

BOROUGH OF MARKLESBURG

October 6, 2025

Marklesburg Borough Council regular monthly meeting was held at the Borough Building on Monday, October 6th, at 6:30 p.m. Present were council members: Don Nicewonger, Brian Hunsicker, Wendi Hunsicker, Cathy Failor, Brian Sheaffer and Secretary Christine Yarnell. Public present: Marlin Hunsicker, Alexa Rosario.

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

Minutes of the September meeting were reviewed and approved on a motion by Brian Hunsicker, seconded by Cathy Failor. A voice vote was held with all Council present in favor.

Treasurer/Secretary report: *CD \$27,940.84; GF \$101,964.23; SF \$29,490.72; Grand Total \$159,395.89.*
Treasurer's report was approved pending audit on a motion by Don Nicewonger, seconded by Cathy Failor.

Public Comment: None

Mayor's Report: None

Committee Reports: None

Authority – *The September meeting report was not available to report finances. Brian Sheaffer stated that Larry Norris resigned. Dylan Gutshall was suggested as a replacement. Approval for Dylan will be added to the November agenda.*

Unfinished Business:

1. Install fencing around recycling dumpster. Update: *Commissioner Jeff Thomas did not attend this meeting to further explain their plans. Cathy will send a follow-up email to Alonso.*
2. Road Signs –Update of installation of signs: *No progress from PennDot. Brian Sheaffer is meeting PennDot on Tuesday.*
3. Post Office. Update: *Christine made a phone call to the EMC adjustor. He stated that the furnace/AC was not covered due to its age. Waiting on flooring coverage. Currently, we have not received an official document statement.*
4. Application for grant. Update? *Cathy Failor reported that an updated estimate for the work on the Borough Building was needed. She contacted Stiffler and McGraw. They thought that we could add 5% for inflation for each year to bring it up to date. However, this was not acceptable for the grant application. It was required to have an itemized estimate completed in the same year as the grant application. Cathy followed up with Stiffler and to obtain an updated estimate would cost \$332.00. The grant needs submitted by November 30^h Marlin Hunsicker said he did not approve of the extra expense and then began yelling that this was in violation of the Sunshine Law because it was not specifically listed on the agenda. Cathy made a motion to pay the \$332.00 for the updated estimate to continue with the grant. A vote was held. There was only one nay vote from Wendi Hunsicker. Since no one else voted, Cathy asked for a roll call vote based on the interference from Marlin Hunsicker. Brian Hunsicker said that the vote is the vote based on Roberts Rules. Cathy stated based on the time for applying for the grant this will end the application to obtain money for the update to the Borough Building.*
5. Road transfer. Update? *No update.*
6. Christmas Tree. Update? *The tree will be planted.*
7. Secretary job update. *No offers currently. Christine requested approval to advertise in the newspaper again. Marlin again demanded that this could not be done because the specifics were not on the agenda and that is in violation of the Sunshine Law. Chris stated that she will be requesting it at the November meeting.*
8. Road repair by mailboxes. Update? *No progress reported except it was noticed that there were bigger stones placed at the mailboxes.*
9. Ordinances violation(s): Animals/property situation. Update: *Ashley Hicks to follow-up at the November meeting.*
10. Road plan budget with PennDOT. *Brian Sheaffer will be meeting PennDOT this Tuesday 10/07/25.*

11. UV survey follow-up. *The survey needed to be based on the surveys that were sent by a specific date. Based on those findings, the Borough Authority did not qualify for the money from the county at this time.*
12. Hire snow plowing for this winter. *Dustin Runk was confirmed but with no dollar amount. Brian Sheaffer said that he would follow- up with Dustin.*
13. Poll Workers for the November Election follow-up. *Cathy Failor stated that Marklesburg has a Majority and Minority Inspectors. However, no one responded to the Judge of Elections or the clerk positions, so it was handed over to the Huntingdon County Election Board to find workers/volunteers.*
14. Ambulance and EMT service concerns & suggestions. *Nothing reported.*

New Business:

1. Budget 2026 Review. The 2025 Budget information was distributed to the Council for review for the next meeting. Cathy Failor advised that we need to review budget and determine if the mills will stay the same or if the mills will be raised. This needs to be completed by December 1st, so it will need to be completed in the November meeting.
2. Answering Machine. Brian Sheaffer will check with the authority to see if one is available before purchasing.
3. Solar zoning/ordinance question per an email. A survey from a Solar company was asking if Marklesburg has made any changes to their solar regulations. *No changes were made.*

Bills:

Bills for October	General Fund	State Fund
Brightspeed (EFT)	\$ 125.05	
Christine Yarnell	\$ 219.27	
PA UC – 3 rd Qtr	\$ 11.16	
Cap Tax – 3 rd Qtr	\$ 11.25	
Mary Lou Showalter (<i>Budget</i>)	\$ 37.50	
Marklesburg VFC	\$ 3000.00	
Home Nursing Agency	\$ 100.00	
Huntingdon County Library	\$ 100.00	
Penelec – Office (EFT)	\$ 79.19	
Penelec – Street Lighting (EFT)	\$	\$ 465.97
TOTAL	\$ 3683.42	\$ 465.97

Bills approved to be paid on a motion by Brian Hunsicker, seconded by Don Nicewonger.

Communications/Other Business:

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Brian Hunsicker, seconded by Brian Sheaffer at 6:53 pm.

Christine Yarnell, Secretary