



EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in person: 6051 Pine Street, East Petersburg, PA
April 1, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Debra Miller, President of Borough Council, at 7:00 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 (Absent), John Herr – Member, Randy Rannels – Member, William Sharp – Member (Absent), Sandra Valdez – Member, Mayor: James Malone, Borough Manager: Karen St. Clair

VISITORS: Karyl Carmignani, Brendan Garrett, Darlene Zerbe, David Connor, Josh Roberts, James Swarr, Mary Armstrong, Amy Swanger, Tammy & Jeff Moseman, Dave Steffen, Joyce Mokros, Violet DeStefano, William Ambrose, Natalia Latsios, Paul Witmer, Kathy Herr, Joseph Banzhof, Jade Campos, Hannah Sutton, Christina Rohrer, Chris Knight, Susan Piefer, Dereck Duffy, Cortney Pokrop, Justin Weese, Tara Rishal

Debra Miller-Council President, Councilmembers, and members of the community, congratulated Mayor Malone on winning the special election held for PA State Senate 36th district seat and thanked him for his service in the community.

VISITOR/COMMENTS:

David Connor voiced concern for the condition of the walking/bike path in Constitution Square.

BILL PAYMENT: Reviewed by Council - No additions to the regular bills.

REPORTS

Police: Report submitted to Council. Mayor Malone said they are continuing to do a great job. Traffic stops were up. The amount of stolen property recovered exceeds the amount of stolen property lost for the month. Full reports can be found online.

Mayor: James Malone: April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. SAAM aims to raise public awareness about sexual violence and to educate communities about how to prevent it. This year's theme is "Together We Act, United We Change." If you are looking for more information about this email mayor@eastpetersburgborough.org. Mayor Malone recently ran for 36th District State Senate seat and won; he will take oath of office on May 5, 2025. Mayor Malone submitted his letter of resignation to Council. Mayor Malone said while stepping down from his position as Mayor, he remains committed to advocate for his community at the state level. He thanked everyone for the privilege to serve in the community.

Emergency Services Coordinator: Violet DeStefano reviewed her report with Council. Emergency Services are meeting to start planning for the upcoming event season. Keeping up to date on any changes that might occur due to executive orders coming from Washington re: FEMA and how it will affect us on a local level. Working on a grant with Fire Dept for Stop the Bleed kits. National Volunteer week is April 20-26. Violet DeStefano thanked the volunteers at the FD and in the community. WGAL recently put out a video highlighting the great work our FD is doing and the woman firefighters we have. There will be a Blood Drive on July 24, 2025 from 2-7 p.m. through Lancaster General Health, at the Fire Station.

Borough Manager: Manager St. Clair reviewed her report with Council. Liquid fuel funds were received in the amount of 126,366.86. Working with Caleb Simmers to get CPR training scheduled. We were notified by PennDOT that the Main St. & Graystone Rd. traffic signal project was pushed back. The bulk of the utility work will be completed in 2025. The contracted work will start early 2026. Easter Egg Hunt information is on the website. Office will be closed April 18th for Good Friday.

Fire Dept.: Report submitted to Council.

Department Managers MS4/Public Works/Water: Reports submitted to Council.

Zoning Officer/Property Violations: Reports submitted to Council.

Solicitor: Report submitted to Council.

OLD BUSINESS: Committee Meeting Topics – pickleball privacy & sound mitigation fence, cost to remove old tennis courts-Graystone Rd., ambulance services report, Res. 913-Capital Reserves, Lanc. County DTF contribution, payables, Fire Co. financial review, 02/2025 committee minutes, misc. items, executive session for personnel issue 7:30 pm – 8:53 pm

NEW BUSINESS – Action Items: *Council may discuss/deny/approve.*

President Miller asked if there were any questions about the action items. There were no questions.

1. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Valdez, Councilmember Rannels) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve March 4, 2025, Council Meeting Minutes.*
2. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Rannels, Councilmember Herr) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve Resolution 913, for Capital Reserve Fund.*
3. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Schick, Councilmember Valdez) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve Lancaster Couty Drug Task Force contribution in the amount of 4,573.00 for 2025.*
4. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Rannels, Councilmember Herr) with unanimous Approval by the board, to approve removal of the tennis courts on Graystone Road and to add pollinator plants*
5. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Valdez, Councilmember Schick) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve pickleball privacy & sound mitigation fence in the amount of 6,567.00*
6. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Schick, Councilmember Valdez) to approve Resolution 914, Changing the hours of pickleball court to 7:00 a.m.- 9:00 p.m. The motion passed with a 3-2 vote. Councilmember Rannels and Councilmember Herr voted no. Councilmember Herr said he preferred the hours to be changed to 7:00 a .m. – 8:00 p.m.*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. The next Borough Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Appeals Board April 10 - 7 PM as needed
- C. Planning Commission April 17 - 7 PM
- D. Zoning Hearing April 23 - 7 PM
- E. Committee April 24 - 6 PM

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR LEGAL AND PERSONNEL: None

ADJOURNMENT: 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Strayer, Recording Secretary