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Joseph Petrovich, President  
John Olear, Vice-President  
Joseph Miriello Jr., Councilman  
John Wargo, Mayor

Marion Heights Borough  
Council Chambers  
August 20th, 2025 Meeting  
7:00 pm

The meeting was call to order by President Petrovich. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:** Present were President Petrovich, Vice-President John Olear, Councilman Joe Miriello, Mayor John Wargo, Madison Breisswanger, Secretary Linda Gregis and Attorney Greco.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** The Secretary's meeting minutes of the July 8<sup>th</sup>, 2025 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by J. Miriello to accept the minutes and J. Olear second the motion. Motion carried. (3-0)

**KMHJMA MINUTES:** Acknowledged.

**TREASURER'S REPORT: SERVICE 1<sup>ST</sup> FEDERAL CREDIT UNION**

The General Fund – had \$18,758.59 in deposits and \$15,489.31 in disbursements. The balance of the General Fund as of August 13, 2025 is \$114,341.92.

The Savings Account had \$17,502.70 in deposits, a transfer of \$17,160.00 and disbursements totaling \$13,660.00 The balance as of August 13, 2025 is \$22,978.11.

The Liquid Fuels Account had no deposits and one ACH in the amount of \$1,126.24 disbursed. The balance as of August 13th, 2025 is \$106,007.33.

The Petty Cash Account had 5 withdrawals in the amount of \$200.71. The balance as of August 13, 2025 is \$678.68.

The Payroll Account had in \$2,119.00 deposits transferred from the General Account and \$4,619.55 in checks. The balance as of August 13th, 2025 is \$3,340.72.

The Grant Account had one transfer in the amount of \$9,160.00 and one disbursement of \$5,000.00. The balance as of August 13th, 2025 is \$7,041.00.

The PLGIT Class Account had no deposits and no disbursements. The balance as of August 13, 2025 is \$72,774.19.

The PLGIT Motor Fuels fund had no deposits or disbursements. The balance as of August 13, 2025 is \$86,294.39.

## THE UNION BANK

The General Fund had no deposits or no disbursements. The balance as of August 13th, 2025 is \$923.75.

The Savings Account had 1 deposit totaling \$140.00. The balance of the fund as of August 13, 2025 is \$1,900.73.

Total Assets: \$416,280.82

J. Olear made a motion to accept the treasurer's report with a correction on the agenda in the general fund of \$113,219.93 amount of \$114,341.92 for the general account balance. J. Miriello second the motion. Motion carried. (3-0)

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:** John Olear made a motion to pay past and current bills. Joe Miriello said to make sure Karen knows the bill to John Stine is paid and liens are placed on relative to money owed to the borough. Joe Miriello second the motion. Motion carried. (3-0)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON- AGENDA ISSUES:** None

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Attorney Greco suggested that the revised dumpster ordinance rate should be increased to \$20.00 per week and 15 days allowed. Joe Miriello made a motion to approve Ordinance 2025-1, the rate increase, and the revised dumpster ordinance. John Olear second the motion. Motion carried. (3-0)

The subject of the retaining wall on the 1<sup>st</sup> block of Warsaw Street was discussed. Attorney Greco said the wall is not owned by anyone in particular, it is part of the street. John Olear inquired about a grant to fix the wall, and Attorney Greco said to get an estimate and specifications to fix the wall. J. Miriello asked if the wall fails on the homeowner's property caused by the street failing. Attorney Greco said if it is on the homeowner's property, it is the homeowner's responsibility. Joanne Sther is our local representative; J. Olear will investigate it. J. Miriello instructed the secretary to call Brinkash and get specifications and an estimate for repair.

**POLICE REPORT:** The police report had a total of 12 calls to the borough and 372 patrols.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** The mayor informed council that Chief Hollenbush will send someone to the borough for cars left on the street during street sweeping. The police report is incorrect, when Chief Hollenbush returns to the office, he will send the correct one. He also stated that an antenna is needed on the roof for the security system. The mayor spoke with Karen about the park ordinance.

**FIRE CHIEF REPORT:** None

**CODE REPORT:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Pave-It will be coming on Thursday, August 21, 2025 to seal the cracks on the 300, 400 and 500 blocks of Warsaw Street.

Performance bonds were received for Coal and Fern Street reconstruction.

**OLD BUSINESS:** John Olear said the new dump truck grant estimate from Sunbury Motors will cost \$120,935.00. Another estimate is needed. He also stated that he will coordinate the 22 tons of salt and 22 ton of anti-skid.

Joe Petrovich is going to call a person he knows about the fire escape ladder and he also has someone for the electrical panel in the garden shed.

A member of the sewer authority is needed. It is posted in the borough building.

The yellow lines will be extended on North Street and on the hills. Charlie Staskiel said the Park Ave. is a major problem. Joe Petrovich said there is no parking on the side streets, but since we are allowing it, we must tailor it to our needs. The intersections must be visible to motorists. Attorney Greco stated the PA Code states you cannot park within 30 ft. of a stop sign and the borough must abide by PennDOT's guidelines.

John Olear informed council that Aqua will get back to him regarding the intersection at Tower Pizza.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Joe Miriello called for an executive session.

John Olear inquired about a raise for council. Attorney Greco said it must be done by ordinance. Attorney Greco will make an ordinance. J. Olear made a motion to make an ordinance to increase the pay scale for new or incoming council members from \$50.00 per meeting to \$100.00 per meeting beginning January, 2026. J. Miriello second the motion. Motion carried. (3-0)

A motion was made by John Olear to draft a letter and send by mail, to every homeowner, stating it is their responsibility for weeds, brush, grass and any growth from the back or side of their property line to the front of their property line and anything protruding from their property line into the street or alley must be clear for all vehicles and traffic at 12 ft. high. Joe Miriello second the motion. Motion carried. (3-0)

Joe Miriello made a motion to have the borough garage lot surveyed. John Olear second the motion. Motion carried. (3-0)

Joe Miriello made a motion to give the Marion Heights Fire Company a \$100 donation for the Cash Bash. John Olear second the motion. Motion carried. (3-0)

Council discussed an overhead or lean to for the borough garage.

J. Olear made a motion to grant a variance to Ed Kenentiz for 7 ½ inches from his garage for a sliding fence. J. Miriello second the motion. Motion carried. (3-0)

J. Miriello made a motion to increase Bob Dallazia's rate to \$14.00. J. Olear second the motion. Motion carried. (3-0)

J. Miriello made a motion to increase John Stine's pay rate to \$18.00. He will be paid retroactive for the period after three months. J. Olear second the motion. Motion carried. (3-0)

J. Miriello made a motion to increase Linda Gregis' rate to \$17.00. J. Olear second the motion. Motion carried. (3-0)

Mr. Miriello made a motion to approve Mary James at 321 E. Melrose Street handicap reserved parking application. Mr. Olear second the motion. Motion carried. (3-0)

Mr. Miriello made a motion to approve Matthew Richardson's at 118 W. Melrose Street handicap reserve parking application with reserve to his financial status. Mr. Olear second the motion. Motion carried. (3-0)

Street sweeping will be done on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025, on the odd side of all streets and August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025, on all even sides of the street after 8 am. Cars still parked on streets will be ticketed.

A motion was made to adjourn by J. Olear and second by J. Miriello. Motion carried. (3-0) Council went in to executive session at 7:52 pm and ended at 8:02 pm. Council took no decisions or actions.

President Petrovich re-opened the regular meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ISSUES:** None

With no further business to discuss, Joe Miriello made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joe Petrovich second the motion. Motion carried. (3-0)

Respectfully yours,

Linda Gregis  
Secretary/Treasurer

