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Council

Minutes

07 Jun 16

Regular Meeting

Matamoras Borough Council Minutes
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1 The regular meeting of the Matamoras Borough Council was called to order at 1930 hrs., Tuesday, 07 Jun 16
2 by President Sain followed by a salute to the flag.

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4 Roll call was taken. Present were Joe Sain, Pete Sigreto, Dee Losee, Kevin Rose, Thomas Greiner, David
5 Clark, Mayor Janet Clark. Also present were Sgt. Zegarsky, Secretary/Zoning Officer Bob Fitch, Treasurer
6 Greg Myer, Park Manager Adam Holtzer, Asst. Chief Shawn Alessandra , EM Coordinator Tom Olver and
7 Solicitor Eric Hamill. Excused were Mark Madsen and Jane Drake. There were approximately 25 members
8 of the general public present.

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10 **Motion** to approve the minutes of the May 2016 Council Meeting as presented by Greiner/Sigreto; carried
11 without dissent

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13 **Motion** by Rose/Clark to accept the May 2016 Treasurer's report as presented; carried without dissent.

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15 **Motion** by Clark/Rose that the bills are accepted and, when approved by the Finance Committee, orders are
16 drawn on the Borough Treasurer for the same; carried without dissent.

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

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20 **Linda O'Donnell**, 400 Avenue K – Commented on how much fun Tuesday Tunes at the Park are
21 and how much fun it was to make s'mores. She encouraged all people to go out next week to the
22 business card exchange.

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24 **Helen Gassmann**, 904 Avenue L – Commented on the tree that they replaced on Pennsylvania Ave.
25 due to a car hitting it. Mrs. Gassmann will send the bill to the borough to collect from the driver's
26 insurance company. She also reminded everyone that the Keystone Club will do Ducks on the
27 Delaware against this year in July. They use the money to purchase trees for Pennsylvania Avenue.

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29 **James Hall**, 106 Avenue M – Asked who often does the Code Enforcement Officer drive around the
30 Borough. Mr. Fitch is not doing his job, people are blowing grass out onto the street. Mr. Sain told
31 Mr. Hall that Mr. Fitch is doing his job.

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33 **Burt Thompson**, 609 Avenue G – Ask if the council was considering exempting college students
34 from the EIT? Attorney Hamill replied we cannot do that because it would discriminate on age. Mr.
35 Thompson asked if the Borough could give them a refund?

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37 **Loretta Buchanan**, 207 Avenue L – Disappointed with the way the Council dealt with Gary Babb.

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39 **REPORTS**

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41 **Mayor** – Discussed the upcoming Borough Hall Centennial Celebration said things are moving right along.
42 We will be closing the street in front of the borough and Avenue I from Delaware Drive to First Street. 10'
43 X 10' booths are available for rent at the cost of \$20 for Non Profits and \$50 for businesses. The event is
44 being co-sponsored by The Historical Society with financial support in the form of \$1500 grant from Orange
45 and Rockland Utilities. Linda O'Donnell is conducting a survey of residents to create a list of all the
46 activities that took place in Borough Hall over the years.

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48 **Junior Councilwomen** – No Report

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50 **General Government** – No Report

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2 **Fire Department Chair** – Nothing to report
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4 **Public Works and Facilities Chair** – Mr. Greiner reported on trash collected and other tasks accomplished.
5 Talked about the Spring Clean-up and the fact that all the paving in the Borough has been completed for this
6 year.
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8 **Road Task Force** – Nothing to Report
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10 **Finance Committee Chair** – Reported that the committee has designed a new report to show transactions
11 by account number. Reminded everyone that budget time is fast approaching. Talked about a new grant for
12 sidewalks from 7th to 10th street.
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14 **EPRPD** – Sgt. Zegarsky reviewed crime statistics, full report on file. the public.
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16 **Fire** – Assistant Chief Alessandra report on call activities for the month and fireman training. Full report on
17 file
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19 **Emergency Management** – Mr. Olver reported on the required NIMS Courses for elected officials, 100,
20 700, 200 & 800. Reported that the last siren test showed 4 defective sirens, he is waiting for a reply from the
21 company that services the siren about past due bills. The radio station is still offline and requires expensive
22 repairs. Tom reported that he and Bob Fitch will be taking the NIMS 235 course on EOP operation on the
23 25th & 26th of June.
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25 **Recreation Advisory Board** – Adam Holtzer that the park was open and busy. The concession will open
26 this week for a tournament. Summer Program staff is in place and the program is set to start.
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28 **CORRESPONDENCE** – On file

29 **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
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- 31 1. Mr. Greiner report that we have received an addendum from Kiley concerning the costs to remediate
32 the issues that can be done. They need to review and plan to have a report next month.
- 33 2. Joe Sain reported that we need someone to serve on the county planning commission.
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35 **NEW BUSINESS:**
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- 37 1. **Motion** – by Losee/Rose to hire Catherine Madsen and Wanda Holtzer as employees for the park.
38 Motion without dissent.
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- 40 2. **Motion** – by Clark/Greiner to join EPRPD in a new VOIP phone system. We should have the initial
41 investment of \$1054 paid back in approximately five months.
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- 43 3. **Motion** – by Losee/Rose to approve the American Legions request to conduct a flag burning
44 ceremony at Veteran’s Memorial Park on 14 June. Passed without dissent.
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- 46 4. **Motion** by Greiner/Clark to spend \$2580 on an engineering study to come up with the design and
47 costs to have sidewalks put in from 7th to 10th street. Mr. Rose asked where we would get the money
48 for the project, Mr. Clark answered we have the funds in the bank. Mr. Losee asked how much the

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1 project would cost and what the borough's cost would be for the project. Total cost would be
2 \$270,000 to \$300,000 and the Borough cost would be \$80,000 to \$90,000. Passed with Losee
3 dissenting.
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- 5 5. Mr. Greiner reported on changes to the way rent gas cylinders. He reported that we were paying
6 \$80/month and now are paying \$75/yr for annual savings of over \$900.00. Mr. Greiner noted that
7 Mr. Fitch contacted him inquiring if the cost were paying was normal. Mr. Fitch then negotiated the
8 new pricing with Air Products.
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11 There being further business to cover the President adjourned the meeting at 2012 hrs.
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13 Respectfully submitted,
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17 **Robert J. Fitch**
18 Secretary