

## BOROUGH OF MARKLESBURG

August 4, 2025

Marklesburg Borough Council regular monthly meeting was held at the Borough Building on Monday, August 4th, at 6:30 p.m. Present were council members: Ashley Hicks, Don Nicewonger, Brian Hunsicker, Cathy Failor, Brian Sheaffer and Secretary Christine Yarnell. Public present: Marlin Hunsicker, Deb States, Cindy Graunke, Wayne Price, and David Stovich.

President Ashley Hicks declared a quorum present. Brian Hunsicker offered an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the July meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Don Nicewonger, seconded by Brian Hunsicker.

Treasurer/Secretary report: *General Fund Checking \$95,716.81; CD \$27,940.84, and State Fund Checking \$30,665.54 totaling \$154,323.19. Treasurer's report was approved pending audit on a motion by Cathy Failor, seconded by Don Nicewonger.*

**Public Comment:** None

**Mayor's Report:** None

**Committee Reports:** None

**Authority** – *There was no July report of expenditures and deposit available at this time. Surveys that are needed by the sewer authority to receive a grant for a new UV light were sent out in June. Cathy Failor reported that a lot of the survey letters sent to the borough homeowners were undeliverable and returned. Follow-up is needed on the surveys.*

### Unfinished Business:

1. **Road Signs** –Update of installation of signs? *Ashley reported that PennDOT is very busy and has not added the road sign(s) installation to their schedule yet.*
2. **Marklesburg Clean-Up Day** on June 21<sup>st</sup>. *Chris reported that the cost of the roll off(s) was \$600 plus added weight was \$157.52, and the metal was sold for \$138.00 with the total bill being \$619.52.*
3. **Secretary job** update. *Chris reported that one applicant was committed to another meeting on Mondays and the other applicant wanted/needed more hours. Chris asked to put the ad back in the Daily Newspaper. This was approved on a motion by Ashley Hicks, seconded by Cathy Failor.*
4. **Road repair by mailboxes.** *More research will be needed. Will need to look up old minutes concerning the placement of these mailboxes.*
5. **Install fencing around recycling dumpster.** *Follow-up to Alonso in Huntingdon is needed concerning the response to our questions whether Park Garbage will be able to deliver and remove the recycling bins at the Borough Building with the fence.*
6. **Ordinances violation(s): Violations of Ordinances 2018-2 Junk and Rubbish Accumulation and Ordinance 2018-3 Keeping and Raising Chickens and Ducks.** *It was discussed that the garbage bags under the porch and deck at Hoovers have been removed, but it is unknown what has happened to them. No other actions to comply with the ordinances have been noted. The next step is to mail 15-day notice letter around August 25<sup>th</sup> to Hoover. If there is no compliance, then a citation would be filed online for District Justice Gummo who would determine the daily and total fines. Ashley Hicks and Cathy Failor were appointed temporary Code Enforcement Officers to address this issue as directed by Rich Wilson. Direction on this was approved on a motion by Ashley Hicks, seconded by Brian Sheaffer.*  
*It has been identified that two properties in the town are not mowing their grass causing over run vegetation. It was agreed to mail letters to Wayne Stolz and Joel McFarland ETAL, owners of the properties concerning violation of Ordinance 2018-2 for overgrowth of vegetation. This action was approved in a motion by Ashley Hicks, seconded by Brian Sheaffer. They were mailed August 7<sup>th</sup>.*

7. **Road plan budget** with PennDOT. *Brian Sheaffer will contact PennDOT late summer/fall.*
8. **Ambulance and EMT** service concerns & suggestions. Ongoing. There was no comment from Marlin or Brian Hunsicker.

**New Business:**

1. **Post Office.** *On Saturday July 26, the post office side of the boro building A/C unit malfunctioned causing standing water on the floor. It was shut off Saturday and Aaron Beaver was called as an emergency repair due to expected 90+ degree temperatures. The A/C unit was repaired but the flooring and furnace will need replaced. Currently, waiting for estimates from Aaron Beaver. Brown and Walters Insurance was contacted Monday 7/28/25 to start a claim. A review of the lease determined that maintenance of the building including heat and air is the responsibility of the landlord (Borough). The Post Office is responsible for the removal of trash and snow. The post office is responsible for custodial services to the premises.*
2. **Application for grant.** *Building grant application fee of \$100 was approved on a motion by Ashley Hicks, seconded by Brian Hunsicker.*
3. **Road transfer.** *Discussion was held about the possibility of Marklesburg taking over roads in Raystown Development. Concerns were expressed about the condition of the roads. Members of the development expressed the benefit for the Borough taking over the road with the possible grants and the liquid fuel tax available to the Borough. It was agreed that an investigative committee with members of the community, Borough Council and the Development Road Committee was needed to determine the condition of the roads, what was needed to comply with PennDOT requirements and develop the pros and cons to this transfer with a final recommendation and plan. Proceeding with a committee was approved on a motion by Ashley Hicks, seconded by Brian Hunsicker.*
4. **Christmas Tree.** *Asking for a replacement Christmas Tree preferably by a donation. A resident has offered a tree to be planted at the Borough Building.*
5. **Building Permit.** *Curtis Hollinger requested a building permit for a pole barn. Permit was approved on a motion by Brian Hunsicker, seconded by Ashley Hicks.*

**Bills:**

<b>Bills for AUGUST</b>	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>State Fund</b>
Brightspeed (EFT)	\$ 126.08	
Christine Yarnell	\$ 219.27	
Penn Township (mowing)	\$ 450.00	
Hollenbaugh ( <i>cleanup day</i> )	\$ 619.52	
Tom Fouse	\$ 495.00	
EMC Insurance	\$ 6,596.00	
SWIF Insurance	\$ 10,323.00	
Penelec – Office (EFT)	\$ 89.18	
Penelec – Street Lighting (EFT)	\$	\$ 465.97
	\$	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 18,913.05</b>	<b>\$ 465.97</b>

Bills approved to be paid on a motion by Ashley Hicks, seconded by Don Nicewonger.

**Communications/Other Business:**

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Don Nicewonger, seconded by Brian Hunsicker at 7:44 pm.

Christine Yarnell, Secretary