

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

DATE AND TIME:	February 4, 2020	7:00 p.m.
LOCATION:	Community Center	6051 Pine Street
ATTENDANCE:	Council Members:	Cathleen Panus, President John Wolf, Vice President Adam Gochnauer, Pro Tem John Herr Lauren Houck Debra Miller William Pfautz, Jr. Mayor: James Malone Manager: Karen St. Clair Public Works Foreman: Jeff Moseman

The LNP reporter was recording the meeting.

It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Wolf, Councilmember Gochnauer) and carried unanimously, to Approve the minutes of the January 6, 2020 Borough Council meeting

Bill Payment – Reviewed by Council – Manager St. Clair pointed out 2 additional items to the usual bills: installation of new sewer line at 407 Koser Rd. building, water reserve used for new water meters

Mayor Malone presented the following proclamation to James Rohrer recognizing his many accomplishments and services to East Petersburg Borough:

Whereas, Fire Chief James Rohrer is a 38-year veteran of the fire service with long standing and strong history of fire service in East Petersburg Fire Company, Station 23, and whereas, over the years Chief Rohrer has been proactive in training and recruiting volunteer fire fighters, and whereas, Chief Rohrer has served 21 years as Fire Chief

James Rohrer was also presented with an excellent service award from the Borough Council.

Councilmember Pfautz said although James Rohrer is retiring as Fire Chief, he will continue to serve with East Petersburg Fire Company, Station 23, as Captain of Training.

President Panus thanked James Rohrer for his excellent service to the Borough and for his dedication and great leadership of leading Station 23 into a viable and extraordinary Fire Company and wished him a happy and healthy retirement.

Visitors/Comments:

1. John Nolt, 6174 Main Street – Garden Street was repaved this fall, and water is going down the alley and into his property. He was told the engineer is working on it, but he just wanted to have it on the record before it creates damage. Council asked him to submit a picture if possible.
2. Steven Shenk said that he is very pleased with the new trash company and how careful they are about placing the bins back in place after being emptied. Council said that the new recycling bins are also holding up to the elements much better because they are a sturdier structure and hold more items.
3. Adam Martin, Operations Manager, Susquehanna Valley EMS, said that he would be willing to share monthly data with the Borough.

Mayor Malone read a proclamation in support of the Pennsylvania 811:

Whereas the month of April 2020 is recognized as Pennsylvania 811 Safe Digging Month, whereas, the unique service provided is easy to use for a one call notification about excavating projects, whereas, the PA1 call system began with only six utilities in western Pennsylvania and is now serving more than 100,000 excavators and over 3,000 critical underground infrastructure owners throughout the commonwealth and, whereas, the service annually receives over 900,000 notification requests and transmits over 7,000,000 notifications providing protection for utility companies, their employees, customer and the general public and, whereas, it is important to minimize the damage to underground utility lines, danger to workers, environmental pollution and the loss of utility services, and proclaiming April 2020 Safety Digging Month in East Petersburg Pennsylvania

Police Report: Chief Steffen reviewed the monthly report and said that they will present the annual report at the next board meeting which will be held on March 12 at the Community Center in East Petersburg. Chief Steffen said that these reports are posted on their website. He also reported that according to the recent 911 report, LCNRPD was the fifth busiest law enforcement agency in the county. Chief Steffen reported that Coffee with a Cop had a great turn out and went very well. Council said that they appreciate all the fast information that they put on the website to help keep residents informed.

Other Reports:

1. Foreman Report - Submitted to Council – Jeff Moseman reported to Council – traffic signal at State and Main that was facing the wrong direction has now been moved to face the correct direction, continuing to utilize the CS Datum program that works with the GIS mapping system of our infrastructures and for MS4, water meters have been replaced in more than half the homes in the Borough. President Panus said that her neighbor has some bat houses to donate and asked if they could be used at the park. Mr. Moseman said that they can be used to help control insects.
2. Zoning Officer Report – Submitted to Council - they are moving ground at the T.O.A. site, primary entrance and exit for T.O.A. will be from Miller Road and Split Rail Drive
3. Property Violations – Submitted to Council - Property violations at Lemon Street property have now been made compliant after many years
4. Solicitor Report – Submitted to Council
5. HARC - Debra Miller reported HARC is currently working on a strategic 5-year plan for building community, improving wellbeing and financial assistance. There will be a meeting in February with the Borough staff and Jeff Book to discuss the list of upgrades to the pool.
6. Fire Company Report - Submitted to Council – Busiest day for 2019 was Tuesday's between 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Community Events for 2020 will be finalized and shared with the borough soon.
7. EMC Coordinator - Submitted to Council – still working on updates for commercial emergency contacts
8. Street Sweeping – Adam Gochnauer reported that we just picked up a new street sweeping contract with Penn Township in addition to the 12 we already have. These street sweeping contracts have alleviated the Borough's cost to meet the MS4 requirements.

Old Business- Committee Meeting Topics: Grapple rake & Roll off cover, 4th qtr. Financials, Unpaid property taxes, Proclamation request for PA 1 Call, Pension trust agreement, payment to Macmor Construction, Borough ROW, PA Soccer Classic Event, Executive session for legal and personnel issues

New Business:

1. ***It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Wolf, Councilmember Gochnauer) and carried unanimously, to Advertise Ordinance 310, A Trust Agreement for East Petersburg Borough Pension Plan***
2. ***It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Wolf, Councilmember Gochnauer) and carried unanimously, to Exonerate Lancaster County Treasurer so accounts can be turned over to Lancaster County Tax Claim Bureau for collection of delinquent Real Estate Taxes***

3. ***It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Wolf, Councilmember Gochnauer) and carried unanimously to Appoint Debra Miller as Representative of East Petersburg Borough to HARC Board of Directors***

Announcements:

February 22- Veterans Group of East Petersburg Borough will meet at Family Fare at 9:00 a.m.

March 2- East Petersburg Historical Society Meeting 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center

March 12-Lancaster County Northern Regional Police, Board of Directors meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center.

Adjournment: 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Strayer, Recording Secretary