

**EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

May 22, 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 (Absent), Adam Gochnauer - ProTem, John Herr – Member (Absent), Randy Rannels - Member, William Sharp - Member, Sandra Valdez – Member (Absent)

Mayor: James Malone, Borough Manager: Karen St. Clair, Borough Solicitor: Amy Leonard,
Borough Engineer: Michael Bingham, Staff Member: Jeff Moseman

VISITORS: Karyl Carmignani, Meredith McMonigal, Tammy Moseman, Keith Rollman, James Swarr, Dereck Duffy, Samuel Maurer V, George Matthews, Erin Matthews, Bob Johnson, Ben Johnson, Anna Thomas, Mike Smith, Kim Smith, Isabel Smith, Sara & Emerson Trovato, James & Chritina Rohrer, Jim & Kristen Feaga, Diane Koon, John Regensburger, Mary Armstrong

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.

I. VISITORS/PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

II. AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND REVIEW ONLY

1. Interviews for open mayor seat through 01/01/2026

An application and letter of interest was submitted to Council by each applicant for interim mayor. Council interviewed the applicants: Samuel Maurer V, Bill Trovato, Dereck Duffy, and John Wolf. At the conclusion of the interviews the Councilmembers in attendance took a voice vote:

Debra Miller voted for Bill Trovato

William Sharp voted for Bill Trovato

Randy Rannels voted for Dereck Duffy

Adam Gochnauer voted for Dereck Duffy

Due to the vote being a tie, there will be a re-vote at the June 3rd Council meeting. The three Councilmembers that were not present at this meeting will have the opportunity to listen to the interviews prior to the June 3rd meeting.

2. NLCRPD Commission Representative

In the past the NLCRPD seat was held by the Mayor, but it does not have to be the Mayor who fills this seat. It was pointed out that the Mayor already plays an active role with the police as liaison between the Police and Councilmembers. It was agreed that if someone other than the Interim Mayor fills this seat, this would be an additional person representing the borough. All four applicants were interested in serving on this commission. The open seat will be put on the website for all interested individuals to attend the June 3, 2025 meeting.

3. PFAS Claim Update

In April, we entered into a class-action lawsuit for PFAS. The claim has been submitted. The recommendation now is to enter a lawsuit to preserve our rights for any remaining defendants. This could put us in a good position to receive a litigation bond. This lawsuit will be filed in a state court where most of the PFAS claims are being heard. There is no fee for this. They only get paid if there is a settlement. Council agreed to move forward with this.

4. Community Park Playground Equipment

The park project will begin in the next few weeks. Pricing for equipment that was decided on last year is good through June 2, 2025. Breakdown for costs: 203,000.00 for equipment; 53,477.00 for rubber base; Total cost including the park renovation is 657,980.00. This project will be paid for with grant money, park donation, and budgeted funds. Council agreed to proceed with equipment as shown.

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5. **State Street Pipelining Update**

Contractor confirmed that clay pipe can easily be cleaned and repaired. Updated quote of 259,990.00 includes two internal repairs and relining of pipe. This will cover piping on State St. from EP Elementary to Main St. Any additional spots that are found to need repairs in piping would be 3,000.00. This project has been previously approved in the budget.

6. **Lancaster County Bicycle Club**

Covered Bridge Classic will be held on Sunday, August 17, 2025. They will ride through a small part of East Petersburg Borough during the event.

7. **Street Sweeper**

The street sweeper is eight years old and currently functioning, but is starting to have issues and need repairs. We currently have 16 street sweeping accounts which covers the cost for the borough's sweeping and helps to fulfill our MS4 requirements. Costs for repairs and costs for a new sweeper are being looked into. Sweeper could be sold on Muncibid or traded in. Rates for sweeping services will be adjusted accordingly. Now that we know the lifespan of the sweeper, this could be budgeted for every six years to avoid costs for repairs.

8. **Review account payables 05/22/2025**

No additions to the regular bills.

9. **Misc. Items:** None

10. **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 April 2025, Committee Meeting Minutes.*
2. *Resolution 915, to fill the vacancy of Mayor was tabled due to a tie vote. This will be on the next agenda.*

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

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next borough council meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. and the next committee meeting will be on Thursday, June 26, 2025.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:18 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR PERSONNEL MATTERS: None.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Strayer, Recording Secretary