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Joseph Petrovich, President  
John Olear, Vice-President  
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John Wargo, Mayor

Marion Heights Borough  
Council Chambers  
August 13th, 2024 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 Joe Petrovich, Vice-President John Olear (via telephone), Councilman Joe Miriello, Mayor John Wargo, Secretary and Attorney Ed Greco. Secretary Linda Gregis was absent.

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Council tabled the secretary's minutes until the next meeting

**KMHJMA MINUTES:** Acknowledged

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Council tabled the treasurer's report until the next meeting

**ACCOUNTS PAYABLE:** J. Petrovich made a motion to pay past and current bills. J. Miriello second the motion. Motion carried. (3-0)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON- AGENDA ISSUES:** Kathy Kraynack, 131 West Clermont Street informed council that 4-wheelers are racing up and down the street and not stopping at stop signs. Children are playing. Attorney Greco said to have police increase patrols and an ordinance is needed to prevent 4 wheelers on streets. He also said to set up a meeting with Chief Hollenbush and if you see ATV traffic, take a picture and notify the police.

**SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Attorney Greco went to the assessor's office regarding three properties in the borough. The have no deeds to the properties. He also has a signed deed for 343 Warsaw Street. Letters need to be sent to the Northumberland County Commissioners and Mount Carmel School District for forgiveness of 2024 taxes. A motion was made by Joe Petrovich to send a check to Ed Greco for fees related to acquiring 343 Warsaw Street. Joe Miriello second the motion. Motion carried. (3-0) Attorney Greco is still working on the parking ordinance and will look into the wall that is beginning to lean.

**POLICE REPORT:** The police report entailed 189 patrols and 17 incidents.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Wargo reported a motorist ran into the park fence and we have the information on the vehicle and the insurance company needs to be contacted. Signs are needed at the playground that must be PennDOT approved. Money was allocated for signs but we may need more money.

He also asked for an allotment for the event on September 14, 2024 at the park. An additional porta potty will be needed as well as lights. Mr. Miriello motioned to allot up to \$500.00 for the event. Mr. Olear second the motion. Motion carried. (3-0)

**FIRE CHIEF REPORT:** John Olear said that Marion Heights Fire Company's truck is back in service.

**CODE REPORT:** Three invoices were sent to residents for grass cutting, one payment was applied to tax sale. One property was verified vacant for Aqua//Abandon vehicle. One courtesy letter was sent for outdoor burning. One rental inspection, three permits issued, 1 building permit, 2 dumpster permits. One notice of violation, three citations issued.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** A letter from Aqua stating rates is being increased.

**OLD BUSINESS:** John Olear informed council that H&K drilled several cores on Warsaw Street below the asphalt. H&K is not responsible for anything under the asphalt. The engineer should have done more work. Attorney Greco said H&K did their job and council needs another engineer to say there was a deviation of the standard of care. Council should call Brinkash and meet with him. This was the prior administration's project. A meeting was held on July 10, 2024 between council and H&K. H&K believes Aqua is responsible because no compaction tests were done. Aqua contends it didn't need compaction tests because enough time had passed.

John Olear said trees and the planters on the sidewalk. Karen said the sidewalk is not paved and she doesn't think we will win. The mayor will speak to her.

There is a car on the sidewalk and they no one knows whose car it is. Attorney Greco said to call the police and he can ticket them every day.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Tonia Troup from SEDA-COG spoke to council regarding CDBG funding. Melrose Street drainage problems were applied for in 2022 and 2023. Approval has been given for both years for \$110,000.00. An environmental study is the next step and work should begin in 2025.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ISSUES:** None

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

Respectfully yours,

Linda Gregis  
Secretary/Treasurer