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Joseph Petrovich, President
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Joseph Miriello Jr., Councilman
John Wargo, Mayor

Marion Heights Borough
Council Chambers
October 14th, 2025 Meeting
7:00 pm

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

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

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The Secretary's meeting minutes of the September 9th, 2025 meeting were reviewed and a motion was made by J. Petrovich to accept the minutes and J. Miriello second the motion. Motion carried. (2-0)

KMHJMA MINUTES: None

TREASURER'S REPORT: J. Miriello made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and J. Petrovich second the motion. Motion carried. (2-0)

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE: Joe Miriello made a motion to pay past and current bills. John Petrovich second the motion. Motion carried. (2-0)

PUBLIC COMMENTS ON NON- AGENDA ISSUES: Heather Billman addressed council, she is a teacher at Mount Carmel Area School District. She would like to hold children's art and craft classes on the second floor of the borough building throughout the year. Council stated that the upstairs area would have to be cleaned out of the old paperwork and such that is up there. J. Miriello made a motion for Ms. Billman to use the community room for the children, with the stipulation that the parents must sign a waiver to release the borough from liability. J Petrovich second the motion. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Attorney Greco informed council that he will continue as our attorney until the end of 2025. He also prepared Ordinance No. 02-2025, to increase the pay of incoming or incumbent council members to \$100 per month to be paid quarterly beginning in January, 2026.

POLICE REPORT: None

MAYOR'S REPORT: The mayor discussed with council the Halloween date for this year. Council decided that the Halloween parade and trick or treat will be held on November 1, 2025 from 6 to 8 pm. The parade will start at 1 pm and the registration for costumes will begin at noon at the Marion Heights Fire Company. The mayor will call regarding the security system.

FIRE CHIEF REPORT: None

CODE REPORT: Karen Brown reported that a letter regarding weeds/vegetation in alleys will be drafted. A final notice was mailed, condemned, and posted on a Melrose Street property. Letters were sent to property owners for removal of plants on sidewalk, repair road opening, non-payment of tickets, abatement letters. Invoices were sent for contractor clean-up, lawn mowing. She also prepared for a court hearing. She issued one building permit, performed one rental inspection, received an outdoor burn permit, gave two notices of violations, and issued 5 citations, 4 tickets and condemned one home.

CORRESPONDENCE: A letter was received from the Penndot notifying council that estimated liquid fuel allocation for 2026 is \$18,404.70. This amount is based on 2.93 miles and a population of 560 residents.

A letter was received from Mount Carmel Auto Supply stating they have new owners and will have a grand opening on October 26, 2025 from 10 am to 4 pm.

A letter was received from the Kulpmont-Marion Heights Joint Municipal Sewer Authority stating the 2026 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Pension Plan is \$0.00.

OLD BUSINESS: President Petrovich met with Barry Gaverick regarding Fern & Coal Street reconstruction problems. Water is traveling from the street onto a resident's property. The wall is pushed over and there is a hump in the road. It also needs a rolled curb by the wall for the water to run. Barry told Mr. Petrovich to set up a meeting with New Enterprise and council and him to resolve the issues.

Mr. Miriello instructed the secretary to call Barry and set up a meeting.

The secretary informed council that QuickBooks and Windows 10 cannot receive updates if the computer is not upgraded to Windows 11. Joe Miriello made a motion to

update the computer for a maximum cost of \$600.00. Joe Petrovich second the motion. Motion carried. (2-0)

NEW BUSINESS: Council will meet next month 1 hour prior (6 pm) to the regular meeting on November 11,2025 to hold a budget meeting.

J. Miriello mad a motion to adopt Resolution 2025-02 for the purchase of a 2026 F-550 dump truck financed by Commonwealth Financing Authority in the amount of \$123,826.00. J. Petrovich second the motion. Motion carried. (2-0)

A motion was made by J. Petrovich and second by J. Miriello to hire Attorney Tony Matulewicz starting on January 1, 2026 contingent upon sending a letter with his retainer and rate. Motion carried. (2-0)

Kathryn Kenenitz inquired about a raise for cleaning the offices, hallway, and bathrooms. Council tabled the decision until next month.

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. (2-0)

Respectfully yours,

Linda Gregis
Secretary/Treasurer

