



EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in person: 6051 Pine Street, East Petersburg, PA
January 7, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Debra Miller, President of Borough Council, at 7:00 p.m. with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Council Members: Debra Miller – President, John Schick – Vice President, Adam Gochnauer – ProTem, John Herr – Member, Randy Rannels – Member, William Sharp – Member (Absent), Sandra Valdez – Member, Mayor: James Malone, Borough Manager: Karen St. Clair

VISITORS: Karyl Carmignani, Don Kissinger, Caleb Simmers, James Rohrer, Don Schoenberger, Amy Swanger, Joyce & Frank Mokros, Brendan Garrett

VISITOR COMMENTS: None.

BILL PAYMENT: Reviewed by Council - No additions to the regular bills.

REPORTS

Police: Report submitted to Council. Not in attendance.

Mayor: Mayor Malone read the Proclamation for "International Holocaust Remembrance Day" calling on all residents of the Borough to join in observing this day annually, on January 27, and to consider taking part in "Lighting up Yellow".

Penn State Life Lion EMS: Report submitted to Council. There were 25 calls in EP in December. Scott Buchle, Director for Penn State Health Life Lion, was in attendance and reported the following for 2024: One year ago the Lancaster Manager left, and they have since consolidated. They cover 5 counties and 64 municipalities, and most meetings are on the same night. There were 313 calls in the borough; 260 covered by Life Lion and 53 covered by mutual aid. They received 15,000 - 911 calls in the county not including the non-emergency transports. Calls and costs are on the rise and staffing has been an issue. They experienced an unprecedented staffing turnover. To help resolve this issue, EMS pay has been increased, and ongoing hiring is taking place with incentives, while keeping retention in mind. The organization has also subcontracted with other EMS agencies to help with non-emergency transports. They are still committed to the community even with the challenges. Mr. Buchle apologized for the absence and said they will be more committed to this in the future. Any concerns can be given to the borough office, and they will be addressed by Penn State Life EMS. Membership renewal will be sent out in Spring.

Emergency Services Coordinator: Report submitted to Council. Not in Attendance.

Fire Dept.: Report submitted to Council. James Rohrer reviewed the report. They responded to 23 calls in December; 7 were in the borough. Fire Dept. and Borough office will work on a policy to handle in-house emergency situations. Office of Aging was contacted to look into a situation that was encountered on a call.

Borough Manager: Report submitted to Council. Manager St. Clair reviewed her report with Council. Staff took Active Shooter Training. LIMC fee decreased to 250.00 for 2025.

Auditors were in the office to begin preparing for the 2024 audit and will return Jan. 29-31 to finish up. Bid for Traffic Signal project at Graystone and Main was received from JV Grooves in the amount of 875,000.00. To extend trash removal contract past 12/31, we must notify Good's in writing 4 months prior to that date. Historical Society was contacted re: Request to demolish/rebuild barn at 5890 Main St. Sam Maurer, President of the Historical Society toured the barn and found it to be in good condition and in his opinion there are no safety concerns. He feels removing the barn would destroy the character & integrity of this historical property and recommends the request be denied.

Department Managers MS4/Public Works/Water: Reports submitted to Council. Major repair to water main was done on Rainbow Dr.

Zoning Officer / Property Violations: Reports submitted to Council. Michael Bingham, Zoning Officer recommends not approving the barn demolition at 5890 Main St. due to incomplete application.

Solicitor/Collections: No updates to report.

HARC: No updates to report.

OLD BUSINESS: The next committee meeting will be held January 23, 2025.

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 Herr) with unanimous approval by the board, to appoint the following service organizations:*
 - Solicitor – Henry & Beaver Law Firm
 - General Borough Engineer - Systems Design Engineering or appointed by project
 - Zoning Officer - Systems Design Engineering
 - Sewage Enforcement Officer - Systems Design Engineering
 - Property Maintenance Enforcement Officer - Systems Design Engineering
 - UCC Compliance Officer - Systems Design Engineering
 - Water Engineer - Systems Design Engineering
 - Zoning Hearing Solicitor - Janice Longer - Law office of Appel, Yost & Zee
 - Auditor - White & Rudy, CPA's
2. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Schick, Councilmember Herr) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve December 3, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes.*
3. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Valdez, Councilmember Schick) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve Resolution 908, appointing Samuel Maurer IV, as zoning hearing board member.*
4. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Herr) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve Resolution 909, updating appointment list for 2025.*
5. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Herr, Councilmember Schick) with unanimous approval by the board, to not approve the Horst request to remove the barn at 5890 Main Street. This was based on an incomplete application.*
6. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Rannels, Councilmember Gochnauer) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve the 2025 fire police event schedule and to include any additional.*
7. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Schick) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve TOA phase 3, bond number SU1184172 escrow release in the amount of \$172,816.74 for site improvements. The request has been reviewed and approved by Michael Bingham of System Design Engineering.*
8. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Schick) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve TOA phase 3, bond number SU1184173 escrow release in the amount of \$20,902.50 for water improvements. The request has been reviewed and approved by Michael Bingham of System Design Engineering.*

EXTRA ITEMS (Issues arising in the last 24 hours): None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. The next Borough Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Appeals Board January 9 - 7 PM as needed
- C. Planning Commission January 16 - 7 PM as needed
- D. Zoning Hearing January 22 - 7 PM as needed
- E. Committee January 23 - 6 PM
- F. Tree Chipping Event will be held on January 11, from 8:00 – 2:00. Sign up for pick-up at the office.
- G. If a snow event happens and a snow emergency is declared, it will be posted on the website and WGAL.
- H. Trash pick-up will be delayed by one day this week, due to the bad weather earlier in the week.

EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR LEGAL AND PERSONNEL: None

ADJOURNMENT: 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Strayer, Recording Secretary