

**EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

February 27, 2025 6:00 p.m.

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

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
Mayor - James Malone (Absent), Borough Manager - Karen St. Clair, Borough Solicitor - Amy Leonard, Borough Engineer – Michael Bingham
Staff Members: Jeff Moseman, Scott Liggins

VISITORS: Karyl Carmignani, Jerry Eidemiller, Tammy Moseman, Cheryl Maurer, Samuel Maurer IV, James Swarr, Jamie Rohrer, Jim Feaga, Samuel Maurer, V. Mergenthaler, Frank Yunginger, Duane Breneman, Caleb Simmers, Mark Cohen, Amy Leid, Amanda Campbell, Amy Swanger, Josh Roberts, Naomi Beach, Michaela Sharp, Pam Gochnauer, Mitchell Hanna, Wanda Hershey, John Nolt, Sharon Winters, Dave Winters, Jill Otthofer, Dan Otthofer, Erika Otthofer, Dereck Duffy, John Ranauro, Nick Ranauro, Eric McComsey, Jay Parrish, Sarah Maughan, Brad Maughan, K. Grimaldi, Kathy Herr

***SPECIAL MEETING CALLED 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.

- 1. TRAFFIC CHANGE DISCUSSION:** Manager St. Clair opened the meeting up to public discussion regarding a proposed traffic change: Making Pine Street a one (1) way street – north to south. Numerous residents voiced concern that this change would cause many issues; increase in speeding, delay in time for emergency vehicles to arrive to calls on this street, and an increase in traffic. The consensus of the residents from Pine Street was that they did not want this change. Michael Bingham will check on reported overgrown trees in the site triangle at the intersection of Pine St. and State St.

ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL MEETING: 7:02 P.M.

***REGULAR MEETING CALLED TO ORDER:** Meeting was called to order by Debra Miller, President of Borough Council, at 7:05 p.m.

I. VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- 1. Jeff Kish – HYA (Hempfield Youth Association)** – HYA recently received a grant for improvements at their fields and would like to use a portion of this grant to improve the ball field at 2575 Graystone Road. They would like to install upper and lower softball field concrete pads in and around backstop and dugouts. They have applied for a permit but because it is on borough property the borough will need to approve this. The contractor will need to name the borough as additional insured, and the work will need done to specs.

II. AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND REVIEW ONLY

1. PFAS Settlement

Attorney Brett Land reached out to the borough solicitor regarding representing the borough in a class action lawsuit claim against the manufacturers of liquid foam. He represents 100 other public water systems addressing PFAS. We are currently under the Pennsylvania threshold for testing for this. Attorney fees are contingent upon recovery at 25%; there is no fee if there is no recovery. This information is publicly available.

2. Location of EP Pool vending machines; (1) snacks and (1) drinks

There is an area in a back room where the vending machines can be accessed by all. Putting the machines inside will lower risks. The contract will be between HARC and the vending company which alleviates the borough of liability. Council will review the contract.

3. Review projects that went out to bid; Lemon Street, Park/Basketball, Fog Seal-Hollow & Stevens

Lowest bids are as follows:

Lemon St. Ultra-thin Paving project - Asphalt Maintenance Solutions LLC \$125,987.59.

Basketball Court & Parking Lot Paving project - Martin Paving \$68,480.00.

Hollow Dr. & Steven St. Fog Seal project - Midland Asphalt \$80,905.44.

The bid packages are being reviewed by the borough solicitor, and borough engineer.

4. Review State Street Pipelining Quote

The quote through co-star came in at \$253,999.00 with 10 yr. warranty, but there is concern that this amount could go up, depending on what they find in the pipe, or if the jet would cause further damage. Michael Bingham said it is possible to get a lower quote if we put this out to bid and it could be put into the contract that they will be responsible for breakage of the pipe.

It was decided to proceed with getting a video camera in the pipe to see what the true condition of the pipe is: cost for video should not exceed \$2,000.00. It was also decided that after the video is done, Michael will put together specs for material and workmanship with a 5-year warranty on both.

5. 2025 LCCD (Lancaster County Conservation District) MOU

The borough solicitor and borough engineer have reviewed the MOU. There were no issues.

6. Hometown Hero Banner Program

No tax dollars will be used for this project. It is funded by donations through the Lions Club. Old banners will be replaced with a new round of banners. The old banners are double sided so they cannot be given to families. The banner chosen is HTH-28; size 30" x 60". PPL will be contacted to find out if we can hang them lower and over the sidewalk. Don Brubaker will be contacted re: hanging the banners. Donation containers will be put in businesses around the borough.

7. Hands on House Children's Museum Touch a Truck – Saturday, April 26, 2025

Ryan McKinley will transport the Street Sweeper to and from the event and be there during the event.

8. Resolution 912 – Disposition of Records

A list has been established in accordance with the Municipal Records Manual.

9. Review FY2024 financial audit

Audit is finished. There were no findings and everything looked good. A resolution will be established to outline the capital reserve fund. It was recommended to pay for streetlights with liquid fuels. Tapping fee is outdated; this will be looked into. The audit will be on next week's agenda for approval.

10. Review Account Payables 02/27/2025

No additions to the regular bills.

11. Misc. Items

John Schick – Would like a letter sent to PennDOT regarding putting up a sign at State & Main restricting large trucks from making right turns at the intersection.

Debra Miller - Fire CO. received a grant for 16,322.00.

Sandra Valdez – PA Dept. of Banking & Security Scam Jam Bingo will be held on Wednesday, March 19 12:30 – 3:30 at 57 Laurel St. Lancaster, PA. This event is to provide seniors with information on scamming.

12. Fire Company Financials – for review only: Reviewed by Council.

III. NEW BUSINESS - ACTION ITEMS – Council may discuss/deny/approve.

1. *It was moved and seconded (A. Gochnauer/R. Rannels) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve January 2025, Committee Meeting Minutes.*
2. *It was moved and seconded (W. Sharp/A. Gochnauer) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve PFAS Legal Service Agreement between East Petersburg Borough and the law firm of Baron & Budd, P.C., and Cossick, Sumich, Parisiola & Taylor, LLC. Attorney fees are contingent upon recovery at 25%. No recovery, no fee.*
3. *It was moved and seconded (S. Valdez/J. Schick) with unanimous approval by the board, to award the lowest bidder, AMS – Asphalt Maintenance Solutions LLC the Lemon Street Ultra-Thin Paving project in the amount of \$125,987.59. The approval is contingent upon review of all documents by the borough solicitor and borough engineer.*
4. *It was moved and seconded (S. Valdez/J. Schick) with unanimous approval by the board, to award the lowest bidder, Martin Paving Inc. the Basketball Court & Parking Lot Paving project in the amount of \$68,480.00. The approval is contingent upon review of all documents by the borough solicitor and borough engineer.*
5. *It was moved and seconded (W. Sharp/R. Rannels) with unanimous approval by the board, to award the lowest bidder, Midland Asphalt the Fog Seal project of Hollow Dr. & Stevens in the amount of \$80,905.44. The approval is contingent upon review of all documents by the borough solicitor and borough engineer.*
6. *It was moved and seconded (J. Schick/A. Gochnauer) with unanimous approval by the board, to proceed with the Hometown Heroes Banner Program with HTH-028, 30" x 60" banner, post the program information to the borough's website and send out an email blast about the program. The deadline to submit an application with a photo of a hometown hero in uniform is April 7, 2025. Contingent upon there is no further action with PPL or cost to the borough to relocate post.*
7. *It was moved and seconded (R. Randy/J. Schick/) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve Hempfield Youth Association (HYA) to pave the dugout and behind home plate backstop at the Softball field located at 2575 Graystone Road with review by engineer.*

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

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next Borough Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 4, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. and the next committee meeting will be on Thursday, March 27, 2025.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR LEGAL MATTERS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Strayer, Recording Secretary