

BOROUGH OF MARKLESBURG

May 6, 2024

Marklesburg Borough Council regular monthly meeting was held at the Borough Building on Monday, May 6, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Present were council members: Ashley Hicks, Cathy Failor, Brian Sheaffer, Don Nicewonger, Aaron Beaver and Wendi Hunsicker along with Mayor Jason Meiss and Secretary Mary Lou Showalter. Public present: Marlin Hunsicker, Rusty Failor, Christl Yingling, Debra Fouse, Kathy Wason, Deb States, Alexis Rosario, and Stella Beaver. Also Brian Shura of Stiffler and McGraw Associates.

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

Minutes of the April meeting were reviewed and were approved on a motion by Brian Sheaffer, seconded by Cathy Failor.

Treasurer's report: General Fund Checking \$38,686.70; MMA \$71,841.27; 24 month CD \$26,599.78, State Fund Checking \$25,142.45 and MMA \$29,446.19. Treasurer's report was approved pending audit on a motion by Cathy Failor, seconded by Aaron Beaver.

Public Comment –

- Alexis Rosario and Deb States asked about ordinances. Mary Lou shared copies of the Nuisance and Chicken ordinances. It was noted that page 2 of the chicken ordinance was missing. Mary Lou will correct this.

Mayor's Report – none

Committee Reports – Roads – we have the information for paving. According to Brian Sheaffer, we are responsible to fix the holes before the paving is completed. Brian Sheaffer gave Mary Lou the information. We need to put add in the Daily News for 2 times then send out bid packets to those who respond. Approval to proceed with obtaining bids for paving Walnut, Fulton and Mountain Road was passed on a motion by Ashley Hicks, seconded by Brian Sheaffer. Brian Sheaffer indicated that the ditches along Old Mountain Road needed cleaned out.

Playground – Cathy Failor indicated we received a grant from Act 13 for \$2000 this will be used to purchase trash receptacles, picnic tables, volleyball and basketball nets and a deck box to keep them. Wendi Hunsicker asked who would be responsible to empty trash. Also worries about vandalism and theft.

Authority – Brian Sheaffer indicated their solicitor would be at the Authority Meeting on Tuesday, May 7, 2024 to discuss delinquent accounts. They are also applying for grants for updating the plant.

Unfinished Business:

1. Code Enforcement Officer – Mary Lou indicated there has been no interest in this position. Ashley indicated we may have to have council members deal with this.
2. Information for tax credit for volunteer fire fighters – Mary Lou will email the other townships who have volunteers that respond and give their time to the Marklesburg Fire Company to explain what we are trying to do to retain/recruit volunteers. She will give Ashley Hicks, Brian Hunsicker and herself as contact persons if they have questions.
3. Dollar General Update – Aaron Beaver explained about the previous meeting and the concerns that we discussed. Brian Shura explained what has been happening on his end. The issues with the church parking lot was discussed, Aaron indicated that if they end up with traffic, the church will have to block it, if the issue is with people coming through the lot from Raystown Road, PennDot would have to deal with this. Kathy Wason and Debra Fouse noted the possible difficulty with their members leaving church and the line of sight. Aaron explained what we asked of Dollar General was brick front, lighting not to be pointing up, the

sign to be smaller, privacy fence between Dollar General and the church, sidewalks, and if boats and campers would be able to park and turn in the lot. Waivers on the setbacks, parking lot size and screening were discussed and approved on a motion by Ashley Hicks, seconded by Brian Sheaffer, Wendi Hunsicker against and Aaron Beaver abstained. Brian Shura will let Keller know the waivers were approved.

- Mary Lou noted she received an email from Richard Wilson, Solicitor that there is an agreement for the Borough to pay cost incurred, i.e., Stiffler and McGraw and solicitor, and then will be reimbursed by Dollar General. This is common practice for something like this.

New Business:

- Ashley Hicks discussed possibly getting permanent signs to possible reduce speeding through the borough. He will discuss with Martinsburg borough as they have one.
- Mary Lou received an email concerning slum/blighted properties survey in the borough from Huntingdon County Planning Commission. She will respond.
- Development/Land Use permit to pave a resident’s existing driveway. Approved on a motion from Aaron Beaver, seconded by Brian Sheaffer.

Bills:

Bills Paid in May	General Fund	State Fund
Brightspeed	\$126.75	
Mary Lou Showalter	\$219.27	
Penelec – Street Lighting		\$423.55
Penelec	\$ 49.35	
Stiffler & McGraw	\$160.00	
Thomas Fouse	\$505.00	
Mitzi Fouse	\$ 51.57	
TOTALS	\$1111.94	\$423.55

May bills to be paid on a motion by Ashley Hicks seconded by Aaron Beaver.

Communications/Other Business

Being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM on a motion by Ashley Hicks, seconded Brian Sheaffer.

Mary Lou Showalter, Secretary