



# **Council**

# **Minutes**

**07 April 2015**

**Regular Meeting**

## **Matamoras Borough Council Minutes Meeting of 07 April 2015**

The regular meeting of the Matamoras Borough Council was called to order at 1930 hrs., Tuesday, 07 April 2015 by President Sain followed by a salute to the flag.

Roll call was taken. Present were Joe Sain, Dee Losee, David Clark, Pete Sigreto, Kevin Rose, Mark Madsen, Thomas Greiner and Mayor Janet Clark. Also present were, Solicitor Eric Hamill, EM Coordinator Gary Babb, Jr. Councilwoman Marielle Cavallaro, Assistant Chief Eric Stewart, Recreation President Al Holtzer, Secretary/Zoning Officer Bob Fitch, Treasurer Greg Myer, Jane Drake Tax Collector, and Fire Chief Tom Long. There were approximately 35 members of the general public present.

**Motion** was made by Sigreto/Clark to approve the minutes as presented; carried without dissent.

**Motion** was made by Clark/Greiner to accept the Treasurer's report as presented; carried.

**Motion** was made by Clark/Madsen that the bills are accepted and, when approved by the Finance Committee, orders are drawn on the Borough Treasurer for the same; carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** The following citizens offered comments:

**Peter Hill** - Providence, Rhode Island - Bluestone reclamation project exchanging Bluestone slabs for new concrete sidewalks at no cost to the owner for more information you may contact 401.641.6091

### **REPORTS**

**Mayor** – I'd like to give a thank you to the Heart of Matamoras for an excellent job on the egg hunt at Airport Park. The kids had a wonderful time. Also before the Council tonight will be a letter from the police commission on changing terms so that when the terms expire each year there will be some overlap in some continuity. The mayor also requested that counsel purchase an automatic external defibrillator "AED" for Eastern Pike Regional Police Department she reported that the sewer authority agreed to purchase one and so had Hope Evangelical Church they need four this would give them three.

**General Government Chair** - Nothing to report

**Road Task Force** – Route 84 bridge construction is in full swing, they will be posting road closings and exit closings. The proposed changes throughout 209 will be on hold until

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they complete route 84. They hope to move more quickly on this section than on the last section and be done in a shorter time.

**Fire Department Chair** – Nothing to report

**Streets Chair** - Reported on trash collected and other tasks accomplished. Mr. Clark also noted that the annual spring cleanup day would be held on May 2, 2015 from 8 AM to 3 PM behind the borough barn. The dumpsters are ordered and residents may drop off trash for the following fees \$10 for a car, \$20 for pickup truck and \$30 for a large truck. His full report is on file.

**Finance Committee Chair** – nothing to report.

**Borough Buildings Chair** – Nothing to report.

**Jr. Council** – Gave an overview of recent events at DVSD, full report on file

**EPRPD:** Assistant Chief Stewart reviewed crime statistics, full report on file.

**Fire Chief** Long reported on the March 2015 statistics and introduced representatives from the Port Jervis volunteer ambulance, full report on file.

**Emergency Management** – Gary Babb reported that bids would be opened soon for the new siding project at the firehouse. Bids are going out for the generator open evangelical church. He asked Ralph Berger when he expected work to begin on the bridge lights and was told it would start at the end of this month.

**Recreation Advisory Board** – Al Holtzer reported the following: the Council needed to approve \$700 for new rule signs for the park, \$1000 to Fuller Engineering to come up with plans for construction of a handicapped ramp at the RC Park, \$200 to budget for supplies for the earth cleanup day, and finally approve the AIR contract for summer services.

**Revenue Committee:** Kevin Rose reported the committee had been meeting and come up with seven distinct suggestions to help improve revenue potential for the borough. Kevin noted that they would not be able to implement a mercantile tax since the Borough did not have one in place in 1988, it cannot enact one at this time. Their first choice would be to charge an annual fee for garbage of approximately \$200 per household with projected revenues of approximately \$190,000 per year. The full report is on file.

**CORRESPONDENCE** - on file, President Sain reported the borough had received a

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\$72,000 Liquid Fuels Fund check from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

1. **Motion** by Clark/Greiner to approve the AIR Contract to operate a summer program at Airport Park. There was discussion questioning whether there would be a charge for the programs and of background checks to be conducted on all employees. There will be no charge for programs. All employees will have full background checks. Mr. Losee noted that in addition needed to be made to the contract to include insurance that AIR would have a workers compensation insurance program in place. Clark/Greiner amended their motion to include the addition of a clause requiring AIR to have workers compensation insurance. Passed with Losee dissenting.
2. **Motion** by Rose/Sigreto to approve the borough hall use form. Passed without dissent.
3. **Motion** by Rose/Clark to table action of the fire hydrant ordinance until July 2015. Passed without dissent.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. **Motion** by Rose/Greiner to approve a conditional use permit for Bobbi Madewell at 710 Avenue I to operate a beauty salon as a home occupation. The Council held a public hearing on this prior to the regular meeting and received public comment on the proposed conditional use. Following the recommendation of the Planning Commission, the motion passed without dissent
2. President Sain noted that approval of the park SOP's would be tabled until next month. He will get copies of the proposed SOP's into all Council members hand within the next week.
3. **Motion** by motion by Rose/Pelosi to use funds from the new school's building permits fees to purchase a new AED for EPRPD. Passed without dissent
4. **Motion** by Rose/Losee to approve tax abatement for James & Mary Cherry, passed without dissent.
5. **Motion** by Losee/Sigreto to approve abatement for Marla Hulse, passed without dissent.

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6. **Motion** by Rose/Sigreto or to approve abatement for Delaware Valley school District. Passed with Losee dissenting
7. **Motion** by Rose/Losee to table the request from Eastern Pike Regional Police Commission to amend the forming agreement. Passed without dissent
8. **Motion** by Losee/Sigreto to authorize the Secretary to send a letter to Pike County communication center naming Port Jervis Ambulance as the primary responder for ALS and BLS calls within the borough and Atlantic ambulance as the secondary provider. Passed without dissent.
9. Mr. Rose requested that the Council prove a strong man pulling event as a fundraiser on July 4 at airport park. Mr. Rose would attempt to pull a 22,000-pound semi one hundred feet and receive contributions for each foot he pulled. Funds raised would go to a charity within the borough. After discussion, Mr. Rose noted he would come back to Council next month once he had the proper paperwork in place for approval.
10. Mr. Clarke commented that DPW would be patching potholes this week and next week and that on the week of the 20th yard waste pickup would begin.
11. Mr. Clark requested the Council adjourned to executive session to discuss personnel matters. Counsel entered executive session 8:25 PM and return from executive session at 9:10 PM.
12. President Sain noted that during executive session the Council discussed the fact the water authority lost their water operator, and that borough employee Keith Rodriguez would be filling in at both positions for a short time. Mr. Sain appointed an ad hoc committee of Councilman Greiner and Madsen to work with the Matamoras Municipal Authority on possible ways to share employees.

There being no further business to conduct:

**Motion** was made by Losee/Sigreto to adjourn. There being no dissent, the meeting was adjourned at 2110 hrs.

Respectfully submitted,



**Robert J. Fitch**

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Secretary