

BOROUGH OF MARKLESBURG

July 7, 2025

Marklesburg Borough Council regular monthly meeting was held at the Borough Building on Monday, July 7th, at 6:30 p.m. Present were council members: Ashley Hicks, Don Nicewonger, Wendy Hunsicker, Cathy Failor and Secretary Christine Yarnell. Public present: Marlin Hunsicker, Deb States, Kaleb Isenberg and Stacey Isenberg.

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

Minutes of the June meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Cathy Failor, seconded by Don Nicewonger.

Treasurer/Secretary report: General Fund Checking \$98,313.80; CD \$27,940.84, and State Fund Checking \$31,010.31. Treasurer's report was approved pending audit on a motion by Ashley Hicks, seconded by Cathy Failor. Christine mentioned that Senate Bill 194 to Allow Public Notices on Municipal Websites is currently in the "introduced" status.

Public Comment: None

Mayor's Report: None

Committee Reports: None

Authority – The May meeting reports that after the expenditures and deposit of \$2,938.20 & \$466.84, \$21,516.88 remained in the checking. The June meeting reports that after the expenditures and deposits of \$2,658.90 & \$565.80, \$18,097.87 remains in the checking.

Unfinished Business:

1. **Road Signs** – Update of installation of signs? *PennDOT will place the signs needed in the Borough. However, the manager was on vacation and will get back to Ashley on time and date. Don mentioned that several PennDOT signs were blocking site distance when you pull out on Route 26 at Aitch Road.*
2. **Marklesburg Clean-Up Day** on June 21st: Update? *Cathy reported that it went very smoothly. Both containers were completely full. No bill or value of the metal collected from Hollenbaugh at this time.*
3. **Able Pest Control** contract – update. *Able performed termite treatment on June 11, 2025. No termites were found. (Basement very wet).*
4. **Secretary job** update. *One applicant received. No other to-date.*
5. **GOOD INTENT CIDER LLC** – Update. *Marklesburg Council received a notice from the Liquor Control Board (LCB) at the June 2025 Council meeting that the LCB received a request to transfer the license of Good Intent Cider, LLC from Bellefonte, Centre County to Marklesburg, Huntingdon County. Cathy Failor spoke to a person at the LCB on June 5, 2025, for some general information. He explained that Marklesburg Borough is dry for retail sales of liquor, beer, and malt liquor. This would be for bars, restaurants, hotels, and beer distributors. Good Intent Cider LLC has a limited winery license to manufacture their cider. This would be done at the Marklesburg address. They have a Farmers Market Permit, which would allow them to sell it anywhere in the state including where it is manufactured. If Marklesburg Borough wants to change manufacturing from wet to dry, there is a process to follow, and it would have to be added to the ballot and voted on by the Marklesburg residents. Residents of Raystown Development within five hundred feet of Good Intent Cider can file a protest with the LCB against the transfer of the license. Since Marklesburg Borough does not have any zoning, the Borough cannot stop the business. However, Raystown Development does have a Covenance that restricts the type of business that can be in the Development. It would be up to the residents of the Development to address this. However, Cathy advised that an agricultural business is allowed in the covenant.*

Cathy contacted Marty from the Commonwealth regarding the necessary permits. He said if this was only manufacturing and there was no public coming in and out, this would be an agricultural business and not considered commercial. No permits would be required unless they opened a business to the public. Cathy stated that no further action was required by the Borough at this time.

6. **Dollar General** – drain off excess water. Stiffler/McGraw was contacted for their feedback. They explained the change involves a drain line from the well that is being used to drain off excess water of the artesian well. When the Conservations District/DEP inspected the final project, they required that Dollar General permit the discharge pipe. This does not appear to be an issue as long as the water is not being discharged onto someone else without their permission. They said there should not be a problem with filling out the requested Planned Land Development for Chapter 102 permit.
7. **Road repair by mailboxes.** No Update.
8. **Ambulance and EMT** service concerns & suggestions. Ongoing.
9. **Road plan budget** with PennDOT. Brian Sheaffer will contact PennDOT late summer/fall.

New Business

1. **Christmas Committee:** Cathy reported that this would eventually be turned over to volunteers within the Marklesburg Community instead of the MB borough council. Cathy will post on the Marklesburg Facebook page for a volunteer to organize this project for the community.
2. **Install fencing around recycling dumpster.** Many questions were asked concerning the enclosing of the recycling drop off site with a gated fenced in dumpster. Alonso Brown of the Huntingdon County Commissioner's Office answered a lot of these concerns in an email as follows:
All construction and maintenance costs will be paid for by the SCCSWA. Damage to the road/surface due to construction and/or maintenance of the site will be paid for by the SCCSWA. If the collection site is terminated, the SCCSWA will offer the fencing to the borough. If the borough does not accept the fencing, then the SCCSWA will have it removed, and the site returned to its original condition. If the borough does not agree to the changes, the SCCSWA will most likely have to explore either moving the site or terminating it. These changes have to occur due to a prior agreement between the SCCSWA and Nobel Environmental Inc which oversees the collection and processing of the material. There was a question asked if the Post Office leased any of the fencing installation plan.
3. **Animals not contained on property:** Ashley advised that he received a complaint about chickens and ducks that were not contained on their property at the Fach's. Ashley advised that a letter was being hand delivered and mailed to the resident(s) that was allowing their chickens and ducks to free range on other people's property.
Also, visitor's in attendance, Deb States and the Isenberg family advised that the Hoover house has no trash pick-up and there is accumulated trash and burning barrels full of ash. They have thirty-five chickens, numerous Guineas and four roosters in coops that are not clean. The neighbors have seen rats being removed from the house and now traveling to other properties in the town. There is also a camping trailer filled with junk that is impeding travel in the alley. Cathy F will contact our solicitor about Cindy Hoover's property situation (chickens, rodents & camper) before taking further action. It was agreed that these owners should be contacted with a letter as to being in violation of MB Ordinance (s): 2018-1 Control of Junk and Rubbish & Ordinance and 2023-1 and Keeping and Raising Chickens and Ducks. This was approved on a motion by Ashley Hicks, seconded by Cathy Failor.
4. **Right to Know:** Christine asked to add the "Right to Know Request" form on our website. This was approved on a motion by Ashley Hicks, seconded by Cathy Failor.

Bills:

Bills for JULY	General Fund	State Fund
Brightspeed (EFT)	\$ 126.16	
Christine Yarnell	\$ 219.27	
The Daily News	\$ 57.30	
Tom Fouse	\$ 505.00	
PA UC – 2nd Qtr	\$ 11.18	
Cap Tax – 2nd Qtr	\$ 11.25	
State Tax – 2nd Qtr	\$ 23.04	
Penelec – Office (EFT)	\$ 76.30	
EMC Insurance	\$.00	
SWIF Insurance	\$ 4672.00	
Penelec – Street Lighting (EFT)		\$ 453.37
TOTAL	\$ 5701.50	\$ 453.37

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 Ashley Hicks, seconded by Cathy Failor at 7:20 pm.

Christine Yarnell, Secretary