

# BOROUGH OF MARKLESBURG

September 9, 2024

Marklesburg Borough Council regular monthly meeting was held at the Borough Building on Monday, September 9, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. Present were council members: Ashley Hicks, Cathy Failor, Brian Sheaffer and Wendi Hunsicker along with Secretary Mary Lou Showalter. Public present: Alexis Rosario.

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

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

Treasurer's report: General Fund Checking \$90,640.44; CD \$26,646.46, and State Fund Checking \$25,566.82. Mary Lou indicated that the SWIF audit and the Liquid Fuels audit were conducted in August. Treasurer's report was approved pending audit on a motion by Ashley Hicks, seconded by Brian Sheaffer.

Public Comment – Alexis Rosario asked about the street lights in the borough, whether they were LED or not. Ashley explained that it was looked into at one time but would be expensive to change them all to LED, but he was under the impression that as they burned out, they were to be replaced with LED.

Mayor's Report – none

Committee Reports – see Old Business

Authority – according to the meeting minutes, the delinquent sewer payments are getting caught up.

Unfinished Business:

1. Ditches – Old Mountain Road – according to Brian Sheaffer they do need cleaned, he and/or Brian Hunsicker will get with someone to clean them out.
2. Commercial Boat Parking on single lot – Mary Lou had a phone conference with Attorney Rich Wilson on Tuesday, September 10, 2024, he suggested that Ashley call him to discuss this issue. He is concerned that we would be spending a lot of money to get an ordinance and feels that Ashley as President should talk to Mr. Walls about the issue first.
3. Dollar General – wants to know if a permit is needed to place a pole and sign on the property. It was determined that they don't need an additional permit.
4. Secretary/Treasurer position – no one has expressed interest in the position. Mary Lou will post the position in The Daily News on a motion by Ashley Hicks, seconded by Brian Sheaffer.

New Business:

1. Tax Collector, Mitzi Fouse requesting reimbursement on the PA State Tax Collectors Association dues which we did pay last year. Reimbursement to be paid on a motion by Ashley Hicks, seconded by Cathy Failor.
2. Highway signs – there needs to be a 35 MPH sign near the Dollar General and the END signs placed at southern end of the borough. Also need a STOP sign at the end of Chestnut Street. Brian Sheaffer will check to see what signs we have and what are needed. Permission to purchase necessary signage, bases and bolts on a motion by Ashley Hicks, seconded by Cathy Failor.
3. Cold patching – Brian Sheaffer asked if there was any further cold patching needing done to the streets. Let him know if there is.

Bills:

Bills Paid in August	General Fund	State Fund
Brightspeed	\$ 127.00	
Mary Lou Showalter	\$ 219.27	
Penelec – Street Lighting		\$ 405.65
Stiffler & McGraw (boro)	\$ 2498.70	
Thomas Fouse	\$ 505.00	
Mitzi Fouse	\$ 40.00	
Penelec	\$ 40.00	
MVFC Fire Relief Association	\$ 1402.71	
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 2,333.98</b>	<b>\$ 405.65</b>

Bills approved to be paid on a motion by Brian Sheaffer seconded by Ashley Hicks after a discussion about the Stiffler-McGraw bill. Wendi Hunsicker asked about the bill and the \$16000 dollars and when it was discussed at a meeting. A heated discussion ensued about when we discussed this and when it was approved. Mary Lou will call Stiffler-McGraw to find out when the cost was discussed and approved.

Communications/Other Business

Being no further business, the meeting was adjourned on a motion by Ashley Hicks, seconded by Brian Sheaffer at 7:10pm.

Mary Lou Showalter, Secretary