

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

DATE AND TIME:	July 7, 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 (joined in late) Debra Miller William Pfautz, Jr. (absent)
	Mayor:	James Malone
	Manager:	Karen St. Clair (absent)
	Public Works Foreman:	Jeff Moseman

This meeting was held through Webex due to the Coronavirus

Visitors (Joined in through Webex): Amanda, LNP Reporter

It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Herr) and carried unanimously, to Approve the minutes of the June 3, 2020 Borough Council meeting

Comments: None

Bill Payment: Reviewed by Council

Police Report: Submitted to Council. Chief Steffen reviewed the report and pointed out the following: The firework situation has become more difficult and most times it is reported after the fact. They have increased education on the policies on this for the public. Mayor Malone said that there are groups working on making videos and working to reduce the use of fireworks. Break retarder enforcement has been increased and there were 12 occurrences dealt with over the last month, they will continue to monitor this. Coffee with a Cop has been put on hold during COVID-19. They have kept track of all calls that had any correlation with COVID-19. This is not a Department of Health tracking metric it is just to monitor the impact it can have on them operationally and for planning. They will continue to track these calls. Officers are enjoying being in the Borough and have received a good reception from the community. Traffic enforcement is back on track with where they want to be. In relationship to the current criminal justice/police reform, Chief Steffen testified in front of PA Senate Sub-Committee on Criminal Justice and the Judiciary Committee and participated in a town hall meeting on Penn Live concerning efforts of police reform and the impacts it has. Significant changes that they have made are, they have put their policies online and have highlighted policies with use of force and body cameras. The policy on the use of force has been updated to include an intervention piece that specifically relates to the duty to intervene in anything that an officer would judge to be beyond the normal use of force to accomplish their lawful objectives. The officers have been trained on the duty to intervene policy. They have and continue to be proactive to report what they do and don't do. A lot of the changes that are being asked for were already put into place for NLCRPD. Two Bills were recently passed: (1) Database will be created for police officers that are fired and agency jumping. (2) Outlaw use of choke hold. Chief Steffen said NLCRPD has never used choke holds.

President Panus thanked Chief Steffen for the in-depth reports and asked if East Petersburg could be coded the same color in the charts throughout the report.

EMS: Submitted to Council

Adam Marden reported 911 calls have started to go back up again. Routine transports have not gone up and he thinks it is because people are using telemedicine. Covid-19 numbers are staying steady. A lot of patients without the normal COVID-19 symptoms are coming back positive. Employees are still using the PPE for their calls. There are currently eight EMT students that will be graduating next week and taking their national registry exams and he hopes to have them on the streets next week.

Saturday they will be covering their 3rd standby for protests in Columbia Borough for three different groups.

EMC Coordinator Report: Submitted to Council

Diane Garber said there is not a whole lot different from the last few months at this time. More time is being spent for education planning for re-opening the schools in the fall and helping to ensure that they have the most current accurate information and leveraging the resources she has for planning and decision making. Ms. Garber said that the federal government says children need to be back in school, and while it is a guideline that school students must wear masks, it will be hard for schools to follow the mandate because the Dept. of Health's has said that students do not need to provide a reason for not wearing a mask.

Number of cases we currently have are consistent with the changes currently being seen everywhere else.

Fire Report: Submitted to Council

Chief Schoenberger was not present. Diane Garber reported that the property owned by Real Life Church on State Street recently had a fire. The house is not currently condemned and there is no significant structural damage. The residents are not currently able to stay there due to the extent of the damage.

Managers Report: Submitted to Council

Manager St. Clair is on vacation. President Panus pointed out the following on the manager's report: Mad Chef will be eventually donating picnic tables that are currently being used for additional outside seating. A plaque will be put on each table saying donated by: Mad Chef. The benches will be put in the park area. Manager St. Clair submitted 13,000.00 of expenses to the cares act funding. Interviews will be held for water operator and public works next week. Soccer Tournament will take place on July 18 & 19. Community Center will be cleaned by Connie who currently cleans for us, following the CDC guidelines, and a COVID-19 cleaning fee will be added to the rental fee.

Foreman's Report: Submitted to Council

Mr. Moseman reported Pinpoint Service did a routine check on the water service lines and they did find a leak at a service located at Miriam Circle. This leak caused a loss of approximately 14,000 gallons a day. This was one of the oldest water lines in the Borough that was installed in the 1940's.

Bat boxes were installed at the Meadows which should help reduce mosquitos in the area due to the large number of mosquitos that bats consume each night.

Informative signs were installed at the nitrate plant, in conjunction with the Little Watershed Alliance, who put together the plaque for us. There is a link on the website at the MS4 tab that shows the signage along with the information. Residents are welcome to visit this location and read the signage that shares a lot of good information about rain gardens. There is a large area of wildflowers in bloom at this site to observe as well.

The two large shrubs were removed, and flowers were put in at the Community Center.

Working on patching up some spots and leveling out the road in preparation for fog seal, which will take place in 1st or 2nd week of August.

At the City Interconnect part of the SCADA system that they are putting in, will include a meter pit on our side of the water line. This will allow us to have a sample line come back to the plant so we can meter the water and inject the chlorine and have readings of the chlorine that is leaving the building. Right now, we can only read the chlorine that is leaving the building from the city. Service Line for 5169 Main Street – Enterprise building receives water from Lancaster City. Mr. Moseman would like to install a service line that would allow East Petersburg to supply the water exclusively. This would allow the Borough to control how much chlorine goes into the water at this property. The cost to have someone do this would be between \$3,000 and \$5,000 and it would be a one-time project. Mr. Moseman said that there is a lot of investigating that they still have to do on this. It would take ten quarterly payments to cover this cost. Council was in agreement that it is a good idea for him to start a dialog with the city about this.

Mr. Moseman added that the previous Ethan Allen building is located next to 5169 Main and also in the Borough and water is not supplied by the Borough, but to add them to the system, the water line would need to be run

across two properties, and this would be a very costly process and not something he is looking to pursue at this time.

Zoning Officer Report: Submitted to Council - Mr. Bingham reported he is back in the office 2 days a week. Pre-construction meeting was held today with Martin Paving for Fog seal project, work will begin in mid-August. Continuing to monitor Graystone Road for erosion and sedimentation issues they were having there. Mr. Bingham said that he was asked by Manager St. Clair to listen to the recording of the last meeting and speak to what was going on regarding the basketball pole located at Wolf Circle. He said that because there was not a permit issued that there was not a fee collected, therefore the motion to refund the fee would need to be rescinded. He explained that permanent structures are not allowed in the front yard and that this can be a liability if the Borough allows for it to be there and someone would get hit while playing out there or a car would run into it and someone gets hurt. This is also a violation of the motor vehicle code. He stated that Manager St. Clair checked with the insurance company and they confirmed that it would be a liability for the Borough if the Borough would approve it to be there. He said if this would go to the Zoning Hearing board and they approve it then it is out of his hands, but he wanted to be clear if the Borough permits something that causes harm than the Borough could be sued.

Councilmember Miller said she realizes that municipalities are adopting ordinances that restrict these types of things for liability reasons, but she feels that we still want the borough to be a fun place for people who live here. She pointed out that this ordinance has taken a long time to pass and the delay in the ordinance has not helped matters at all.

Mr. Bingham said that a letter was mailed out 2 years ago to all residents that had basketball poles in the street because they were in the way of the street sweeper. The pole was not removed, and another letter was sent certified when a second pole was installed without a permit or without checking with the Borough first.

Mr. Bingham said he did meet with the owner recently at their property and she was very apologetic, and he said he is very understanding to her situation.

Property Violations: Submitted to Council

Council would like report abridged to only show the last three months if properties are compliant.

Solicitor Report: Submitted to Council – Council would like to have the report updated so it is easier to see if there is a lien in place and if there is any further action that can be taken.

President Panus said that the trash cans on her street were thrown across the street. This has been reported to the trash company.

HARC: Debra Miller reported for HARC (Hempfield Area Recreation Commission) – Everything is going well. Memberships have been increased by 100 to a total of 300 and there is currently a waiting list. Lap Lanes are well attended in the mornings. Group aquatic exercise classes have been added 11:00 – Noon. Koser Jeweler Tennis Challenge has been cancelled for 2020.

Old Business: Committee Meeting Topics – This meeting was held at the Community Center: Tammy Moseman was appointed for HAFSC Position, Mad Chef to donate picnic tables, Disaster Declaration - was decided not to end during these uncertain times, Zoning Fee Schedule increase, Speed Tables and their effect on speeding, ROW Ordinance, Yard Waste Resolution, Fire Co. Financials, Executive Session was held before and after the regular meeting for personnel matters.

New Business:

1. ***It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Miller) with unanimous Approval by the Board, to Approve Resolution 788, the updated Fee Schedule for 2020 effective 8/1/2020***

Zoning Hearing fees were updated and Covid-19 cleaning fee for CC was added.

2. ***It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Houck) with unanimous Approval by the Board, to Approve to Advertise Ordinance 311, Prohibiting Right-of-Way Obstructions and Nuisances***

Mayor Malone said that he was not at the Committee meeting to discuss, but he has read through the Ordinance that is posted and he feels it is very well done and he is on board with it.

3. ***It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Wolf, Councilmember Herr) with unanimous Approval by the Board, to Rescind the refund of 75.00 to Karleem Eichelman, the fee was never paid***
Councilmember Miller said Ms. Eichelman attempted to pay the fee, but it was returned to her with her copies.

4. ***It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Wolf, Councilmember Herr) with unanimous Approval by the Board, to Approve the updated Community Center Agreement form, this will include the Covid-19 cleaning fee of 50.00***

Public Comments: None

Announcements:

National Night Out previously scheduled for August 4 – Cancelled
Two Towers Jamboree Music Fest previously scheduled for August 1 – Cancelled
Trinity UCC is trying an outdoor social distance meeting July 12
Real Life Church is doing a food give away during the week for families in need

Adjournment: 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Strayer, Recording Secretary