

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

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| DATE AND TIME: | April 2, 2024 | 7:00 p.m. |
| LOCATION: | Community Center | 6051 Pine Street |
| ATTENDANCE: | Council Members: | Debra Miller, President John Schick, Vice President Adam Gochnauer, Pro Tem John Herr Randy Rannels William Sharp Sandra Valdez James Malone Mayor: Borough Manager: Public Works Supervisor: |
| | | Karen St. Clair (Absent) Kevin Martin |

President Miller called the regular Council meeting to order.

Moment of Silence and Pledge to Flag.

Visitors: Karyl Carmignani, Judith Hudelson, Tammy & Jeff Moseman, Jamie Rohrer, Caleb Simmens, Ted Moyer, Amy Swanger, Mary Armstrong, Tom & Lisa Martin, Violet DeStefano, Josh Roberts, James Swarr, Samuel Maurer IV

Visitors/Comments:

Tammy Moseman said I am here to make a statement regarding the past Committee Meeting. I am not here for a debate. I am here to be heard. I believe I was misunderstood at the March 28th meeting. My main concerns and issues that I was pertaining to was safety, threats, and possible harm to others. Somewhere that got forgotten in that discussion. During the meeting I was humiliated, degraded, disrespectfully spoken to, stared down with the intent of intimidation by the Councilmember William Sharp. I truly understand the positive things the library has to offer of our communities. That was never a question. I'm an educated woman. I do not need to be lectured on my concerns that I presented that were disregarded and misinterpreted by some members of Council. Any resident who speaks up at a public meeting should not feel threatened by any councilmember if their views don't meet certain councilmembers' agendas. I want my voice heard and my statement will be documented tonight so no other resident will need to be treated like I was. I find it disgusting, malicious, hurtful, unkind, offensive, and alarming that if a resident speaks their views and concerns to councilmembers that they may be treated in this manner. You should have apologized to me during the meeting, not afterwards. I asked you to leave me alone that evening, but you insisted on trying to communicate to me. I specifically said to you this was not the appropriate time. I then had to turn to my husband to get you away from me. Where did personal, mutual respect go. Residents should not have to feel intimidated to speak up. When they do, they feel ignored, or their concerns are dismissed. We are all here for the good of our community. I am appalled and horrified at how I was treated. Whether you believe you acted in this manner or not is not up to you to decide. This is how it was, and this is how I feel. That's one thing you can't take away from me. Per my words in this statement, this is what your actions and words have done. You created an atmosphere that is uncomfortable to bring up concerns by the public which is not right. As Councilmembers you need to keep in mind that you work for us as a whole community not just some that favor your agendas. We are supposed to be able as residents to speak to you as our councilmembers, but I feel as though some ignore our voices. Councilmember William Sharp and to other Councilmembers this may pertain to, you should be ashamed for treating your residents in this manner. We all should be able to work together for the best results for our community. Our voices should matter. Thank you to those who listened and heard me tonight.

Bill Payment: Reviewed by Council.

Police Report: Report submitted to Council.

Chief Kilgore gave the year end report for 2023.

NLCRPD (includes all 4 municipalities) 20,000 calls received 40,000 people served for 4 municipalities, total sq. mile covered 72.9, average response time is 5.2 minutes.

Officers handle more calls than other departments in the county: 1300 per officer. There is always someone available 100% of the time.

Biggest increase in calls was mental health; total calls for 2023 was 329 vs. 50 calls 10 years ago.

Total arrests for year was 331.

Mission Statement and Core values shortened ELITE: Excellence, Leadership, Integrity, Teamwork, Expansion
Police commission is comprised of members from the regional membership.

Strategic Plan- Four new goals have been added: Supervision and quality of oversight, Establish a Leadership Mindset, Community Relations and Education, Health, and Wellness of Officers.

Average cost per resident in E. Petersburg is \$155.15, which is the lowest cost for police service in the area he could find.

On track to be re-accredited – this happens every three years. This is directed to policy.

Power DMS is used to stay up to date on policies. Policies can be found online.

Technology: Programs are always changing, and they are staying on top of this.

Drone pilots are used for policing and are available for municipalities services.

Specialized units: Crime Scene and Evidence Unit, Field Training Officer, Regional Community Action Team(new)

The RCAT will help build community relations with the community and will be assigned to each of the schools.

They are working with the schools to see how to improve on this.

Traffic is a huge concern everywhere. They do address every complaint they receive. SGT. Smith will go out and perform a study on roadways in order to know where resources should go. They figure out where the problems are and address them the best they can with the resources they have.

Last year they had 5 fatal accidents. They have accident reconstruction to investigate these accidents to find out what the cause was, why it happened, and how it can be avoided in the future.

Civil Complaints – last year they only had 9 informal complaints and each one was investigated and it was found the officer was doing his job and found to be compliant with policies and procedures.

Award Ceremonies are held annually. This year they will be honoring three different residents that stopped in Penn Twp. to help a motorcyclist involved in an accident.

Local Businesses can reach out to them and offer their facility for training purposes.

6,000 hours of training took place in 2023 – the entire staff went to FBI Leadership training. They were host to this training and will host again in 2024. \$5,000 of leadership scholarship money was received.

Biased based policing is looked at on a monthly basis. Annual report on this is included.

Use of force incidents are all investigated. There were 14 in 2023.

Potentially dangerous calls can be domestic incidents, arrests, mental health issues, people using drugs or alcohol. Officers are all trained on crisis intervention. Looking to increase this training.

Cruisers are flipped out every four years to save money on maintenance. They also switched to hybrid to save money on fuel. The fleet will be flipped out in Fall of 2025.

Crimewatch is on their website. They receive a lot of helpful anonymous information this way.

East Petersburg stats for 2023: 2278 calls, 44 arrests, 148 citations, 38 accidents, 8 warrant arrests, 8 dui's, 785 patrol checks, 33 reportable accidents, 38 non-reportable accidents (0 fatal).

The Criminal Investigation Division handles the criminal case management for complex cases: 14 in 2023

Crime was down in 2023.

They will continue to cover Manheim Auction in 2024.

Recruitment is very difficult, and the new recruits are more concerned about contracts. Lt. Kilgore said he will continue to recruit at a higher standard and will be sure all standards are met.

Full reports can be found on the website www.nlcrpd.org

Mayor's Report: Mayor Malone was in attendance.

Attended PA State Mayors Association meeting and Lancaster County Mayors Association meeting.

Discussed different programs for police education and educating in high school and college. There are programs for this in Lancaster County.

Emergency Medical Service: Report submitted to Council.

Nathaniel Buchanon was not in attendance.

Deb Miller pointed out there were a total of 24 calls in the borough.

Residents did receive a request to join the membership. James Rohrer said to be on the lookout for a fee being charged to the municipality.

Emergency Services Coordinator: Report submitted to Council.

Violet De Stefano reported the following:

ICS-209 Report was submitted to Council. It covers incident report, accomplishments, planned activities, etc.

1. Lancaster County hazard mitigation plan is working on updating the hazard mitigation plan which is done every 4-5 years. Each municipality will receive a workbook for updating the HMP. She is working with the county to update 5 documents for hazard mitigation that cover the following: perception on current threats, hazards that we see in our borough, what we have done to prepare for disasters in the borough. FEMA says for every dollar that we invest in hazard mitigation, we get \$6.00 in return when there is a disaster. The plan is considered public information, and she will present the hazard mitigation plan to Council at a public meeting. Lancaster County has their plan online and this includes historical documents that EPB added in the last plan review. Flooding is the No. 1 hazard in Lancaster County.

2. Lancaster County has created a problem area survey with the intention to share it with Lancaster County communities. This focuses on flooding areas. She was asked by Lancaster county to share this with the community so she would like this to be added to the website. Council agreed to add this. John Schick suggested she work with Jeff Moseman and Kevin Martin to find problem areas in the borough.

3. She asked council if they had any priorities for her to work on for the next 60-90 days. Adam Gochnauer said the report has more detail than they received in the past. He would like to see Events listed in chronological order and list what has been done so far, the objective, and what still needs done. Ms. DeStefano said Incident Support Plan (ISP) is created for events with 1,000 or more people attending. She agreed it would be beneficial to share some of this information with the public. Will Sharp said he would be interested in knowing more about airport overflights. The fact that they are increasing overflights, the extension of the runways and the use of larger military aircraft C-141's, etc. He asked if there is a mitigation plan if an incident should occur. He asked how high are they supposed to be using residential areas. Ms. DeStefano said this would be great to explore because she doesn't think this was something that was considered up to this point. James Rohrer said Life Lion is flying over more often. The FD recently attended an aircraft class for EMS helicopters. There has been some discourse in Drone's being operated by a lay person. The local level can't stop hobbyist drone use. John Herr asked if she was able to find out if there is any hazardous materials being transported on our railways. Ms. DeStefano said Lancaster County has not done a commodity study and this is how we would be able to determine what is coming in and out of Lancaster County. She said we as a borough cannot do this study because it is very costly, but said she could attend, along with council, the EMPC meeting and discuss the importance of the community flow study at the open comment period. She does think there is merit to doing this study. Ms. DeStefano will talk to the hazardous materials administrator at the county to see if she can be on the agenda to push for this. Ms. DeStefano pointed out that a railroad car was lightly derailed near Chemgro recently and Diane Garber was the one who handled this, and it was handled very well. Randy Rannels said they received much more information on the ISP for the egg hunt this year than when they worked with EHT. He would like to see ISPs for upcoming events also.

Fire Dept.: Report submitted to Council.

James Rohrer reported there were 36 calls in January: 19 in East Hempfield Twp., 6 in East Petersburg Borough, 1 in Lancaster, 2 in Manheim Borough, 4 in Manheim Township, 3 in Penn Township, 1 in Rapho Township

Borough Manager: Report submitted to Council.

Debra Miller pointed out the following from the report:

Manager St. Clair attended the following meetings: Violet De Stefano, Pre-commission mtg, staff, SDE w/ Michael, Communications meeting with EPFC, NLCPD Commissioners meeting, LCTCB, Employee benefits – All State, Met with Benecon, managers meeting, NNO, WC Committee, Committee meeting.

Grant funding for 9 projects 2020-2024: total cost of projects – 1,917,067.00, Total funding/grants received – 1,090,056.00, EPB cost – 827,011.00

This does not include the Graystone traffic signal upgrades which will be paid for 100% by the state.

Department Managers:

Kevin Martin pointed out the following from the department reports:

Water Dept.:

New emergency generator and transfer switch installation is complete at the Nitrate plant.

Broken curb box replaced at 2546 State Street.

First round of sampling for EPA's UCMR-5 required water testing has been completed. Both filters at the Spring received annual chlorine bath. New DEP regulations starting this year will require quarterly filter inspections and an annual interior filter inspection. Spring pump replacement project kicks off April 1, 2024.

MS4/Special Projects:

Nitrate Plant Wildflower Garden prep and seed planting near Gun Club entrance.
Lemon/State Street Storm pipe - replaced a section of storm pipe at the intersection that passes stormwater from N. Main St out to the Swale at the elementary school. The storm pipe was found to be corroded and collapsed.
Spring Rain Garden Workday Event will take place on May 11, from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at 2899 Graystone Road. Activities: plant identification, invasive plant management, tree tube removal, annual maintenance. Bring garden tools, gloves, sunscreen, bug spray.
Bioswale Meadows Footbridge - structural drawings have been approved by the engineer, and order has been placed. When bridges come in they can be installed.
DCED Pickleball Project - Two quotes from Costar vendors acquired. Pricing for LED light upgrades and light vending timer upgrade options provided.
Pool: cover will be removed April 8. Pool liner will be inspected after pool is drained. Pool set to open May 25.

Public Works:

Dying trees at the pool were replaced and grass planted where old trees were. Tree saplings relocated/repurposed in the park and Riparian Buffer on Hollow Dr.
New and safer heaters installed at maintenance shop.
New trucks ordered.
6271 Carpenter St. fence repair is complete.
Streets: new "no parking" signs installed on lower Lemon St., new "no parking" layout and signs installed on Carpenter St.
Park: ordered new mower w/ bagger, Kevin, and Matt both passed pesticide test, Kevin and Jeff attended pesticide school core/row credits, installed broken playground brackets, opened park bathrooms for the season. John Schick asked if the condition of lines on the main roads have been checked. Mr. Martin said pipes have been inspected and cleaned and recorded into CS Datum. This has been done for more than half of all borough streets and only two bad pipes were found. There are many processes to repair pipes depending on condition. Mr. Moseman said the pipe at State Road between Main St. and Lemon St. is terra cotta and some steal and it's under the sidewalk on the south side of the street and it is patchy the whole way down through. The snap tight might be a good option to eliminate the need to dig up the sidewalks.

Zoning Officer Report: Report submitted to Council.

Council likes the new descriptive format. It was pointed out that ARRO is working on transferring files pertaining to water engineering to SDE.

Property Violation Report: Submitted to Council.

There are more compliant than non-compliant.

Solicitor/Collections Report: Submitted to Council.

No change to collections.

HARC: (Hempfield Area Recreation Commission) – Debra Miller – Work has started to get the parks and pools ready to open. Walk-in passes at the pool will be \$15.00 per day this year. Manheim pool will not open this year and they are expecting a lot of walk-ins from Manheim this year. Continuing to work on a strategic plan.

Old Business:

Review of March 28, 2024, Committee Meeting Topics: Landowner Access Agreement, NLCRDP Charter Update, Community Park Pickleball Court Project, Account Payables 3/28/2024, Misc. Items, Fire Co. Financials – for review only, Lancaster County ARPA Funding Agreement, ARPA Certificate & Acknowledgement of Obligation Document for the (2) Water projects; Koser Road Spring Pumps and the City Interconnect Pumps.

New Business – Action Items:

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 Sharp) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve March 5, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes.*
2. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Schick, Councilmember Rannels) with unanimous approval by the board, to advertise Ordinance 327, Updating and Amending Codified Ordinances.*
3. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Schick) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve moving forward with the Community Park Pickle Ball project and to accept the quote from The Brenneman Company in the amount of \$17,000.00*
4. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Rannels) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve the replacement of the welcome sign at Chemgro to a 30" by 40" sign with version number 8, in the amount of \$1,056.00. The borough will purchase two posts and stainless steel hardware to install.*

Samual Maurer asked if the smaller organization signs will be added to the new sign. He was told the Historical Society and Lions Club will be added on to the new sign. The other 2 organizations no longer exist. Samuel Maurer pointed out their organization sign was just replaced a few months ago.

5. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Sharp, Councilmember Valdez) with 6-1 approval by the board, to approve payment no. 2 to Telco, inc. in the amount of \$120,601.90 for the traffic signal improvement project at 72/Miller Rd. and 72/Enterprise Rd. John Schick abstained, due to his employment with Rettew.*
6. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Valdez) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve Kevin Martin or another borough employee, to take the street sweeper to the Hands on House Children Museum on Saturday, April 20, from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. for a Touch-A-Truck Event.*

Extra Items (Issues arising in the last 24 hours): None.

Announcements:

- A. The next Borough Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 7, 2024
- B. Appeals Board April 11 - 7 PM as needed
- C. Planning Commission April 18 - 7 PM as needed
- D. Zoning Hearing April 24 - 7 PM as needed
- E. Committee April 25 - 6 PM
- F. Election Day is April 23 – polls will be open from 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- G. Large Appliance & Tire pick-up will take place on April 26, sign up is required. Tags for lg. appliance – 19.00, tire tags – 5.00.
- H. The Car Show will take place on May 4, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Community Park.

Executive Session: None.

Adjournment: 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Strayer, Recording Secretary