

MARTINSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MINUTES
APRIL 3, 2017

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Borough Council was held on Monday, April 3, 2017 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 Douglas D. Smith, Pro-Tem Durban D. Metzler, Councilwoman Janet E. Blattenberger, and Councilman P. Robert Dickson, and Councilwoman Linda K. Smith (Ed Bennett was absent)

In addition to the council, present were Manager Randy Stoltz, Borough Secretary/Treasurer Jane Staily, Chief Kerry Hoover, Rich Brantner, Jr., Sgt. Justin Davis, Attorney Matt Gieg and Attorney Chris Jancula of Gieg Law Offices and Brian Hess of the Morrisons Cove Herald;

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

*The **MINUTES** of the regular meeting of March 6, 2017, were approved, with the correction on page 2 that there were TWO sycamore trees on S. Market Street that were poorly trimmed, on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by Linda Smith. The motion passed unanimously.*

The **FINANCIAL AND TREASURER'S REPORTS** were presented for March 2017, as prepared by Treasurer Jane Staily.

*The **LIST OF BILLS** for March 2017, check nos. 8735-8757 in the amount of \$90,595.34 (including a transfer correction to the Liquid Fuels Highway Fund of \$60,150.05) was approved on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by Rob Dickson. The motion passed unanimously.*

Chief Kerry Hoover presented the **POLICE REPORT**. Martinsburg hosted a meeting on March 2 for the Blair County Police Departments - Metro Tech demonstrated the **VISUAL ALERT** for the in-car computers; was notified by the District Attorney that a scheduled **JURY TRIAL** was continued until May due to illness; a two day **TASER** instruction class was held in our conference room in March; on March 27th many of our officers attended a **FIRST AID TRAINING** in Duncansville and they all passed; Chief Hoover attended the **ARMORER CERTIFICATION COURSE** which was held here – he is now qualified to make repairs to the department's guns; a **RIFLE ARMORER CLASS** is being planned to be held here in the near future – the two classes saved the borough \$1,000 by being held here; Chief Hoover responded to Connie Lamborn's inquiry on classes on **MENTAL ILLNESS** saying that the officers do get some training on it during their MPOETC training; a **METH LAB AWARENESS** course is being set up by the Attorney General's Office for Fire Companies and emergency personnel; and a **FORENSICS COURSE** on finger printing is coming up in two weeks.

Manager Randy Stoltz reported that a **SWIFT REACH** call was sent out on March 13 to notify every one of the anticipated snow storm; it **SNOWED** 10" on March 14; Saturday, March 18 was Production Day for **THE COVE OUR TOWN** program – the show is to be on WPSU Channel 3 on May 18th at 8:00 p.m.; submitted the final **BUSINESS IN OUR SITES** program application on March 21 – the total request was for a \$239,400 loan and a \$159,600 grant (60%/40%) – received a call today that they will now only give us loan of \$130,000 since our appraisal came in low – a special meeting could be called if anything more on the project progresses; May 12th is the **SPRING COVE NIGHT** at the Altoona Curve game – they will be having a Spring Cove mascot bobble head give-away that night;

there is **NO PAVING** planned for 2017 since the municipal authority will be cutting up some streets for water and sewer line replacement – the paving will be done after their project is completed; and the **MARTINSBURG COMMUNITY FUND** did reach their goal in March.

Attorney Matthew Gieg reported that he prepared the **PURCHASE AGREEMENT** for the Penn Street Redevelopment project; both **MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS** have been tabled until all those involved can come to an agreement; and Attorney Gieg had matters to discuss in the executive session on **PERSONNEL MATTERS** after the meeting adjourns.

Linda Smith reported that the **REVITALIZATION COMMITTEE** will be planting **PANSIES** around the clock. The **SIDEWALKS** will be cleaned in April. The owner of the two **SYCAMORE TREES** on S. Market Street is willing to have them taken down. The owner will write a brief letter of request to have them cut down. His main concern is the remaining stumps. It was mentioned that the owner cannot replant trees in those same exact spots as it now states in the zoning ordinance that there is a required 10-foot set back from the street.

Janet Blattenberger expressed concern that the **COMPOST PILE** may need pushed back again.

There was some discussion that the **NIMS CLASSES** were still needed by various individuals to be compliant for future federal funding.

*Council on a motion by Doug Smith, seconded by Durban Metzler, approved of the Proclamation prepared for the **125TH ANNIVERSARY BOOKLET** being prepared for the Martinsburg Volunteer Fire Company No. 1. The motion passed unanimously.*

The next meeting of the **SOUTH CENTRAL COUNTIES BOROUGH'S ASSOCIATION** will be held on April 27, 2017 at the Duncansville Volunteer Fire Company. The topic will be Community Blight.

*On a motion by Durban Metzler, seconded by Linda Smith, council granted permission for the Martinsburg **BOROUGH OFFICE TO BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JULY 3, 2017**. In addition to the normal holiday closing on Tuesday, July 4, 2017, this year the full-time office personnel will be taking Monday as either a vacation day or personal day. The motion passed unanimously.*

Minutes of the March 13, 2017 meeting of the **MARTINSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY** were included in the council agendas.

A motion by was made by Janet Blattenberger, but for lack of a second the council did ***not*** authorize purchasing an ad in sponsorship of the **OUR TOWN THE COVE**. Costs of the ads were either \$500, \$800 or \$1500.

Earlier in the meeting there was some discussion about the two resolutions being suggested to all members of the **PENNSYLVANIA STATE ASSOCIATION OF BOROUGHES**: 1) small games of chance for charitable organizations; and 2) the use of Radar for timing equipment in Pennsylvania. *Council on a motion by Linda Smith, seconded by Janet Blattenberger to recommending support of Resolution No. 2017-0403-01 in support of the use of **RADAR** by any police officer.*

*The meeting **ADJOURNED** at 8:01 p.m. on a motion by Janet Blattenberger, seconded by Doug Smith. The motion passed unanimously.*

Respectfully submitted,

M. Jane Staily
Borough Secretary