

BOROUGH OF MARKLESBURG

November 6, 2023

Marklesburg Borough Council regular monthly meeting was held at the Borough Building on Monday, November 6, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. Present were council members: Ashley Hicks, Cathy Failor, Brian Sheaffer, Don Nicewonger, Brian Hunsicker and Mayor Jason Meiss along with and Secretary Mary Lou Showalter. Public present: Marlin, Wendi, and Lydia Hunsicker; Christl Yingling, and David Summers.

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

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

Treasurer's report: General Fund Checking \$36,258.30; MMA \$71,1000.16; 24 month CD \$26,553.18, State Fund Checking \$19,056.65 and MMA \$29,142.14. Treasurer's report, approved pending audit on a motion by Brian Sheaffer, seconded by Cathy Failor

Public Comment –

- Marlin, Wendi & Lydia Hunsicker – no comment
- Christl Yingling – no comment
- See below for David Summer's question

Mayor's Report – none

Committee Reports – none

Authority – according to September meeting minutes balance is #39,161.70.

Unfinished Business:

1. Hourly rate and hours for Code Enforcement Officer – Cathy Failor spoke with Jim Morris who is the Huntingdon Borough and Walker Twp. Code officer. He indicated \$12/hour to start and raise to \$15/hour after a year. He also said would most likely be no more than 1-2 hours per week. Questions were raised concerning: if this was a part time position on our payroll or an independent contractor, do we need to post the position, do we need a job description, are we going to accept applications. Mary Lou to check with Rich Wilson about these questions,

New Business:

1. Commercial Boat Parking Garage Development on Small Lot(s)- David Summers discussed concerns about having land owners of smaller (single) lots in the borough putting in boat storage. There is an issue with storm water draining and alley access. Per President Ashley Hicks we will see what is on the books about this type of development and revisit.
2. Halloween 2024 – Cathy Failor indicated she was asked why Trick or Treat was stopped in the borough. It was never really stopped and if residents want trick or treaters, they can turn their porch light on. Normally this would be the same night as Huntingdon borough, Walker Twp., and Smithfield Twp.
3. Clogged spouting on the borough building – Brian Hunsicker indicated that the big oak tree behind the building should be cut down and this would eliminate most of the problem. After discussion, members were all asked to check out the tree in question and we will table this until the next meeting. In the meantime Brian Sheaffer will clean out the gutters.

4. Funding for 150th Anniversary – Cathy Failor ask on behalf of the Anniversary Committee if the borough would consider any funding for the celebration. Brian Sheaffer made a motion to allot up to \$200 to the committee, Ashley Hicks seconded, motion passed.
5. 2024 Proposed budget was discussed. Expenditures will increase with the paving that is needed in the borough. \$72,000 added to general fund and \$28,000 added to State Fund for the project. The proposed budget will be posted on the post office bulletin board. Notice will be put in The Daily News that anyone wishing to review the proposed budget could call the borough office and request to review it. We will vote on budget at the December 4th meeting.
6. Winter Maintenance – Brian Hunsicker indicated he spoke to 3 people concerning this. Dustin Runk will charge \$90/hour and \$225/load of ashes to plow the borough streets. Brian Hunsicker made a motion to accept Dustin’s bid pending proof of insurance, Brian Sheaffer seconded. Motion carried.
7. Old School Desks – discussion was held concerning the desks downstairs, if Isett’s Museum and the Historical Society would like one they can have them.

Bills:

Bills Paid in November	General Fund	State Fund
Brightspeed	\$126.71	
Mary Lou Showalter	\$219.27	
Penelec – Street Lighting		\$415.43
Huntingdon County Library	\$100.00	
Penelec	\$72.76	
Anniversary Celebration	\$56.37	
Home Nursing Agency	\$100.00	
PA Association of Boroughs	\$121.00	
H.A. Thompson	\$161.00	
TOTALS	\$957.11	\$415.43

November bills to be paid on a motion by Ashley Hicks, seconded by Brian Sheaffer

Communications/Other Business

Being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:46 PM on a motion by Brian Sheaffer, seconded Brian Hunsicker.

Mary Lou Showalter, Secretary