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Joseph Petrovich, President
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 John Wargo, Mayor

Marion Heights Borough
 Council Chambers
 June 9th, 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, Councilman Joe Miriello, Mayor John Wargo, Secretary Linda Gregis and Attorney Ed Greco.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Council dispensed with the reading of the meeting minutes of the May 7, 2024. Mr. Miriello made a motion to accept the minutes. Mr. Olear second the motion. Motion carried. (3-0)

KMHJMA MINUTES: Acknowledged

TREASURER'S REPORT: – SERVICE 1ST FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

The General Fund – had \$20,731.42 in deposits and \$8,678.22 in disbursements. The balance of the General Fund as of June 11, 2024 is \$94,179.60.

The Savings/Post Office Account had \$0.00 in deposits. The balance as of June 11, 2024 is \$22,569.40.

The Liquid Fuels Account had no deposits and one check in the amount of \$1,097.37 disbursed. The balance as of a June 11, 2024 is \$100,801.00.

The Petty Cash Account had \$585.11 in deposits and \$495.25 withdrawn. The balance as of June 11, 2024 is \$504.88.

The Payroll Account had \$3,760.00 in deposits transferred from the General Account and \$3,520.50 in checks. The balance as of June 11, 2024 is \$3,393.94.

The Grant Account had no disbursements. The balance as of May 7, 2024 is \$2,881.00.

The PLGIT Class Account had no deposits and no disbursements. The balance as of June 11, 2024 is \$69,054.50.

The PLGIT Motor Fuels fund had no deposits or disbursements. The balance as of June 11, 2024 is \$81,883.75

THE UNION BANK

The General Fund had one deposit in the amount of \$134.81 and no disbursements. The balance as of June 11, 2024 is \$3,838.36

The Savings Account had 1 deposit totaling \$140.00. The balance of the fund as of June 11, 2024 is \$2,801.03.

Total Assets: \$381,907.46

Joe Miriello made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and John Olear second the motion. Motion carried. (3-0)

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Joe Miriello made a motion to pay past and current bills. John Olear second the motion. Motion carried. (3-0)

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON- AGENDA ISSUES: None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney Greco received a letter from Cohen Seglias representing H&K Construction requesting a meeting with council to discuss Warsaw Street. The secretary will set up a meeting after 4 pm.

Council informed Attorney Greco that they want to move forward with the demolition of 343 Warsaw Street. J. Petrovich made a motion to acquire 343 Warsaw Street for no fee except for the cost of the title search and closing fees, with funds received from the Northumberland County Blight Fund. J. Olear second the motion. Motion carried. (3-0)

POLICE REPORT: Chief Hollenbush submitted his report. It entailed 9 calls and 188 total patrols. Twenty street sweeper tickets were given.

MAYOR'S REPORT: The mayor reported on the rodent situation. A newsletter was made for the residents outlining the problem and the actions for correcting it. He said it will be strictly enforced.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: John Olear said that Marion Heights Fire Company has borrowed the West End truck because Marion Height's Fire truck is out for repairs. The repairs will take approximately one month.

CODE REPORT: Karen Brown stated in her report that 12 tickets were issued for grass and 4 tickets were paid. Five permits were issued and 9 violations for grass/garbage/rats were given. 2 rental inspections were made.

CORRESPONDENCE: A map meeting will be held on Friday, June 21, 2024 at 4 pm at the Kulpmont Borough Hall building.

A letter was received from Cohen Seglias, counsel to H & K Group regarding the Warsaw Street Project. They would like to sit down and discuss the matter.

A letter was received from Aqua stating they are asking for a rate increase to water services. Residential customers using 3,780 gal/month will increase from \$78.21 to \$97.01/month. Commercial customers will see their bills increase using 37,900 gal/month from \$512.33 to \$634.36/month. You can challenge the company's request by writing the PUC or attending a hearing.

OLD BUSINESS: The main entrance at the playground needs to be repaired. The secretary will call Penndot to see if a driveway permit was ever issued for the park entrance.

The bridge at the park needs to be repaired. John Olear will tell the maintenance men to repair it. The gate at the park needs repair also. Joe Miriello can get a pole donated and the maintenance guys can repair it.

Council had questions on the Melrose Street Drain Project. When are the funds coming and where do the funds come from? The secretary will reach out to Tonya Troup from SEDA_COG who manages the CDBG program.

Joe Petrovich reported that Luke Darrup, Kulpmont Borough Tax Collector, said his rate is negotiable with council. He also said he is in favor of Mr. Darrup collecting taxes in the borough because the residents won't have to travel or send the bills in and it's more personalized. John Olear made a motion to hire Luke Darrup as tax collector in the borough of Marion Heights at a 2 ½% commission on tax bills and Marion Heights Borough will pay ½ of the cost of the tax bills, pending his acceptance. Joe Petrovich second the motion. Motion carried. (3-0) Mr. Darrup will give the secretary his days and times he will be at the borough office.

Northumberland County 50/50 grant – Council instructed the secretary to pull out the grant application and email it to all council members. Also, determine when the closing date for the grant.

Council discussed playground upgrades such as lighting, fencing, etc. We also need a cross walk at the park area.

Council discussed the emergency exit. We need a contractor to install the fire escape. The porch needs to be painted too.

NEW BUSINESS: A letter was received from the county asking who is our EMA coordinator. Marion Heights Borough does not presently have one. Mayor Wargo asked the fire chief and assistant fire chief who declined. Council asked if an EMA of one borough can also be an EMA of another borough? Can an EMA coordinator receive a salary? Who pays for the required courses? The secretary will call the county and report back.

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ISSUES: None

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

Respectfully yours,

Linda Gregis
Secretary/Treasurer