

**EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH
COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

May 23, 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
Borough Manager: Karen St. Clair

Visitors: Karyl Carnignani, Josh Roberts, James Swarr, Samuel Maurer IV, Tammy Moseman

Debra Miller asked to limit comments and questions to the agenda items or borough business to help keep the meeting moving along. There was discussion on this, and it was decided to disregard this rule for tonight.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

James Swarr asked John Schick where he stands on continuing public funding for the library since he was not at the meeting when this was discussed, he would like to know where he stands on this. John Schick said he would continue funding for this year since we already committed and then re-evaluate for next year.

II. AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY:

1. Meadows Bioswale:

John Herr had some questions/concerns on the bio-swale and requested a meeting with Emily West who is employed by Land Studies to discuss this. Manager St.Clair, Jeff Moseman and Michael Bingham met with Emily West regarding her concerns of the hydrology of the basin because it is consistently wet. Mr. Bingham said it is a stormwater basin designed in the 1960's and it does not need to drain out like the current ones do. In order to drain the basin within 72 hours, you would have to regrade the entire basin, and this would cost several hundred thousand dollars and is just not feasible to do. The vegetation used is what was recommended. There is no erosion, and we are meeting our PRP for the MS4 program. This same rye grass was planted at the meadows as a cover crop and the other seeds came up through the following season. There is 12-18 inches of amended soils. John Herr asked if the rye grass will choke out the other seeds. The rye grasses will wane away as the other seeds take over. The purpose of the basin is to slow the water down enough that the sediment falls out and this will keep it out of the Chesapeake River. As of now bioswale and bridges are complete.

2. Pine Street - Water Main Replacement Project update:

Currently getting an engineering proposal for this project. Looking at the entirety of Pine Street and breaking it up into 2 projects. Mr. Bingham recommended doing the engineering all at once. They will put together the bid specs and once it is finalized, it can go out to bid in 2 phases. A timeline for all of this has been put together. Sidewalks will be assessed this year, and residents will have 2 years notice. Grant Money is still available through Lancaster County Housing Authority to help residents with costs. This project will cost approx. 1.2 million. We can continue to apply for grants until construction begins.

3. Shentel - GLO Fiber construction update:

Met with GLO Fiber and will continue to have meeting biweekly during construction project. They will be installing 12.9 miles of fiber above ground level and 3.8 miles of underground fiber. This will reach 1800 households in East Petersburg. Work will begin late May/early June. Residents can expect to receive door hangers/ advertisements going out about the services they offer. During construction, if there is any damage to lawns/landscaping residents can report this to the borough office. It will be GLO Fibers responsibility to make repairs. John Schick requested getting something in writing for time frame of repairs.

4. EPHS - Civil War Encampment:

Saturday June 22, from 9:00 – 5:00. They will shoot off a musket with only a small amount of gun powder. East Petersburg Historical Society was granted an exemption of the noise ordinance for this activity between the hours of 9 a.m. -7 p.m. on the day of the event. The police have been notified.

5. MS4 Presentation:

East Petersburg Borough is a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System which is a system of conveyance that discharges water into waterways of the U.S. East Petersburg Borough being an MS4 owner is required to obtain a Storm Water NPDES permit from PA DEP. This requires us to manage, implement and enforce storm water regulations that will effectively prohibit pollutants discharged into our waterways. Public education, public involvement opportunities/events can be found on the borough website. An illicit discharge is any discharge to an MS4 that is not composed entirely of stormwater. Residents of the borough are encouraged to report all illicit discharges to the borough office. Residents were reminded before discharging water from pools, water must be dechlorinated and then drained onto grassy areas. Cars must be washed on grassy areas only.

6. Review Account Payables 05/23/2024

Reviewed by Council.

7. Fire Company Financials – for review only

Reviewed by Council.

8. Misc. Items

James Malone encouraged everyone to participate in Veterans Remembrance this Memorial Day Weekend.

John Herr said traffic that approaches East Petersburg from the North in EHT sees the sign saying 45 mph even though it is about to change to 25 mph.

John Schick said there is a warning sign for the speed change, and they are correctly installed according to PennDOT. When the new signal light goes in, a mast arm will be installed with a sign saying red signal light ahead and it will flash. This is expected to be up by Winter 2026. Upgrades are complete for signal light at Enterprise and Miller: new crosswalks, pedestrian signals, radar, timing, and led lights. Grant money was received for this, and cost shared with EHT.

Pavement markings and sign are complete on Stevens for approaching RR.

Adam Gochnauer had many meetings with Manager St. Clair to assist with investing money in order to earn money, so we do not have to raise taxes. Money that was not earning any money in an account is now making 5%. They have worked out a plan to cover the cost of police services also.

III. ACTION ITEMS:

- 1. *It was moved and seconded (A. Gochnauer / J. Schick) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve April 2024 Committee Meeting Minutes.***
- 2. *It was moved and seconded by (A. Gochnauer / J. Herr) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve the transfer of \$700,000 from General fund to PLGIT General Reserve Investment and to transfer \$150,000 from Water Operating to PLGIT Water Reserve Investment.***

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

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next Borough Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- The Vagabonds Car Show will be held May 24, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Borough office will close Friday 5/24 at 3:00 p.m. due to the car show and be closed all day on Monday, 5/28 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:02 p.m.

Executive Session for Legal and Personnel Matters: In – 7:06 Out – 7:54

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Strayer, Recording Secretary