

BOROUGH OF MARKLESBURG

October 2, 2023

Marklesburg Borough Council regular monthly meeting was held at the Borough Building on Monday, October 2, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. Present were council members: Cathy Failor, Russell Failor, Brian Sheaffer, Don Nicewonger and Mayor Jason Meiss along with and Secretary Mary Lou Showalter. Public present: Marlin, Wendi, and Lydia Hunsicker; and Attorney Rich Wilson.

Vice- President Brian Sheaffer declared a quorum present and Brian Hunsicker offered an invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the August meeting were reviewed; there was no meeting in September because there was not a quorum present. Minutes were approved on a motion by Brian Hunsicker and seconded by Cathy Failor.

Treasurer's report: General Fund Checking \$39,945.76; MMA \$70,970.74; 24 month CD \$26,553.18, State Fund Checking \$19,820.78 and MMA \$29,089.09. Treasurer's report, approved pending audit on a motion by Cathy Failor, seconded by Don Nicewonger.

Public Comment –

- Marlin, Wendi & Lydia Hunsicker – no comment
- Attorney Rich Wilson introduced himself to the council. Brian Hunsicker's question to Rich concerned incentives for non-profit Volunteer fire fighters, i.e, Tax Credit. Rich informed Brian, he would look into it.

Mayor's Report – none

Committee Reports – none

Authority –no report.

Unfinished Business:

1. Mountain Road Mowing – this was done by Penn Twp. in September. They will put us on the list to be mowed yearly. Mowing to be paid out of State Fund Checking on motion by Brian Hunsicker, seconded by Russell Failor.

New Business:

1. Hourly Rate for Code Enforcement Officer – Per Cathy Failor she knows someone who might be interested in being the Code Enforcement Officer, but wondered what the hourly rate was. Rich explained what a Code Enforcement officer would do, i.e, check the borough for violations of ordinances, probably wouldn't be needed more than 8 hours per week, if that. We would need a citation booklet, he would see violations and write a letter first then follow up with citation if needed. If it had to go before district justice Gummo, the code officer would be the one required to go to court.
2. Development permit – Curti replacing deck – approved on a motion by Brian Hunsicker, seconded by Cathy Failor.
3. Scott Walls requested to close the alley next to his parent's house for the auction on October 7, 2023 – approved on a motion by Brian Hunsicker, seconded by Rusty Failor.

Bills:

Bills Paid in October	General Fund	State Fund
Brightspeed	\$125.85	
Mary Lou Showalter	\$219.27	
Penelec – Street Lighting		\$414.98
Thomas Fouse	\$355.00	
Penelec	\$34.24	
MVFC	\$3000.00	
Able Pest Control	\$325.00	
Kann Electric & Plumbing	\$705.00	
TOTALS	\$4764.36	\$414.98

October bills to be paid on a motion by Brian Hunsicker, seconded by Don Nicewonger. Brian Hunsicker voted nay.

Communications/Other Business – Mary Lou asked if council wanted a separate meeting to work on 2024 budget and it was agreed to do it at the November meeting.

Being no further business, meeting was adjourned at 7:11 PM on a motion by Brian Hunsicker, seconded by Russell Failor.

Mary Lou Showalter, Secretary