

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

DATE AND TIME:	June 1, 2021	7:00 p.m.
LOCATION:	Community Center	6051 Pine Street
ATTENDANCE:	Council Members:	John Wolf, President Debra Miller, Vice President Adam Gochnauer (absent) John Herr Lauren Houck Randy Rannels John Schick James Malone Karen St. Clair Jeff Moseman
	Mayor:	
	Manager:	
	Public Works Foreman:	

President Wolf called the Council meeting to order: 7:00 p.m.

Pledge to Flag

Moment of Silence for the Kasper Family

It was also mentioned to keep Amy Leonard's husband in thoughts and prayers as he was in a very serious automobile accident also.

Council extended condolences to the Kasper Family and explained while the investigation to the accident is still ongoing, they will not be able to make any comments that relate to that.

Josh Roberts, James Swarr and LNP news reporter were all recording the meeting.

It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Miller, Councilmember Rannels) and carried unanimously, to Approve the minutes of the May 4, 2021, Borough Council meeting

Bill Payment: Reviewed by Council.
There were no additions to the regular bills.

Visitors:

Steven & Autumn Shenk, Tom Martin, Dennis Maurer, Jeff Cassel, Josh Roberts, James Swarr, Rick & Pam Knouff, Tammy Moseman, Joshua Null, Don Schoenberger, John Kottmyer, Tom Enlow, Roger Howard, Jr., Justin Stolfus, David Connor

Comments:

1. Josh Roberts made the following statement to address traffic safety in the Borough. He said during last week's traffic count at Miller Road and Rt. 72 a few things stood out to him: there were at least 20 incidents of vehicles running through the red light with most of them being passenger vehicles. There were at least 35 incidents of left-turning cars from Miller Road jumping the fresh green and cutting off oncoming through traffic from the other side of Miller Road and had five close calls. He said that he knows the police can not be everywhere all the time and are busy with other things, but he did not see one local police car come through on the main artery through town for the 6 ½ hours that they were out there that day. He referenced the recent speed study done in April on Lemon Street and pointed

out the following results: of over 18,000 vehicles only 10% followed the speed limit, 1200 vehicles traveled double the speed limit (which was 50 mph), over 400 vehicles did an excess of 70 mph in that 25-mph zone on average, per day. Similar results were found on the Hollow Drive study that was done in October of 2020. Mr. Roberts and a few others visited the corner at the intersection of Rt. 72 and Graystone Road to record the signal cycle, and despite the misinformation on social media and the other one-sided misinformation being published by the local newspaper, they found that there was ample time to clear the intersection from any direction. What they did find was simply blatant disregard for the traffic controls all to avoid waiting another 30 seconds for a green light. This went on over and over. All the incidences of near crashes were simply the result of driver impatience or error. He feels that most intersections in town could benefit from a dedicated turning arrow to improve left turning and ultimately straight through traffic. Mr. Roberts said it boils down to one thing which is enforcement. With the annual budget process beginning, he feels Council should start to discuss and take this topic seriously. He said those of us who understand how the Borough works and how their hands are tied relating to PennDOT signals and roadways, we realize there is only so much you as a Council can do. Mr. Roberts said there is one thing that can be done to have an immediate and direct effect, and that is ensuring that our contracted police agency is enforcing our traffic laws and to appropriately fund future traffic intervention efforts. This may result in an increase in money that is allotted during the budget process to identify methods to deter aggressive and dangerous drivers. He would like to see Council work with the citizens and the contracted police agency to develop some of these methods that can target several different streets for speed and red-light enforcement over the next year. He does not want anyone who is going a few miles over the speed limit to get pulled over, but blatant disregard for safety by thousands on our streets must be enforced a lot stronger and more aggressively.

2. Dennis Maurer said he recently applied for a permit to put a 12 x 12 sitting pad in his backyard. It was denied because the R1 zoning district does not allow more than 30% of the lot to be covered by impervious surface. He suggested changing it to a pervious coverage but was told by the zoning officer, Michael Bingham that this is not acceptable either because in 2016 Council passed an ordinance that states over 30% of coverage is not allowed in the R1 district. He said he does not understand how it was determined that 30% was the allowable amount. President Wolf said he thinks this number was established years before 2016. Mr. Maurer said he has worked with other municipalities in the state and feels this is one of the lowest. Manager St. Clair said that she will talk to Michael Bingham on Thursday when he is back in and get more information, and then Mr. Maurer will be contacted about this further.
3. Pam Knouff said she sent a letter to the Borough regarding her property line where her property backs up to the Borough property. Council said they did receive and review her letter at the committee meeting, and she will be contacted about this further.
4. Kim McKinney said they did call the police one evening around 7:00 p.m., but she did not give her name or number. She said she never saw anyone come. She called about the kids at the park. They have been breaking branches off the trees at the park and using a lot of profanity. They are using their scooters and large branches to hit the signs. Manager St. Clair said they are working on getting costs for cameras at the park and should have something put together very soon.
5. Steve Shenk said this Saturday will be the 101st convention of the Lancaster County Fire Association and they will be honoring 17 members that have passed away over the last 2 years. Last year's convention was cancelled due to covid.
6. Ms. Shenk said she has been hearing a lot of fireworks on Reeves Road. Council told her there was an ordinance passed for this and she can call the police to enforce the ordinance.

Police Report: Report will be distributed to Council as soon as it is received. It is difficult to have all the previous months information compiled when the meetings fall so soon in the month.

Mayor Malone: Mayor Malone attended the veterans group meeting on Saturday and thanked them for the invite.

EMS: Report submitted to Council.
Adam Marden was not present. Any questions can be directed to him.

Emergency Services Coordinator: Report submitted to Council.

Chief Fire Official: Report submitted to Council.

John Kottmyer, CFO reported the following:

Mr. Kottmyer said he is working on getting familiar with the departments and has responded on incidents to see how things function. Recently he responded with the department on some significant calls that are not easy to deal with. He said East Petersburg Fire Dept. does a phenomenal job and they are very dedicated and resilient individuals. Mr. Kottmyer attended the National Fire Symposium and they highlighted behavior health and well-being of responders. Mr. Kottmyer said it is not easy doing what they do and seeing what they see. Again, he commended the responders on a great job.

He is also working on planning for confined space entry permits. These are typically storage bins in factories that only have one way entry used to go in and out. He plans to attend a live burn technician class tomorrow for structures.

Fire Report: Report submitted to Council.

Chief Schoenberger reported the following:

39 incidents in May, 444 staff hours, 148 training hours

Property loss in the Borough 452,500.00 and a property saved 377,500.00

There is still an on-going investigation for the accident.

Food Truck event was a success. Next Food Truck event will be held on August 20th.

Manager's Report: Report submitted to Council.

Manager St. Clair pointed out the following:

A lot of time spent on meetings and with the auditor last month.

New copier was received for office.

Public Works received new truck last week.

Foreman's Report: Report submitted to Council.

Jeff Moseman pointed out the following:

Filter performance evaluation and survey of the water system was performed by DEP.

Continued working on risk assessment for EPA - getting help from ARRO and Lylabs on this.

New truck was used to remove school flashers and the truck worked great and was very efficient. Additional parts will be removed soon.

Mini split was installed by Schwanger Bros.

Pole that was damaged previously by a truck at Lemon and State was replaced by CM High.

Mr. Moseman said that there is information at the back of the room on MS4 and illicit discharges for everyone to take. He explained that illicit discharge is anything that is disposed of in the street, such as liquid, sand, mulch.

These things should be cleaned up before it gets into the storm basins because it is not good for the bay. It was found that someone was washing their pool and discharging it into the street. They were given information and told to put this in the grass area.

June 5th between 9-12 the Borough is partnering with Little Conestoga Watershed Alliance for a stream side care workday at the Community Gardens – 2899 Graystone Rd. They will be working on mulching and weeding and whatever else is needed there to clean it up. Please come and help if you can. Parking is in the grass area.

Zoning Officer Report: Reports submitted to Council.

Worked on TOA, Garden St. easement plan, water service plans, observed rain gardens, RPR / construction observation

Property Violations: Report submitted to Council.

Solicitor/Collections Report: Report submitted to Council.

6060 Main St. easement, 2 properties with the district justice, Lemon St. property owner indicated the property will be sold

HARC: (Hempfield Area Recreation Commission) – Debra Miller reported the following:
Pool opened yesterday. Everything is back on track.

Old Business: Committee Meeting Topics – 6060 "draft" permanent easement, HAFSC update: no meeting in May, reviewed minutes, reviewed payables, Resolution 780 discussed rescinding Declaration of Disaster, yard waste agreement, ad for fog seal projects, PC-letters of interest, civics ground equipment discussion, fire co. financials, executive session for legal & personnel matters

New Business:

1. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Miller, Councilmember Schick) and carried unanimously, to Approve Resolution 811, Setting fees for East Petersburg Borough to include use of electric for Amphitheater rental*
2. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Rannels, Councilmember Schick) and carried unanimously, to Approve the Applications for firework displays scheduled for July 2 and September 18, submitted by Events Committee*
3. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Miller, Councilmember Houck) and carried unanimously, to Approve Resolution 812, rescinding Resolution 780, Declaration of Disaster Emergency*
4. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Rannels, Councilmember Herr) and carried unanimously, to Approve Resolution 813, Yard Waste Agreement with Columbia Borough*
5. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Schick, Councilmember Miller) and carried unanimously, to Approve Resolution 814, Approving and Adopting Article of Amendment to the Article of Incorporation*
6. Manager St. Clair explained that there was an opening for a few months for a Planning Commission member and applications have been received. At the last meeting there was an even number of Councilmembers, and the vote was tied between Josh Roberts and Jeff Cassel. John Herr was absent and is needed to break the tie. Councilmember Herr said his vote is for Josh Roberts which would break the tie.
It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Miller, Councilmember Herr) and carried unanimously, to Approve Resolution 815, Appointing Josh Roberts as member of Planning Commission

Announcements:

Community Yard Sale is cancelled for this year.

June 5 – Community Garden "Streamside Care Workday" 2899 Graystone Road 9:00 a.m. – noon. Volunteers are needed. Link to sign up is on Borough website at the MS4 tab.

Friday, July 2 – Independence Day Celebration at East Petersburg Park will include Music in the Park at 6:30 p.m. and then Movie in the Park, Sonic the Hedgehog beginning at 8:30 p.m., followed by fireworks

There is currently an opening for an Appeals Committee Board member.

Adjournment: 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Strayer, Recording Secretary