

# BOROUGH OF MARKLESBURG

October 7, 2024

Marklesburg Borough Council regular monthly meeting was held at the Borough Building on Monday, October 7, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Present were council members: Brian Sheaffer, Cathy Failor, Don Nicewonger and Wendi Hunsicker along with Secretary Mary Lou Showalter and Mayor Jason Meiss. Public present: Marlin Hunsicker, Christyl Yingling and Deb States.

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

Minutes of the September meeting were reviewed and were approved on a motion by Cathy Failor, seconded by Don Nicewonger. Wendi Hunsicker asked about the \$1402.71 that was paid to the Marklesburg Fire Relief Association. Mary Lou explained that the money is deposited in the borough account and it is strictly for the Relief Association, so when it comes in, she just writes the check back out of the account.

Treasurer's report: General Fund Checking \$92,851.38; CD \$26,646.46, and State Fund Checking \$25,271.60. Treasurer's report was approved pending audit on a motion by Cathy Failor, seconded by Don Nicewonger.

Public Comment – none

Mayor's Report – Jason Meiss discussed concerns he heard about properties which high grass but indicated that must have been resolved. He also indicated that he was going to be going to NC to assist with hurricane relief this month. Wendi Hunsicker thanked him for doing so, Mary Lou thanked him also.

Committee Reports – none

Authority – Brian Sheaffer indicated that Tim and Anne Banks are caught up on their bill. A letter was sent to Hoovers, and Luther's had paid some on their bill although not what the authority requested. Brian indicated the delinquent bills are have decreased since letters are being sent.

Unfinished Business:

1. Ditches – Old Mountain Road – Brian Sheaffer indicated he hasn't gotten them cleaned out yet.
2. Secretary/Treasurer position – 3 resumes we received were reviewed. After discussion, it was agreed that we would interview Christine Yarnell at the November meeting on a motion by Wendi Hunsicker, seconded by Cathy Failor. Mary Lou will contact her.
3. Grant Update – Cathy Failor noted in response to the questions concerning Stiffler, McGraw: June 2022 discussion was held concerning repairs to the building, July 2022 the post office ramp was discussed, October 2022 discussion was held about putting a roof over the ramp to the post office, March 2023 the grant was submitted and was awarded September 2023. The grant was executed December 4, 2023. Cathy Failor submits quarterly reports to Keystone about progress. Stiffler McGraw bills have been submitted to Keystone July 2024. Cathy and Brian met with someone from Stiffler McGraw about the plans.  
Act 13 Grant – new items for the playground has been received and placed at the playground. Wendi asked how the items were paid for, Cathy indicated that she paid for them to be reimbursed. Wendi indicated it should have been discussed at council. Mary Lou indicated she was the one who said to do it that way as she didn't want to hand out the credit/debit card.  
Cathy indicated she was the project coordinator for the grants. Wendi questioned as to why someone with signing authority did not execute the Keystone grant. Cathy indicated that Ashley Hicks, Mary Lou and herself signed for the Act 13 grant as that is how Huntingdon County wanted it.
4. Brian Sheaffer asked about street lights that were out. Mary Lou said she has reported the one on Diamond Street 2 times and it has not been fixed yet. Discussion was held that the one on Oak Street was out as well as the one at the Firehall that keeps going off and on.

New Business:

1. Christmas tree Lighting – Cathy Failor discussed when we should have the Christmas Tree Lighting – she said we may need someone to donate a tree as our tree is dying. She will contact the person who planted it. She said she would like to have Santa present, as well as try to get a food truck to come again this year. Mary Lou indicated that Black Friday was Huntingdon’s Tree Lighting and the weekend before that was The Nutcracker production. Discussion was held about having it Friday or Saturday December 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup>.
2. Dollar General – questioned if they needed a business license for the borough. No they don’t, Mary Lou will let them know.
3. 2025 budget proposal was handed out. Mary Lou noted on the proposal what we budgeted in 2024 and what we have spent in 2024. After discussion it was decided that council would review in October, bring discussion to the table at November meeting, finalize and have posted in paper and at the post office for vote in December.
4. Development Permit question – William Hostetler who purchased the Robert/Michelle Hess property called and questioned if he needed a permit to replace a crumbling tile under the driveway. He doesn’t need a permit but needs to contact PA One Call and PennDot.

Bills:

Bills Paid in October	General Fund	State Fund
Brightspeed	\$ 127.17	
Mary Lou Showalter	\$ 219.27	
Penelec – Street Lighting		\$ 405.65
Thomas Fouse	\$ 355.00	
Huntingdon County Library	\$ 100.00	
Home Nursing Agency	\$ 100.00	
MVFC	\$ 3000.00	
The Daily News	\$ 74.69	
Penelec	\$ 33.57	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 4,009.70</b>	<b>\$ 405.65</b>

Bills approved to be paid on a motion by Don Nicewonger, seconded by Cathy Failor. Wendi Hunsicker abstained.

Communications/Other Business

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Don Nicewonger, seconded by Brian Sheaffer at 7:25pm.

Mary Lou Showalter, Secretary