

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

<b>DATE AND TIME:</b>	April 6, 2021	7:00 p.m.
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Community Center	6051 Pine Street
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Council Members:	John Wolf, President Debra Miller, Vice President Adam Gochnauer, Pro Tem John Herr Lauren Houck Randy Rannels John Schick Mayor: James Malone Manager: Karen St. Clair Public Works Foreman: Jeff Moseman

**President Wolf called the meeting to order.**

**Herb London, LNP news reporter was recording the meeting.**

***It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Miller) and carried unanimously, to Approve the minutes of the March 2, 2021 Borough Council meeting***

**Bill Payment:** Reviewed by Council.

Manager St. Clair pointed out the following:

After the financial audit, it was found there was an overpayment made to the pension plan, so that money will go back to the state.

New Server will be installed at the Borough office.

**Visitors:** Jeffrey Cassel, Joshua Null, Steven Shenk, Herb London, Joe Gargano, Andrew Hake, Kimberly McKinney

**Comments:**

1. Andrew Hake said he recently learned the lights for the school crossing are being taken down near East Petersburg Elementary School because there are no longer walkers. He asked if there are any type of school zone signs or anything that can be put in place of the flashers for awareness. Mr. Hake said some people don't typically listen to the lights, but there are some people that do slow down when they see them. Councilmember Schick said there is no plan to put a sign up. Councilmember Schick said the purpose of the school zone flashers on 72 was for when there were walkers walking to school. Councilmember Schick explained the state regulation is written "unless there is even just one walker, they can't release the permit for the flashers". Councilmember Schick said that when the school changed over to bussing the children, they did studies and determined that it is a hazard to cross to the school. Councilmember Schick said that the school submitted these studies to PennDOT and as of last week, they dissolved the permits for the flashers. Councilmember Schick said that the Borough is the permittee not the school. Councilmember Schick said there is still speed limit signs posted in that area. Councilmember Schick said that the signs near the school were put up when the school was moved to this location and some of these signs are outdated. Councilmember Schick said there are really no signs to put up there. School zone signs are normally only put up when children are crossing in that area. Mr. Hake said he realizes there are obviously no children crossing without parents, but there is increased traffic at those times with all the students and busses coming in and out of there, so it would be good to have a sign for awareness. Mr. Hake said that he realizes some people do not respect the speed limit signs, but there are others that do, so he was really just inquiring about a metal school zone sign or something similar to that to make people aware that there is a school in that area.

Mr. Hake said he was happy to see the police presence there today north of the school. Councilmember Schick said that the police seem to be making an effort to be in that area and it will help keep the speeds down. Councilmember Schick said that all children are guaranteed a seat on a bus, but some parents are still walking their children.

Councilmember Houck said 2 years ago the safety of the children walking came up and there was an extensive evaluation that took place. Councilmember Houck also said that it was previously pointed out by the school district that the police monitoring and policing will help keep the speeds down in that area. Councilmember Schick said when the studies were done 2 years ago the roads did not meet the criteria for children to be able to safely cross the roadways near the school.

Councilmember Schick said that the lights were originally put in when the new school was built, but traffic has increased over time. Councilmember Schick explained that the school was aware of all of this and the superintendent was involved.

2. Jeffrey Cassel a new resident from Graystone Road introduced himself to Council and stated he previously served as Council president and on the planning commission where he lived before moving to East Petersburg Borough. Mr. Cassel said he will be putting in a shed and will discuss this with the zoning officer further. Mr. Cassel also asked how to dispose of a sofa and was told that an oversized trash item tag would be required for the trash collectors to take an item of this size.
3. Kim McKinney said she was late to the meeting because she was watching the kids at the park in Constitution Square and saw them dumping the newly placed trash cans and then they rolled the cans to different areas with one of them ending up in the water culvert. She then witnessed someone walking their dog stopped to ask the kids about this and told them to pick the cans up. Ms. McKinney said she, and Mr. McKinney would both like to see the basketball court removed. Council told her to call the police immediately while this is occurring, and to document days and times it is happening. Ms. McKinney said she has called the police in the past and when they got there it was too late the kids were gone. She also said that the police told her she was not allowed to videotape the kids. Council told her we now have a new police force, and their response time is much quicker. She was told that one of the kids at the park smashed the window on her shed. She also said that she does not see the police ride their bikes through the park anymore. President Wolf said he will let the police know at the police meeting on Thursday night. President Wolf also said to call the Borough office if she sees trash in the park so it can be cleaned up.
4. Steve Shenk said that the community room looks great since it has been updated!!

**Police Report:** Submitted to Council.

**Mayor Malone:** Mayor Malone has put together a proclamation to declare May 2, 2021, Bells Across Pennsylvania Day. Residents and members of the community can honor essential service providers at 7:00 p.m. for 3 minutes.

**EMS:** Report submitted to Council.

Adam Marden reported they responded to 10 calls in the Borough in March. Busiest day and time was Tuesday at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Marden pointed out that there will be a new law passed in April, requiring vehicles to move over for emergency vehicles or tow trucks at the scene, or to decrease speed to 20 mph, violators will receive a fine if they don't. Manager St. Clair and Councilmember Miller went for a ride along with EMS to get a closer look at what they do on a daily basis. Manager St. Clair and Councilmember Miller thanked Mr. Marden for allowing them to ride along and said they were both impressed with the job they do.

On July 1<sup>st</sup> Susquehanna EMS will be merging with Penn State Health.

Mr. Marden said that there will be more hospital-based EMS services in the future. He explained with reimbursement from insurance companies, it is very hard for EMS to survive financially and staffing is very difficult due to covid, rioting and pay scale. Services will remain the same for patients.

Training for EMS will now be through Penn State Health which will be broader and better than before.

**EMC Coordinator Report:** Submitted to Council.

**Fire Report:** Annual report and monthly report were submitted to Council.

**Managers' Report:** Submitted to Council

Manager St. Clair pointed out the following:

Liquid Fuels Funds were received in the amount 123,060.00 and road turnback maintenance in the amount of 1,520.00. This is 5,000.00 lower than previous years, due to covid.

Met with LCBA and they will issue guidance in 30 days from the treasuries office on how municipalities can use the American Rescue Plan funds.

**Foreman's Report:** Submitted to Council.

MS4 materials were put on the back table for residents and council. More materials will be shared on MS4 at the upcoming meetings. Residents can also find information on the Borough website for MS4.

Mr. Moseman pointed out the following items from the report:

Spotted Lanternfly eggs will be hatching in April. The quarantine now spreads through Adams county. He reminded residents if they are traveling out of the quarantine areas to check their cars to help stop the spread of these bugs. There is not a lot that the Borough can do, other than refer residents to the Dept. of Agriculture's reporting site 1-800-bad-bugs.

Water Department has been busy with distribution and locating curb stops.

Backhoe was serviced last month and they said they could not reach to get grease into the two front arm grease points, and that it would cost up to an additional 300.00 to get the pins out – Borough staff was able to get the pins out and save further costs.

Plumbing changes were made at the pool to address the issues with the old plumbing and to make it better.

Diving board was sent out to be powder coated - the cost for this was 65.00.

Pool cover was hung at the salt shed to address the MS4 issue and to keep the weather out during the off season.

Damage from plowing was done to curb line in cul-de-sac on Fairfax Circle – this was repaired, and grass seed was planted.

Walls were installed in the men's bathroom at the park to enclose the stall. Ceiling issues were addressed, and then painted.

Ground is settling on Graystone Rd. and staff is working on taking care of this.

Inspecting outfalls during dry conditions for MS4 program. Areas leading to the outfalls will be cleaned up this summer.

Rented mower to clear the grasses at the swale.

**Zoning Officer Report:** Submitted to Council

Number of permits have increased now that the weather is warmer, and more people are doing home projects.

**Property Violations:** Submitted to Council

**Solicitor/Collections Report:** Submitted to Council

Manager St. Clair pointed out line item 16 was paid in full.

Payment plans are current.

**HARC:** (Hempfield Area Recreation Commission) – Debra Miller reported the following: Jeff Book has been working with Alliance for the Bay to get some trees planted on the property, and with that he was also working with LASA and Hempfield Twp. Water authority. Through this alliance for the Chesapeake Bay, they were able to get trees (approx. 200 trees) at no cost. Trees have been planted. The website is [allianceforthebay.org](http://allianceforthebay.org)

Councilmember Miller said someone she spoke with could not be at the meeting and wanted to find out about the political signs that are still in people's yards after the election. Councilmember Miller said that she saw there is a regulation that states all signs shall be removed within three months if the purpose for which they were erected no longer exists. Manager St. Clair said that Michael Bingham, Zoning Officer is aware of this and she will make sure it was addressed. Kim McKinney said that there was a political sign on Old Meadow Court with profanity on it. Kim McKinney said there is a sign prohibiting profanity at the park, but this is not something that gets dealt with, so the signs should just come down. Kim McKinney also said that the kids are climbing on the Borough trees. President Wolf said they will check with the Borough Solicitor to find out if the signs should remain or not. Manager St. Clair said if any of this is happening during the day to please call the Borough office right away so we can help address the issues while they are taking place. President Wolf said if it is a severe case or after hours, call 911 right away.

**Old Business:** Committee Meeting Topics – New Employee introduction to Council; Steven Hohenwarter, Adam Stahl/Jeff Moseman-Tree Plan, John Kottmyer-HAFSC CFO, Robin Hemperly-DCNR Grant, Review Minutes, Review Payables, Tammy Moseman-HAFSC update, Letter of support from Manheim Twp. Re: possible County Health Dept., Open position-P.C. member, Amending Resolution 691-Tabled, Fire Co. Financials, Executive Session for legal matters

**New Business:**

1. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Miller) motion passed with a 6-1 Approval by the Board, to Approve Temporary Construction Easement Agreements between Gargano's Inc., Fulton Bank and Teaman-Martin and East Petersburg Borough, Councilmember Schick abstained because he is employed by Rettew, who is working on this project*
2. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Rannels) with 6-1 Approval by the Board, to Approve Permanent Easement Agreements between Gargano's, Fulton Bank and Teaman-Martin and East Petersburg Borough, Councilmember Schick abstained because he is employed by Rettew, who is working on this project*
3. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Rannels) with 6-1 Approval by the Board, to Approve request for payment to Gargano's in the amount of 175.00 for the permanent easement, with this being approximately 1 hour of attorney's fees, Councilmember Schick abstained because he is employed by Rettew, who is working on this project*
4. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Miller) with unanimous Approval by the Board, to Approve HARC Pool Amendment Agreement to change the current umbrella liability from \$5 million to \$1 million*

**Announcements:**

April 30 – Large Appliance/Tire Pick-up- tags are available at the Borough office; 15.00 appliance, 5.00 tire  
May 1 – Vagabond Spring Kick-off Car Show at East Petersburg Park 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Live music, food vendors, and a Chinese Auction to benefit Hospice.  
East Pete Swim Team had to cancel the swim season this year because they have not been able to find a coach, and due to lack of volunteers.

**Adjournment:** 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kim Strayer, Recording Secretary