

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

DATE AND TIME:	April 5, 2022	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 Lauren Houck Randy Rannels Sandra Valdez Mayor: Manager: Supervisor:
		James Malone Karen St. Clair Kevin Martin

President Miller called the regular Council meeting to order.

James Swarr and LNP reporter were recording the meeting.

Visitors: James Swarr, Diane Garber, Don Schoenberger, Marvin Stauffer, Tammy Moseman, Jeff Moseman, Samuel Maurer V, Joyce & Frank Mokros

Comments:

1. John Trescott, Lancaster County Commissioner
Mr. Trescott said he was recently appointed as Lancaster County Commissioner to replace Craig Lehman, who resigned before his term ended. Mr. Trescott will fill in for the rest of the term which will end 12/21/23, and he cannot run again.
He was retired 6 years before this came up. Mr. Trescott felt his background as a senior executive and owning his own corporation could bring a different point of view. He spent the last couple of months trying to get a better understanding of county government. The county currently has approx. 1700 staff members. At the end of last year, the county had 439 open positions and a turnover rate of 25%. The prison normally staffs 300 and it was getting close to 200 but has now increased to 230. Mr. Trescott is working to figure out why there are so many open positions in the county. The county runs on a 280,000,000.00 budget per year: 90,000,000.00 of it comes from the state and the rest of it comes from local taxes and fees. He has met with many of the managers at the County and they are very dedicated people.

The county received 106,000,000.00 in ARPA funds. He would like to see the money spent in big amounts and something be done with this money that will benefit everybody for 30-40 years. He would like to see the Website updated to provide services that are much faster and easier to get to. Mr. Trescott said so far 15,000,000.00 was spent: 10,000,000.00 was allocated to cover lost revenue and this went into the general fund; 1,000,000.00 went to Discover Lancaster for lost revenue from lost tourism; funds were also given to the convention center for loss of revenue. They will be approving an extra 700,000.00 ranging from additional trash fees at the county prison to planning authority's sewer and water system GIS mapping for growth. He would like to see the ARPA funds go to rental housing. Right now, in Lancaster County we are short approximately 18,000 units of median affordable housing. He would also like to see money go into cleaning the water, broadband, and building opioid detox facilities.

A new prison will be built. The design has not been determined yet. There is currently no training facilities and no program to help transition people back into society when they are released. He pointed out that 62% of the people there are awaiting trial, but they are all together under general population.

President Miller told Mr. Trescott there are problems on Rt. 72 with traffic fatalities and in less than a year we have had 6 deaths occur within our borough and beyond up to Lititz Road. Between 2010 and 2019 there were 29 reportable accidents at the Graystone Rd. and Rt 72 intersection, and 15 were non-reportable with 0 fatalities. Since January 1, 2020, through present, we have had 8 reportable, 4 non-reportable and 2 fatalities. President Miller said there may not be a lot that a commissioner can do, but she would like to see a coalition formed and let this be known that it is very important to Borough Councilmembers and EMS staff. President Miller encouraged everyone to contact local and state representatives to pass local radar bills HB606 and SB419, allowing municipal police to use up-to-date speed timing devices, and consider how many lives this could save. Mr. Trescott said he will bring it up to Representative Sturla in an e-mail or phone call.

Councilmember Herr asked if a county health department is a good idea. Mr. Trescott said since the pandemic they have hired a health preparedness officer to help coordinate among the various health care systems to do responsiveness. He has spoken with a couple of health systems and the consensus from their side is it would be more important to have someone on staff who was coordinating data collection and getting all the data from all the various health care systems, so they can share information and communicate with each other, rather than having a health care group as part of the county.

Council thanked Mr. Trescott for coming to the meeting.

2. HYA – Eli Cox or Brian Biggs- They were not present.
3. James Swarr asked how the Borough is rated for MS4. Kevin Martin said as far as informing people of the do's and don'ts, we are ahead of the game. Mr. Swarr asked if the Borough has any violations? Mr. Martin said we did receive some things to remediate, such as areas with exposed soil. Mr. Martin was told they always find something to point out. The inspector came out to check that these recommendations were done. The Borough has never had a finable violation for MS4. James Swarr said he has heard that Lancaster County has bad water, but he sees that East Petersburg Borough is doing their part to make it good.
4. Sam Maurer asked when the pipe will be replaced on Lemon Street. Mr. Martin said that sometime in May the new pipe will be installed, and when they switch it over to the new pipe, the water will be off for approximately 1 hour. Mr. Moseman said that information will be put on the website about when the project will start and if there will be water service disruptions. They will put door hangers on the doors of those affected. Residents in this area might have to flush the water for a few minutes before using it again. Mr. Martin said after the water lines are replaced, we will wait one year and then from Broad Street down to the end of the road it will be restored with a smooth surface called ultra-low friction course. Manager St. Clair told Mr. Maurer if he encounters any problems during the project, he can contact her.

Bill Payment: Reviewed by Council.

No additions. On Page 2 there is a fee for bounce houses for NNO.

Police Report: Chief was not in attendance.

Mayor Malone:

Mayor Malone said PA Mayor's Association and a lot of other groups in the area are supporting the ABEL Program which promotes better communication between public and police. Also encouraged everyone's support for radar bills.

EMS Report: Report submitted to Council.

Adam Marden was not in attendance.

Emergency Services Coordinator Report: Report submitted to Council.

Diane Garber pointed out the following:

Continuing to get statistics from Violet De Steffano, Public Health Preparedness Officer from County EMA. Ms. Garber receives the statistics weekly and we have bottomed out in most things related to COVID.

Ms. Garber was appointed to LC Health Advisory Council which is functioning at the commissioner's level. She

will include this in her monthly reports.

Ms. Garber said there was a meeting held yesterday at East Hempfield Township with law enforcement from both municipalities, state representative Mindy Fee, PennDOT, District 8 Representative, engineer, and public works. They all came together to discuss 30 years of statistics and what it looks like with the entire corridor, specifically to Lititz Road intersection. They discussed the short-term and long-term solutions for this intersection. This will require studies, review of studies, options, and review of options, and because it is PennDOT it could take longer. She pointed out that all the right people were at the meeting.

Chief Fire Official Report: Report submitted to Council.
John Kottmyer was not in attendance.

Fire Report: Report submitted to Council.

Chief Shoenberger pointed out they had 31 incidents for the month of February: 10 in East Petersburg Borough, 15 in East Hempfield twp., 2 in Manheim twp., 1 in Lancaster twp., 1 in Lititz Borough, 1 in Millersville Borough, 1 in Mt. Joy tsp., 2 in Rapho twp. Last year they dealt with 4 fatalities, and they have had 4 already this year. Chief Shoenberger said that the firefighters do a great job, but this is a lot to deal with for the firefighters. Chief Shoenberger said the firefighters do have many resources available for grief counseling.

Manager's Report: Report submitted to Council.

Manager St. Clair pointed out the following:

Attended seminar on building effective relationships for Borough's and volunteer fire companies. Debra Miller and John Herr also attended.

Hometown Hero banners are being made now and will be completed by the 3rd week of April. When they are finished Brubaker, Inc. will be contacted to find out when the banners will be hung. We did receive close to 10 more than the allotted 60- these people have been notified.

Wee Care Day School will be holding their pre-k graduation at the Amphitheater on May 13 from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Manager St. Clair pointed out that Kevin Martin and Jeff Moseman will be alternating meetings.

Supervisor: Report submitted to Council.

Kevin Martin pointed out the following:

MS4/Water:

Received sweeper back from winter maintenance. Starting sweeper travels to sweep for other municipalities.

New filter parts were received to rebuild DE filter.

Filter to Waste meter was repaired.

Nitrate plant is being set up for a lab area.

City interconnect had a new vault meter pit put in to allow us to treat the water and meter the amount that comes in. Mr. Moseman added that a flowmeter was installed in a pit and wired into the SCADA and now we can choose the point we add to the water.

Signs were put in at the water plants to deter trespassing.

Riparian buffer has been laid out and prepped for over 200 trees to be planted this spring.

Continued MS4 monitoring for violations, or a chance to educate why things shouldn't go into the storm drains.

Streets:

Main & State Street traffic light: repaired grass area that was disturbed, performed fire light test.

Main & Miller Street traffic light: project has been awarded; they are working on getting materials which will take 6-8 weeks.

They removed some trees near the Lower trail at the Maintenance shop. This area has been cleaned up.

New hire started Monday.

One more staff member has received CDL.

Zoning Officer Report: Reports submitted to Council.

Property Violation Report: Report submitted to Council.

13 total; 9 are for rubbish.

Solicitor/Collections Report: Report submitted to Council.

Manager St. Clair pointed out the following from the reports submitted:

Finished (2) Ordinances; one for Codification, and the other for Borough Manager Position.

Worked on Soliciting Ord. – only change was definition of holiday will reflect what borough observes.

Worked on Shentel Cable Franchise Agreement – this will be discussed at the next committee meeting.

Revised No Discrimination / Harassment Policy.

Reviewed Lemon Street project agreement.

Coordinating with TOA and working on an agreement for blasting in phase 3.

Lemon St property settled and paid in full.

10-day notice was sent to Hershey Ave. on March 24, if they do not respond a lien will be filed.

HARC: (Hempfield Area Recreation Commission) – Debra Miller

Staff received active shooter training.

Pool membership sales have started.

Disc Golf Course now completed at Fairview Park.

Summer Camp is almost full.

President Miller congratulated Sandra Valdez who received an award through the Spanish-American Civic Association for woman of the year and was recognized as being the first female Latina to be appointed to East Petersburg Council.

Old Business: Review Committee Meeting Topics: Park/Playground Equipment, TOA – Blasting activities, C.M. High quote for Rt. 72 and Miller Road traffic signal upgrade project, amendment for Peddling & Soliciting Ordinance, amendment to EPB Employee Harassment Policy, HAFSC update, LIMC board of appeals opening, Accounts Payable, Misc. Manager/Forman/Council Items, Fire Co. Financials review, February 2022 Committee Meeting Minutes, Executive session for legal & personnel issues

New Business – Action Items:

1. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Rannels) and carried unanimously, to approve the March 1, 2022, Borough Council Meeting Minutes*
2. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Schick, Councilmember Valdez) and carried unanimously, to approve Ordinance 317, enacting an updated codification of Borough Ordinances*
3. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Herr) and carried unanimously, to approve Ordinance 318, amending East Petersburg Ordinance No. 196 as it relates to the job duties of the Borough Manager under chapter 23 of the code of East Petersburg Borough*
4. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Valdez, Councilmember Gochnauer) and carried unanimously, to advertise Ordinance 319, amendment for Peddling & Soliciting*

Adam Gochnauer said he pushed to require everyone including political and religious entities to be required to get a soliciting permit, but he was told this is illegal. It was pointed out that you can get a sign that says no soliciting, and legally a solicitor cannot come to your door. President Miller said the required permitting process will confirm that the company is legitimate before they can receive the permit.

5. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Schick, Councilmember Herr) and carried unanimously, to approve Resolution 839, Appointing Mayor James Malone to the Lancaster Inter-Municipal Committee Uniform Construction Code (UCC) Board of Appeals Appointment Committee*

6. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Rannels, Councilmember Valdez) and carried unanimously, to approve the amended Harassment Policy*

Manager St. Clair pointed out that the contact information for the PA Human Relations Commission and the EEOC was added to this policy.

7. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Schick) and carried unanimously, to approve Agreement between East Petersburg Borough and Doli Construction Corporation for the Lemon Street phase III water main replacement project in the amount of 266,825.00, with the condition that Doli Construction submits a new certificate of insurance, current one expires 4/9/2022*

Extra Items: None

Announcements:

- A. Large appliance and tire pick-up will be held on April 29, 2022 - sign up and tags are needed: Lg. appliance tag is 15.00 and tire tag is 5.00.
- B. Easter Egg Hunt at East Petersburg Community Park will be held on April 16, 2022, Egg Hunt begins promptly at 12:00 p.m.
- C. The next Borough Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3, 2022
- D. Appeals Board April 14 - 7 PM, as needed
- E. Planning Commission April 21 - 7 PM, as needed
- F. Zoning Hearing April 27 - 7 PM, as needed
- G. Committee April 28 - 6 PM, as needed

Adjournment: 8:04 p.m.

Executive Session for personnel matters: Not needed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Strayer, Recording Secretary