grantee of the funds and administer the program - Trina Illig who worked for the Blair County Planning Commission will now be in a new position as Grants Coordinator for Blair County; on October 5 the **COMMUNITY FUND** has set a goal of \$40,250 - the request letters will be sent out the first week in October; the **GULF STREAM CAFÉ BUILDING** is to be offered at Sherriff's Sale on October 7<sup>th</sup> - as of today the sale is still on; **C&S MARKET** is planning a soft opening on October 15 and a Grand opening October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Secretary/Treasurer Jane Staily reported that Manager Stoltz was requesting a new heating system for the borough garage costing \$8,900 to be budgeted in the 2016 Equipment Fund. Chief Hoover is firming up the new police car price. A **FINAL DRAFT BUDGET** will be prepared for the November council meeting so it can be advertised for the required 10-day public inspection period and be considered for adoption at the December meeting. The **2015 STATE FUNDING** was received in the amount of \$35,287.51 for the borough pension plans. The minimum municipal obligations for the plans total \$41,196. State aid did *not* fund \$5,908.49 of the plans. The State has never been obligated to fund the pension plans but has funded a larger percentage of the plans in previous years. Jane Staily has already contacted the State Auditor General's office and PMRS for an explanation on why the funding is so low this year. She will report back on their responses next month.

Attorney Chris Jancula reported that a traffic study is required any time **STOPS SIGNS** are proposed. There would be engineering costs for the study.

Manager Stoltz reported that the municipal authority will be receiving **WELL LEVEL TRANSDUCERS** from Modern Pump on Thursday.

Linda Smith reported that **MUMS** were planted in pots at the square. The clock flowers still look nice.

Durban Metzler reported that the Community Development Committee may meet after the **GULF STREAM CAFÉ BUILDING** sheriff sale.

*Council on a motion by Durban Metzler, seconded by Janet Blattenberger, appointed DONNIE [DONALD G.] STERN to replace Loy Kreider on the municipal authority. The motion passed unanimously.*

The next SOUTH CENTRAL COUNTIES BOROUGH'S ASSOCIATION dinner meeting will be held on October 22, 2015 at the Duncansville Community Center. Reservations must be made by October 19.

*The meeting ADJOURNED at 8:10 p.m. on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by Doug Smith. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

M. Jane Staily  
Borough Secretary