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Council

Minutes

04 OCT 16

Regular Meeting

Matamoras Borough Council Minutes Meeting of 04 OCT 16

1 The regular meeting of the Matamoras Borough Council was called to order at 1930 hrs., Tuesday, 04 Oct 16
2 by President Sain followed by a salute to the flag.

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4 Present were Joe Sain, Pete Sigreto, Dee Losee, Kevin Rose, Thomas Greiner, David Clark, Mark Madsen, and
5 Mayor Janet Clark. Also present were Secretary/Zoning Officer Bob Fitch, Treasurer Greg Myer, Jane Drake Tax
6 Collector, Assistant Fire Chief Sean Alexandra, EM Coordinator Tom Olver and Solicitor Eric Hamill. Jr.
7 Councilwomen Timea Strenk, Christine Waszcyszak and EM Coordinator Tom Long were excused. Recreation
8 President Al Holtzer were absent. There were approximately 95 members of the general public present.

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10 **Motion** to approve the minutes of September 2016 meetings as presented by Clark/Sigreto; carried without
11 dissent

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

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

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19 President Sain read a statement concerning how and why it was decided to enforce Section 67 of the Borough
20 Code.

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22 Councilman and Public Works and Facilities Chairman Tom Greiner announced that the Borough was sending
23 the garbage truck on Friday, 7 Oct 16 to pick up all cans that were not collected on regular trash days.

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

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27 **Ana Long**, 702 Matamoras Street – Who determines if a trash can is too heavy. You are not
28 answering our questions or even looking at us! You will not be re-elected!

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30 **Loretta Buchanan**, 207 Avenue L – Why can't EIT monies be used to pay increased tipping fees?

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32 **Diane Reynolds**, 101 Mt. View Ct. – What do we do about non-compliant cans? Is the Borough
33 running at a deficit? Trash was not picked up, rethink the ordinance.

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35 **Lena Marinaro**, 100 8th Street – Can I keep my 50 Gal can and pay extra money? What is the plan for
36 trash going forward?

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38 **Al Tyler**, 100 Avenue M – Told cans were the right size, never received notice, my cans had no lids. I
39 have a legal issue with no trash pick-up. Change in can size, not getting no notice is wrong.

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41 **Angela Smith**, 205 Avenue K – No notification, no proper notification, web site said enforce all
42 aspects not take garbage, use citations to take care of oversized cans, use citations to generate
43 revenue. Garbage created issues, there should be no garbage on the streets, increase the number of
44 cans.

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46 **Norman Dexter**, 102 First Street – Volumes of trash produced by larger cans. EIT to tipping fees, ok
to cut the size, but increase the number of cans to create a fair volume.

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Sam Reviello, 307 Avenue M – Revise Section 67. Revise ordinance to better to suit residents and include readily available can sizes. The message he received did not include the can size or that they would not be picked up. Have employees replace lids back on cans or place them in them inside the cans.

Kelly Ross, 505 Avenue E – Excess can pick-up why were some oversized cans picked up and why not others?

Dennis McDermott, 102 Delaware Dr. 1 can was always picked up it is 42 gallons. I got no notice, trash is always left in the bottom of the can, take all my trash! I want to opt out of tax for trash. The borough should go to automated pick-up. He chided the council for poor conduct and not respecting the public and talking down to the residents, everyone is on the same level.

Debbie Arnetta, 308 Avenue G – Move past these last two days and reconsider the ordinance. Ease into the ordinance in order to give people time to comply. You just moved too fast.

Cathleen Toussaint, 604 Delaware Drive – There are no new cans in the area to be had. Sit down and reconsider the ordinance. No something with recycling. We need better communication to reach out to the residents in case of an emergency. How can do it.

Jan Horowitz, 100 Avenue L – There were no pick-ups on Avenue L, I got no messages on robo calls, bought 42 gallon cans please revisit the ordinance. Perhaps the borough could set up an email list or text list to reach people. Perhaps we should reinstate recycling.

Tiffany Uhass, 307 Avenue N – Set a set fee for trash and pick up everything. Reconsider making people but a new can, Buy the cans in bulk and offer to citizens.

Angela Roselli, 6 Avenue O – Lack of recycling sends the wrong message.

Matthew Johns, 311 Avenue N, - Can we pursue a recycling contract with someone?

Dagmar Strenk, 511 Avenue L – There are recycling performance grants available from the state. We should try to get a grant to do recycling.

John Codichinni, 102 Avenue C – I pay \$1300 in EIT taxes and we are fighting over picking up clean garbage? I was sold on the EIT, where is the EIT money?

Albert Helms, 302 Avenue F – The crew took two cans and left one, I put out tires and furniture and they were not picked up. Has the trash crew received in-service training on the trash ordinance?

Susan Mandzy, 701 Avenue M – There is a traffic safety issue on Seventh Street. What is the speed limit in the Borough? Cars are speeding down Seventh Street it is unsafe for pedestrians. We need a traffic study to see what the increase in vehicle traffic has been with the school and increased park activities. I would like a time line before I leave the meeting tonight.

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1 **Matt Jones**, 311 Avenue N – A citizen can report reckless driving to the PD. Please send out a letter
2 with new requirements.

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4 **Jeff Lawler**, 509 Avenue I – You plan on picking up trash on Friday, when will you let the people
5 know? We need a newsletter on a monthly basis.

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7 **Sharon Jenks**, 602 Ave H – Every time it rains it floods on Sixth Street. I have a 40 gallon can, why
8 can't I just have one 40 gallon can instead of (2) 38 gallon cans?

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10 **Jennifer Lehman**, 101 First Street – Robo call did not leave can size. Moving forward what kind of
11 what kind of communications should the Borough use? Letter or a post card possibly?

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13 **Leann Campbell**, 302 Avenue K – We can't we just have 40-45 gallon cans and retrain the crews not
14 to pick-up the cans, but just grab the bags?

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16 **Gary Waszcysak**, 125 10th Street – He purchased cans with lids attached and the lids were broken
17 off by the crews by placing on the ground. I understand there is a safety issue with lifting large cans.

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19 Councilman Clark remarked about the need to improve communication and perhaps we should look
20 at a static Facebook page or email and text lists.

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22 **Matthew Kid**, 702 Avenue K – Will the extra pick-up day be Friday in the Morning?

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24 **Debbie Reynolds**, 401 Avenue K – Why doesn't the Borough buy cans and distribute them to the
25 residents?

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27 **Omar Ashmawy**, 206 Avenue F – Where & when look for information on the Borough? There are no
28 38 gallon cans out there perhaps you should amend the ordinance to allow 40 gallon cans. We
29 should have access to a mechanism to look up information about the Borough.

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31 **James Longhenry**, 408 Avenue G – Postpone enforcement until 1 Jan. Give each resident 104
32 stickers for the year for residents to use as they see fit each week. If they use up the stickers, you
33 can buy more. Purchase some marker boards to use during discussion to keep track of suggestions.

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39 **REPORTS**

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41 **Mayor** – Thanked members of council and supporters of the Borough Hall Celebration, there is consideration
42 of repeating the event next year. Thank you again for all the supporters.

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44 **Junior Councilwomen** – No Report.

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46 **General Government** – No Report.

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Fire Department Chair – Nothing to report

Public Works and Facilities Chair – Mr. Greiner reported on trash collected and other tasks accomplished. Gates were put up at the DPW compound to stop traffic for cutting through to reach the school and park.

Road Task Force – Nothing to Report

Finance Committee Chair – Mr. Clark reminded everyone the Budget Workshops start at 1830 hrs. and the first meeting is Tuesday, 05 Oct 16. He will distribute a copy of the first budget draft at the end of the meeting.

EPRPD – Report on File

Fire – Chief Long reported on Fire Department activity for the month of August. Full report on file. Mr. Sain passed along “well done and thank you” from P.A.Y.A.L. for the great response to the EMS calls at the football games.

Emergency Management – Mr. Losee read Mr. Olver’s Report. He requested that Mr. Neilis and Mr. Fean be appointed deputy directors and they be issued access keys. He reported the progress on the sirens is moving slowly.

Recreation Advisory Board – No Report

Mr. Losee made a presentation of a photo of Matamoras from Lena Marinara to the Matamoras/Westfall historical society.

CORRESPONDENCE – On file Mr. Sain read a thank you card from Nancy Vocci and Jane Drake for naming the pavilions in honor of them.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Mr. Madsen reported on the status of the new cable franchise. It is in holding waiting to get information from a new franchise agreement in White Plains, NY. That will hopefully give the guidance to get a local station in the lineup.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **Motion** by Losee/Rose to approve the Toys for Tots flag football tournament Nov 5, 2016. Passed without dissent.
2. **Motion** – by Sigreto/Clark to authorize the Borough Secretary to advertise for the summer employees at the park. We will advertise for a Park Director, Maintenance Lead and Recreation Board Member. Passed without dissent
3. Mr. Clark reported on the letter the water authority was sending out to all residents concerning a failed

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1 test for bacteria. The repeat test was negative but it was not redone within the correct time frame.
2 There is no danger, he just had to notify the public of the failed test.

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4 4. **Motion** by Rose/Sigreto to allow the fire department up posts with chains across the dogleg. Motion to
5 table by Losse/Clark, tabled.
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7 5. **Motion** by Sigreto/Greiner to appoint Bill Nielis and Greg Fean as assistant EM coordinators. Passed
8 with Losee dissenting.
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10 6. **Motion** by Greiner/Losee to pick up non-compliant garbage cans until January 2017 until the Borough
11 has an opportunity to review the existing garbage ordinance and make any changes council feel are
12 appropriate. The trash will be picked up as long as the trash is in bags and in cans with the lids securely
13 attached. Loose bags will not be collected. The Borough will issue complaints against any locations not
14 conforming. Passed without dissent.

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16 There being further business to cover the President adjourned the meeting at 2134 hrs.

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18 Respectfully submitted,

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22 **Robert J. Fitch**
23 Secretary