

**EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

August 22, 2024 6:00 p.m.

Held in person: 6051 Pine Street, East Petersburg, PA

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Debra Miller, President of Borough Council at 6:00 p.m. with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Council Members: Debra Miller – President, John Schick – Vice President, Adam Gochnauer – ProTem, John Herr – Member, Randy Rannels – Member, William Sharp – Member, Sandra Valdez – Member (Absent)
Mayor: James Malone (Absent), Borough Manager: Karen St. Clair, Borough Solicitor: Amy Leonard

VISITORS: Karyl Carmignani, James Swarr, Joshua Roberts, Jeff Moseman, Susan & Don Piefer, William Holliday, Sierra Holliday

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Susan Peifer: Voiced concern for the frequent loud noise from the pickleball courts. She lives in the closest house near the courts and the noise has become a nuisance. She attended a recent meeting to request sound barriers, hanging signs to post park hours, and limiting playing hours. Two other residents that live near the courts expressed concern for the loud noises that playing pickleball creates and the late hours people are playing. It was asked if something could be done to filter the loud noises and if hours could be limited and enforced. Some suggestions were: hanging sound barrier materials, planting trees, limiting hours just for pickleball. Council said signs have been hung posting park hours, and a timer will soon be added to the new light system to eliminate people playing past park hours. The noise decibel has been checked and are in legal range. Research to find options for cost efficient sound barriers will continue and be reviewed at the September Committee meeting.
William Holiday: Glo Fiber was considering putting an anchor on his property and asked what his rights are. He was told as long as it is in the right of way, they are allowed to do this. Residents can contact Glo Fiber directly to discuss concerns 1-866-997-6474.

II. AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND REVIEW ONLY

1. **ROW Ordinance 329 & Agreement:** This was reviewed at the last meeting; changes and comments were addressed, and changes implemented. Most of this is federally mandated. State roads are governed by the state; this ordinance is just for borough roads. ROW agreement template has been provided for someone other than public utility. Cable is also considered public utility and must come to us for franchise. This will be put on the 9/3 agenda for advertisement.
2. **EPFC Discussion of Resolution 809 & 857 and Ordinance 212 & 321:**
 - Resolution 809 was previously passed in 5/2021. Resolution 896 will replace this because we are no longer part of the HAFSC and no longer have the Chief Fire Official
 - Resolution 857 was previously passed in January 2023 recognizing the position Deputy Chief Fire Official to act as the Fire Official. Resolution 897 will repeal Res. 857 to eliminate the positions of Chief Fire Official and Deputy Chief Fire Official.
 - Ordinance 321 was previously passed in 1/2023. Ordinance 328 will repeal Ord. 321 rescinding any authority of the CFO.
 - Ordinance 212 was previously passed in 1999 and was once thought to prevent the FD from soliciting constituents of the municipality for donations. This was reviewed by the Borough Solicitor, Amy Leonard, and determined no change is needed. There is nothing that prevents the FC from receiving funds from a fire tax and requesting donations from a constituent of a municipality and it has actually become common practice due to rising costs.
3. **Memorial Bench Information:** The best option found for bench and installation cost is: \$2,003.35. Benches will be subject to location. Delivery takes 6-8 weeks. Somebody has already shown interest in donating a bench. Information will be compiled to share with residents and brought back to council at the 9/3 meeting.

4. **Hockey Rink Renewal:** Everything is going well, and this will be renewed.
5. **Holidays for 2025:** This was reviewed and will be put on the 9/3 agenda for approval.
6. **2025 MMO (minimum municipal obligation):** The total amount of the MMO for 2025 is 52,702.00. This will be put on the 9/3 agenda.
7. **Account Payables 07/25/2024:** Reviewed by Council. No Additions to the regular bills. There was a refund issued to the borough from Telco for services that were done within 30 day guarantee period.
8. **Fire Company Financials – for review only:** Reviewed by Council.
9. **Misc. Items:**
 - **John Herr:** Asked Manager St. Clair to check with the solicitor re: limiting times at the pickleball courts.
 - **John Schick:** The Commonwealth of PA is accepting applications through 11/4/2024 for a grant that could possibly cover pedestrian cross walks with rapid red flashers to assist residents with crossing Main and State Street to go to the park safely. John Schick will forward grant information to Manager St. Clair.
 - **Debra Miller:** Attended EPHS Civil War encampment which was very informative.
 - **Adam Gochnauer:** (1)Met with Fire Co. and he is back on the finance committee. (2)Sweeper contracts will be going out with increased rates. We are making money on this, and people are happy with the service. (3)Meeting with new Edward Jones rep to discuss interest rates dropping and how to re-invest so our rates do not drop.

III. ACTION ITEMS

1. *It was moved and seconded (A. Gochnauer /J. Schick) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve July 2024 Committee Meeting Minutes.*

IV. EXTRA ITEMS: Issues arising in the last 24 hours: None.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Borough office will be closed on Monday, September 2, 2024, in observance of Labor Day Holiday.
- The next Borough Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 3, 2024.
- East Pete Days: September 11 – 14.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:31 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL AND LEGAL MATTERS: 8:01 P.M. – 9:01 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Strayer, Recording Secretary