

Matamoras Borough Council Minutes
Meeting of 01 Sep 2015

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2 The regular meeting of the Matamoras Borough Council was called to order at 1930 hrs., Tuesday,
3 01 Sep 15 by President Sain followed by a salute to the flag.
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5 Roll call was taken. Present were Joe Sain, Pete Sigreto, Dee Losee, Kevin Rose, Mark Madsen,
6 Thomas Greiner, David Clark and Mayor Janet Clark. Also present were, EM Coordinator Gary
7 Babb, Assistant Chief Eric Stewart, Secretary/Zoning Officer Bob Fitch, Treasurer Greg Myer, Jane
8 Drake Tax Collector, Solicitor Eric Hamill and Al Holtzer Recreation President. Excused was Fire
9 Chief Thomas Long. There were approximately 17 members of the general public present.
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11 **Motion** to approve the minutes as presented by Greiner/Clark; carried without dissent
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13 **Motion** by Clark/Greiner to accept the Treasurer's report as presented; carried without dissent.
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15 **Motion** by Clark/Madsen that the bills are accepted and, when approved by the Finance
16 Committee, orders are drawn on the Borough Treasurer for the same; carried
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18 **PUBLIC COMMENT:** The following citizens offered comments:
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20 **Martina Rose** – 408 Second Street – Requested Council approve the Third Annual
21 Zombie Apocalypse run for October 11, 2015. Mrs. Rose presented the completed
22 application. She noted that Recreation had not yet approved the application and
23 that she would have an updated certificate of insurance to the Borough Office on
24 Wednesday, 02 Sep 15. Mrs. Rose stated the proceeds from the event would be
25 donated to EPRPD Foundation. The application will be presented for approval
26 during new business.
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28 **Diana Hart** – 404 Avenue I – Commented about the abuse by some residents of the
29 two can limit for garbage. She stated that many put out two cans, however the
30 cans are over filled and actually constitute an additional can. The Borough should
31 go after these people and require they purchase additional can permits. She also
32 commented on how many people overfill the cans and animal scatter the garbage
33 before the Borough can get it picked-up.
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35 **REPORTS**
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37 **Mayor** – Gave a very brief report due to the fact that she has been out sick. She sent out a big
38 thank you to the Pike County Dispatch for the “at-a-boy” they gave the Borough for establishing a
39 nice garden at the bridge.
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41 **General Government Chair** - Nothing to report
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43 **Road Task Force** – Nothing to report, work continues on I-84, work on 6 and 209 on hold.

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1 **Fire Department Chair** – Reported the fire department ask if the Borough would provide the
2 manpower to paint the parking spaces in the bingo lot if the FD provided the paint.
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4 **Streets Chair** – Mr. Greiner reported on trash collected and other tasks accomplished. He also
5 reported the window in Borough Hall has been repaired; work continues on the rehabilitation of
6 the street sweeper, crosswalks had been painted, the stop sign management plan has been
7 completed with the assistance of Dave Clark on Fridays. Mr. Greiner noted that no companies
8 returned for street paving. He addressed that under new business. Full report on file.
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10 **Finance Committee Chair** – Budget process has begun, all Council members will be given their
11 area of responsibility and have a proposed budget to the committee by the end of September.
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13 **Borough Buildings Chair** – Mr. Greiner reported of an A/C unit not working in the EPRPD, Al Dana
14 has been called to provide an estimate to repair the unit.
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16 **EPRPD** - Assistant Chief Stewart reviewed crime statistics, full report on file.
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18 **Fire** – Assistant Chief Babb thanked the Borough for repainting the helicopter landing area lines
19 and asked if the cones that were thrown in the river were returned to the department, yes Mr.
20 Greiner reported they were. Full report is on file
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22 **Emergency Management** – Gary Babb reported the expansion wells at the Cannonsville Dam have
23 been closed and there are no signs of turbidity in the monitoring wells. The first has been grouted
24 and all expansion wells will be winterized. We are out of the danger zone, 24 hours monitoring
25 continues, the reservoir will be back at full capacity some time in April of 2016. The hydroelectric
26 plant is on hold.
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28 **Recreation Advisory Board** –Al Holtzer reported the following:
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- 30 ✓ AIR will run a Riverfest over Labor Day weekend with the same events as in AIR Olympics.
- 31 ✓ Will ask Council under new business to approve Spooktacular in the park on 17 Oct 15.
- 32 ✓ Heart of Matamoras Vendor Fair is set for this weekend in the park.
- 33 ✓ The outfield fence will be coming down and moved to other places, the tennis courts will be
34 resurfaced.
- 35 ✓ They are evaluating other areas to establish a priority list for action
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38 **Revenue Committee:** Mr. Rose presented council with feasibility study including projected
39 revenue from placing parking meters in Airport Park. He was requesting Council to approve the
40 plan so work could begin. Motion by Sigreto/Clark to table the question until the October
41 meeting. Carried without dissent.
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1 CORRESPONDENCE - on file..

2 UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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4 1. **Joe Sain** reported that after completing due diligence Recreation will not be accepting the
5 playground equipment from DVSD. The cost of installation would be too great and the
6 money could be spent on more urgent repairs.

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8 2. **Mr. Sigreto** commented on recent incidents of damage to the Borough Hall and
9 recommended rekeying the Borough Hall and Office. Mr. Sigreto went on to note that not
10 all groups are problematic, he specifically noted that The Heart of Matamoras always left
11 the hall cleaner than they found it. Mr. Fitch noted that the Republican Club also always
12 cleaned up after themselves. Mr. Sigreto suggested we rekey the doors and have a single
13 key in the office groups would have to sign out to use and then return. No action was
14 taken.

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16 3. **Mr. Greiner** reported the following:

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18 a. Pennsylvania Avenue Street Lights there are eight lights that require replacement.

19 i. Working with Voltron Electric on pricing out LED replacements, they offer a 76%
20 energy saving and much longer life.

21 ii. There is a sample coming to show how its color compares with the existing lights.

22 There was some discussion about replacing all the streetlights with LED bulbs under a program
23 mentioned by Aileen Sullivan from Orange and Rockland. Mr. Losee questioned whether LED
24 bulbs would give the same color as the HPS bulbs. Ralph Burger told him they do make an
25 LED bulb that will closely match the color.

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27 b. Responded to the concern raised last meeting about the no parking area on Pennsylvania
28 Avenue in front of Two Rivers Grill. Mr. Greiner reported that they measured the area and
29 it was in full compliance with PennDot Article 212, therefore it could not be changed.

30 c. Responded to the request of a citizen to repair divots in the right of way in front of their
31 property. The Borough can use the right of way in any way it wishes, it is the home
32 owners responsibility to maintain the right of way up to the road edge, therefore the
33 Borough will not take any action.

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37 NEW BUSINESS:

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39 1. **Motion** by Rose/Madsen to set the budget workshops dates as 7 Oct, 14 Oct and if needed
40 28 Oct 15 at 7:00 pm in the Borough Hall and authorize the Secretary to advertise the
41 same. Carried without dissent.

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- 1 2. **Motion** by Rose/Clark to table discussion on the DPW Laborer job description until next
2 month. Carried without dissent.
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4 3. **Motion** by Clark/rose to accept the donation of Ford tractor with loader and backhoe from
5 The Municipal Authority of the Borough of Matamoras. Carried without dissent.
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7 4. **Motion** by Rose/Clark to approve Resolution 2015-06 concerning who and what type
8 events would be allowed in Veteran’s Memorial Park and Education Center. Carried
9 without dissent.
10 5. **Motion** by Rose/Losee to approve the Zombie Apocalypse run pending submission of
11 current certificate of insurance, approval from Recreation and securing all required sign-
12 offs. Carried without dissent.
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14 6. **Motion** by Greiner/Losee to approve the Spooktacular for 17 October in the park. Carried
15 without dissent
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17 7. **Motion** by Losee/Madsen to approve the application by Kevin Rose to hold a poker run,
18 Roll’n for Derrick in the Park on 27 Sep 15 pending submission of current certificate of
19 insurance and securing all required sign-offs. Carried without dissent.
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21 8. Mr. Rose complemented Sgt. Zegarsky on the way he handled the recent heart attack at
22 Two Rivers Grill.
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24 9. **Motion** by Losee/Rose to authorize the Secretary to re-advertise the paving bids in smaller
25 amounts to be done. In discussion it was noted that some smaller local companies may bid
26 on smaller projects. Carried without dissent
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29 There being no further business to conduct:
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31 **Motion** was made by Rose/Sigreto to adjourn. There being no dissent, the meeting was adjourned
32 at 2020 hrs.
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38 **Robert J. Fitch**
39 Secretary