

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

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| DATE AND TIME: | April 4, 2023 | 7:02 p.m. |
| LOCATION: | Community Center | 6051 Pine Street |
| ATTENDANCE: | Council Members: | Debra Miller, President John Schick, Vice President Adam Gochnauer, Pro Tem John Herr Lauren Houck Randy Rannels Sandra Valdez Mayor: James Malone Manager: Karen St. Clair Supervisor: Jeff Moseman |

President Miller called the regular Council meeting to order.

Pledge to Flag and Moment of Silence.

Visitors: Samuel Maurer IV, Pat Sherrard, Tammy Moseman, Sharon Pettit, James Swarr, Roger Howard, Cortney Pokrop, Nalalia Latsios, Jen Hinton, Erik Mause, Don Shoenberger, Breann Rehm, Doug & Lynn Kann, Dave Gantz, Alyssa Duffy, Derek Duffy, Lynne Morrison, Rafael Santiago, Kristen Santiago, Russ Howell, Frank & Joyce Mokros, Joshua Nash
James Swarr was recording the meeting.

Comments:

1. Dave Gantz asked what East Petersburg Borough is doing about pedestrian/ bicycle safety. He is new to the area and an avid bike rider. He lives on Cherry Street and pointed out there are no crosswalks across Main Street to allow him a safe way to get to the park. He pointed out crossing Graystone and Main is very dangerous and there isn't a crosswalk for anyone who lives South of State Street to allow residents to get to the park safely. He hopes this is something that is being worked on and he would be happy to assist if needed. He said today a neighbor knocked on his door while they were on the phone with the police to ask if he had a video of the truck that went through Cherry and Orange Street and almost hit their children.

John Herr said he would like to see more signage and white lines to allow for safely crossing Main Street to the park. He pointed out that almost every meeting has somebody from one block, or another concerned about safety.

Mr. Gantz said it looks like they have been surveying at the intersection of Graystone and Main Street. Manager St. Clair said they are currently in the design stage for upgrades at the intersection of Graystone and Main Street and pointed out this is a PennDOT intersection. John Schick said when it is finished there will be signal light upgrades with pedestrian handman signals, push buttons, ADA ramps, and crosswalks across the intersection. John Schick said he doesn't think there is anything more they can add. The intersection at Main and State was recently upgraded with all updated pedestrian facilities. We just received 2 grants; one for the light at Burger King and the other for Miller Road to update with push button countdown hand man signs and a cross walk. PennDOT has to approve all of this. There were sidewalks installed all along Main Street to the borough line in efforts to keep pedestrians safe. Lemon and State will be the next and last signal light / intersection upgrade and we will most likely pursue a grant for this. The intersections will also have radar detection that will pick up the cyclist, whereas loop detection does not.

2. Lynne Morrison said she was at a recent meeting with concerns about the landscaping behind her property on Northfield Drive. She feels that the rocks they have put there do not belong in a residential area, and it is very different than the natural setting. She asked how they would be able to deal with the overgrowth now that the rocks have been installed. Jeff Moseman said they trimmed trees, removed stumps and debris, laid weed block fabric, and then put down the rocks. He said they will now be able to maintain this area by mowing to the border and spraying any other overgrowth.
3. A resident from Olde Meadow Ct. did not want to give her name or address. She said they had kids bang on their door at 1:00 a.m. in the morning on 2/11. Another occurrence on a different night at 6:30 p.m. kids kicked siding in at their house. Sgt. Smith came out and said he would give them a report. They had Gary Spangenberg contact the officer's superior and still they have not received the report or heard from them. She also asked if cars that are not inspected can sit on the island at Old Meadow Ct. She said there are 3 of them and they have been sitting there for months. She has not reported the car because she does not want her neighbors to get upset with her. She was told to contact the police again about the report. She was also told to call the non-emergency number, report the cars to the police, and ask them to keep her information anonymous.
4. Samuel Maurer said there is a 20' x 10' trailer parked on Hershey and Pine Street. Sam Maurer said he spoke with the owner and found out he is off work for a few months. Mr. Maurer asked if this vehicle is allowed to be parked there. Manager St. Clair said she will be look into this.

Action Item: Motion to amend the zoning ordinance regarding livestock and poultry: raising of backyard hens.

It was decided to move the action item relating to backyard hens ahead on the agenda due to some residents being in attendance for only this matter and to not have them wait until the end.

Randy Rannels said that the cost to amend the ordinance to allow for chickens would be anywhere from \$15,000 – \$20,000 and then additional costs for enforcement. He pointed out that the overall community would be paying for what a small group of residents want. Mr. Schick said cost is a major factor because there would be ongoing enforcement needed. Mr. Schick spoke with other municipalities, and they are receiving complaints and enforcement is needed. Cortney Pokrop asked if this could be held onto until there are more items requiring updates in the ordinance. Debra Miller pointed out that with this ordinance it is written in stone. Mr. Schick said that having chickens is allowed if you have 5 acres or more, or by special exception through the zoning hearing board. John Herr said if we don't do anything with this, it will just stay the same.

Debra Miller asked for a motion to amend the ordinance as it relates to backyard hens three separate times, and it was not given, therefore it is a dead issue.

Bill Payment: Reviewed by Council.
No additions to the regular bills.

Police Report: Report submitted to Council.
Lieutenant Kilgore was not in attendance.

John Schick said he saw that Ephrata Borough is interested in joining into the regional police. He asked how this will impact us. Manager St. Clair said there is nothing available to share on this at this time.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Malone was in attendance.

Mayor Malone attended Lancaster County Mayor's Association, and they discussed Lancaster County Mental Health Services and funding with relevant parties. Attended PA State Mayor's Association meeting and there was more discussion on the conference being held in Lancaster City. He also attended NNO planning meeting. Reviewed ISO report. Pointed out that it was National Farm Worker Day and thanked them for what they do.

EMS Report: Report was submitted to Council.

Adam Marden reported they responded to 26 calls in March with Thursday being the busiest day and nighttime being the busiest time. Response time average was 9 minutes 7 seconds. Next academy starts the 24th for our

region, but we will not need to have anyone in this class. Staffing is going well. They will have an ambulance at the Easter Egg hunt.

Fire Report: Roger Howard reported that in March there were 42 incidents: 23 – East Hempfield Township, 5 – East Petersburg Borough, 1 – Lancaster Township, 1- Lancaster City, 1 – Lititz Township, 3 – Manheim Borough, 4 – Manheim Township, 2 – Penn Township, 1 – Rapho Township, 1 – West Hempfield
Adam Gochnauer asked if someone from the EP Fire Department can report on what is happening with the Fire Commission at the EP Council meetings. Don Schoenberger said they have not started the fire commission meetings because John Kottmyer was out sick for 2 ½ months and they only had one meeting since he has been back. The chief meetings have been taking the place of the fire commission meetings. Roger Howard said he did not make it to the last meeting because he was at a CPR class. The chiefs of each department and Chief Kottmyer are attending chief meetings. Roger Howard said they do have a representative that will attend the fire commission meetings when they start back up again. Don Schoenberger said he will reach out to John Kottmyer and Diane Garber.

Emergency Services Coordinator Report: No report was given.

Diane Garber was not in attendance.

Tammy Moseman said this is several times now that she has not submitted reports. Manager St. Clair said that Diane Garber was off for a couple of months, so we would not receive reports for those months.

Chief Fire Official Report: No report was given.

John Kottmyer was not in attendance.

Manager's Report:

Received liquid fuels funds for 2023 in the amount of 127,000.00 and 1,500.00 for turnback.

Visited Northfield Drive along with Kevin Martin to look at the area with the rocks. Photos were provided of this area.

Spoke with Lt. Kilgore and Chief Steffen regarding Drug Task Force and they are both supportive of the contributions.

Met with Jeff Book and Adam Aloisi and they would like to open up the snack bar again. During Covid they tried to have food trucks, but they did not show up consistently. They would like to offer finger food and snacks. Members would still be allowed to bring their own food. It was pointed out that when they did have the snack bar in past, trash was a source of attraction for yellow jackets. Council said they would like Jeff Book to come to a meeting and give them more information on this.

Department Supervisors – Jeff Moseman:

Water: Koser Road Spring: Pumps have been ordered, working on obtaining the permit from DEP for this. Hydrant was hit again at Miller Rd. and Main Street, this time by a car carrier. Working on a solution for this hydrant; possibly moving it back so it doesn't get hit so often.

Working on Lead & Copper inventory survey - finished Constitution Square, next will be Trout Run Development. Working with contractor for pricing on curb stop & curb box repair and replacement on Pine Street between State and Hershey.

Public Works: 2 new skid loader tires were installed, sweeper repairs completed, truck inventory completed, snow/salt equipment taken off and cleaned up & put away, trucks are ready for summer, 15 new stop signs were installed in March, continuing street sweeping, cleaned up Hollow Drive swale with the utility broom, maintenance line painting in parking lot, Kevin and Jeff attended pesticide classes, UTV has arrived and has been used in wet grassy areas without causing damage to grass/ground, Northfield Drive work to clear out overgrowth on bicycle trail and install rocks is complete.

MS4/Special Projects:

Mr. Moseman reminded residents to be mindful and not blow grass into the street when mowing. Grass in the street can end up in the storm basins. This is considered an illicit discharge.

There were 3 MS4 violations in March:

- (1) Grease was being dumped in the storm basin of a parking lot. The owner/renters were notified, and this has been remedied. JG Environmental cleaned out the storm basin at Village Commons.
- (2) Contractor deposited fluid onto roadway that runs into a storm basin. The company was notified, and this has

been remedied.

(3) Softener beads were found in a storm water structure. The homeowner was notified, and this has been remedied.

Bioswale Meadows Project: Awaiting document execution at 4/4 meeting.

DCNR Grant: Final grant was submitted on 3/31.

DCED Pickleball Grant: Application not due until May.

Water & Sewer Grant: In waiting.

Firehouse: Asbestos testing came back negative.

Zoning Officer Report: Report submitted to Council.
Sidewalk & curb replacement has started on Lemon Street.

Property Violation Report: Report submitted to Council.
Only 4 non-compliant properties.

Solicitor/Collections Report: Solicitor Report submitted to Council.
Line item 12 – notice was sent out.

HARC: (Hempfield Area Recreation Commission) – Debra Miller – Applications are being accepted for summer camp and summer playground. Pool Memberships are available at a discounted rate until April 28.

Old Business: Committee Meeting Topics Reviewed: Backyard hens, Playground/Park Restroom upgrades, Pine Street update, New office sign quotes, Property information for 6040/6050/6060 Main Street, Account Payables, Misc. items, Fire co. financials-review only, February Committee mtg. minutes, Final costs for park/trail upgrades for the DCNR grant, Resolution 861-Authorizing ARRO Consulting to submit the application for the DCNR grant, Replacement of two pumps at the Spring.

New Business – Action Items:

President Miller asked if there were any questions on the new business items. There were no questions about the new items listed below.

- 1. It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Valdez, Councilmember Schick) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve March 7, 2023, Council Meeting Minutes***
- 2. It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Rannels, Councilmember Herr) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve Resolution 864, Appointing James Swarr to Zoning Hearing Board***
- 3. It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Schick, Councilmember Gochnauer) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve Makers Market Event at East Petersburg Park with 100 vendors and some food trucks, contingent upon Manager St. Clair receiving the emergency plan approval by EMS Services from Diane Garber – date change to August 26, 2023***

Manager St. Clair said that Diane Garber was unable to add Makers Market to the agenda in March and that is why they had to move their original date.

- 4. It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Rannels, Councilmember Gochnauer) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve Resolution 865, Additional banner suspension dates for 2023***
- 5. It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Valdez, Councilmember Schick) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve Skladany Valuation Agreement in the amount of 5,000.00 to provide the appraisal report for the properties of 6040/6050/6060 Main Street***

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

Announcements:

1. The next Borough Council meeting will be held on May 2, 2023
2. Appeals Board April 13 - 7 PM, as needed
3. Planning Commission April 20 - 7 PM, as needed
4. Zoning Hearing April 26 - 7 PM, as needed
5. Committee April 27 - 6 PM
6. The Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place at East Petersburg Park on Saturday, April 8, beginning at 10:00 a.m. sharp. Egg Hunt for children with special needs will be held on Friday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m. – e-mail the name of the child & their helper to EPSpecialNeedsHunt@gmail.com
7. Large appliance and tire pick-up will be held April 28 – sign up and tags are required: lg. appliance tag – 15.00; tire tag – 5.00.
8. Looking for someone to fill the Lancaster County Sewer Authority (LASA) – Borough Boardmember, beginning 1-1-2024.
9. The office will be closed this Friday April 7 – Good Friday.
10. Free Compost Workshop by Penn State Extension will be held on April 29, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Contact the Borough office to sign up.

Adjournment: 8:05 p.m.

Executive Session for legal & personnel matters: In: 8:09 p.m. Out: 8:41 p.m.

Regular Session back in: 8:41 p.m.

It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer / Councilmember Valdez) to approve the new office renovation cost of 338,800.00 and to approve the re-imbusement to East Petersburg Fire Company as per the lease agreement, and in accordance with the proposal submitted on 3/31/2023.

Regular Session Adjournment: 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Strayer, Recording Secretary