

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

<b>DATE AND TIME:</b>	June 7, 2022	7:00 p.m.
<b>LOCATION:</b>	Community Center	6051 Pine Street
<b>ATTENDANCE:</b>	Council Members:	Debra Miller, President John Schick, Vice President Adam Gochnauer, Pro Tem John Herr Lauren Houck Randy Rannels Sandra Valdez James Malone Karen St. Clair Kevin Martin Jeff Moseman
	Mayor:	
	Manager:	
	Supervisor:	
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**President Miller called the regular Council meeting to order.**

**Pledge to Flag and Moment of Silence.**

**Visitors:** Pat Sherrard, Annette Rogers, Tammy Moseman, James Swarr, Josh Roberts, Rita Malone, Don Schoenberger, John Kottmyer, Samuel Maurer IV, Keith Rollman, Erik Mause, Amanda Groff, Linda Anspach, Joshua Nash, Ruth Parmer, Brenda & John Ward, Kenneth Ellmaker, Kristin Troop, Kim Mause  
Josh Roberts and James Swarr were recording the meeting.

**Council / Lemon Street Sidewalk Issue:**

Deb Miller, Council President, made the following statement:

The Councilmembers, Borough Manager and Zoning Officer all take the residents concerns seriously. Every Municipality faces these challenges when street upgrades are scheduled to begin. She wants all to know that it is a difficult position to inform all homeowners that ordinance no. 175 requires a homeowner to be financially responsible to make the repairs. Three Councilmembers were unable to attend our last committee meeting, but they have been informed of the Lemon St. residents concerns in preparation for tonight's meeting. She will first turn to Council Vice-President, John Schick, who is an engineer by profession and then to Pro-Tem Councilmember, Adam Gochnauer, who is a senior councilmember, to begin our discussions. We ask that you hold your questions for the comment section.

John Schick said he was not at the last meeting, but he has read through several pages of comments in the transcribed minutes. He said there was a lot of concern with the process. He was also involved with the process on the lower end of Lemon Street 8 years ago. He said he now has a better understanding of what the 2<sup>nd</sup> phase of the project is going to be and of the final product of the street after the water line is complete. He read the concerns and would like to hear the concerns tonight. His concern is the reveal of the curb. He spent some time looking at the lower end and upper end of Lemon Street and tried to get a better understanding of if there is an issue if we have 8 inches or 7 inches reveal. He said there is a mixture of good curbing/bad curbing and good sidewalk/bad sidewalk out there. Michael Bingham is hired by the borough to be the borough engineer, so we wanted to leave it up to him to make these types of engineering decisions and decide if the curb/sidewalk is acceptable or not. There are ADA requirements the borough has to meet. A lot of the driveway crossings are not compliant with the ADA criteria. Mr. Schick said his neighbor uses a wheelchair and has a hard time getting around the community. There have been lawsuits through the country and state for ADA rights. Many areas have had major projects to upgrade ADA ramps at intersections. He explained this is a perfect opportunity to get as close as possible to ADA requirements. Certain situations we might not be able to meet ADA requirements, so we will file a technically infeasible form with PennDOT in these situations. He did some measurements and the curb

reveal ranges from 4 to 7 inches. It is 1600 ft. long and average slope is about 1 ½%, so it is not a roadway that has a high depth of water flowing. It will require a higher curb along with the gutter. He said 8 inches is what any new PennDOT construction requires. He thinks we need to determine if we can live with 6 ½ - 7 inches of curb reveal and then we will need to go out and look at some of those sections again. There are some sections that will need replaced. Mr. Schick said that Michael Bingham was correct in everything he said. If we change to 8 inches it will change the height of the curb and sidewalk, and slopes. Now that the water line project has started, we now know the pavement is 2 ½-3-inch solid base material with no. 4 type rock. The road has a good base. We could possibly mill the edge 1 inch before we overlay it. Now that we know what the subbase material is we could probably go out there and re-evaluate the curb. It will have to facilitate stormwater. He is only 1 person, and this is just his opinion. If he lived on a street that had to do this, he would be upset too. He doesn't know where the 10 years in the ordinance originally came from. He said that the 10-year is not a definite, but if it is spalling it should be taken care of before the road is paved. Once we make a determination, Michael Bingham will be the person you will need to reach out to and have him come out because he was hired by them to handle this. There is a fair share that needs replaced out there. He said they will get more information and bring it to the next committee meeting. He said he has been in this business for 30 years and he deals with these projects a lot, and when people have to spend this kind of money to do something on their property that they don't really think is needed, it becomes an issue. We looked into grants for these types of things but with the incomes of the people in the borough we exceed those limits, so we do not qualify. If the borough took on the work itself, we would have to pay prevailing wages. Prevailing wages are roughly 20-25% higher and there are other fees involved. He said if you leave it up to the citizens it is going to be cheaper. He said if a contractor comes in and is doing 4 residents, he would be ok with the contractor getting one permit to soften the load for residents. He said he would like to see this all discussed at the next committee meeting with some sort of conclusion reached and re-evaluate the curb situation.

Adam Gochnauer apologized because he was 4200 miles away when the last meeting was held. He said he tried to get back that evening and he spent 30 hours in airports across the country trying to get here, and it didn't work. He explained that John Schick is the brain when it comes to this kind of stuff, and he is the finance/customer service/contract person. He said without knowing what happened at the last meeting, he has a few ideas he would like to discuss with council concerning this project. He said he is a businessperson and not a politician. He said government operates inefficiently and they don't do a good job fixing things. He thinks government does things they shouldn't do, and they overstep. He sat on the other side for over 30 years and now he is on this side of the bench, so he tries to look at it from both sides. He said when you are on the other side, you don't always understand the limitations, restrictions, and legal stuff that we must do as a borough that residents and business owners don't have to do. Government needs to understand what citizen rights are and why they are upset and to try to bridge the gap as effectively as we can. Sometimes you have to say sorry that this is the way it has to be and give them an explanation why, and they are going to understand. He wouldn't like it either, but it must be done, and they have to look out for 5,000 residents and the effects. He thinks any logical person would say I don't want to spend 10,000 – 12,000 to replace curbing, but if I understand the reason behind why I have to do it, then o.k., I will deal with it. The other 5,000 residents must look at it as if we allow people to keep their curbs and 2 years from now the curbs fall apart and that street has to be dug up again for a half million-dollar project to be redone, and we have to raise taxes for 5,000 other people because 24-40 people were given leniency, then 5,000 will not be happy and they will be in here. Most resident understand this, and they just want to know why things are happening and they just want government to work with them.

I would want that, and in his opinion, he thinks this is what we owe the residents for their understanding. He said he agrees with John Schick and would like someone else to look at this. He explained that Council does not know about this stuff, and this is what we pay Michael Bingham for. He would like another source possibly, John Schick to look at this and see if we could do something other than 8 inches and work something out that the road won't have to be dug up. He does not agree with the 10 years because his sidewalks are much older than 10 years and they are in good shape. He said he would like to talk about this more and figure out if there is a problem. He wants to figure this out now and come up with a proposal, so the next streets can be handled more efficiently. We have experts for this, but we are not perfect. If we figure it out now, we will have something in place to use for any future streets that need replaced. He thinks we need to go out and come up with a firm set of plans of who needs what done and in what severity. Once we get specs of every property and we come up with some agreeable solution of who needs what done, Council needs to get a bid packet and bid the project to find out how much it will be if we do the work for you. Then residents can decide which route they want to go. It will cost the Borough money to do this, but we will have a baseline of what prevailing wage will cost. We will then provide specs to all of

you to get prices for what you need, so the work is done correctly. We need to get each of them a bid packet or they could all go together because it will be cheaper that way. He explained if the contractor is given the specs, they are required to do the work accordingly. Mr. Gochnauer said every resident he has spoke to about this does not like it, but they understand it when you explain it. He said if the residents are going to do what we are asking them to do, we should at least do this for them.

Mr. Gochnauer said that Columbia Borough recently did road work and sidewalk work and every resident had to pay 10,000.00 without any choice.

John Schick said value engineering is what we need to do here. He explained that a lot of times on projects you go out and design and evaluate the project and sometimes you need to go back out and re-evaluate the engineering. The Borough will spend the money to put the bid package with the specs together and out to bid and this will give you an idea what your area will cost and gives you options. You can then take these unit prices to the contractor(s) and have them compare the price. It is typically 20-25% higher with prevailing wage. Everyone would have to go with the bid amount to get the bid package cost and be responsible for their portion of the bill. Mr. Schick said that historically private bids will come in much less. He said right now he is finding that contractors are very busy so having a year will give some time to get this scheduled for next year if need be.

Mr. Gochnauer said this will not only give you the knowledge you need but will also give you options and you will know you got the best deal. Deb Miller pointed out that with the permitting process each resident normally gets the specs they need with their permit to have their contractor follow. Mr. Gochnauer said that in his opinion, if government tells you that you have to do something there should be no permit fee and the Borough should absorb the cost to have someone do the inspections.

Randy Rannels said he walked this area of Lemon Street and spoke with some residents, and he does not think all sidewalks need replaced. In his opinion he thinks Michael Bingham was saying that all the sidewalks need replaced. Mr. Rannels said in his opinion it should be on a case-by-case basis.

Sandra Valdez said she would agree to waive the permit fee for this project.

John Schick said he would also agree to waive the permit fee for this project.

Mr. Schick said he does not know where the 10 years came from. Manager St. Clair said that Amy Leonard, Borough Solicitor, reviewed the ordinance and it is in there. Mayor Malone pointed out that the ordinance says that the borough has the authority to require it be replaced if needed. John Schick said it should be determined on a case-by-case basis and explained that in engineering this comes up a lot and in these types of situations people come together to work out a solution.

Manager St. Clair said they will take a look at the current ordinance for this and consider revising it. It is an old ordinance from 1989.

John Schick said he thinks there is enough mapping the Borough has for this area for water pipes, etc. that Michael Bingham can build a plan from. This will help show the quantity for the bid specs. Plan will need to include linear feet of curbing, sq. yards of concrete removal, sidewalk, and ramps.

Lauren Houck said the letter was the initial contact and everything else is now a fluid conversation to see how we can get this to play out. She explained the Borough has many ordinances, and as things come up, we take a look at them and re-evaluate, and this is something we will look into.

Chief Steffen said he could have his drone operator come out and do a training mission on that stretch of sidewalk so you can have a pre and a post for comparison analysis with the software.

#### Comments:

**Tammy Moseman 6257 Lemon Street:** Ms. Moseman received a quote for her curb/sidewalks in the amount of 12,200.00. She said that at the committee meeting she asked Michael Bingham if the curbs and sidewalks needed replaced during the recent road project on Stevens Street. She said that Mr. Bingham told her there was nothing wrong with those curbs at the time of paving. Ms. Moseman said that the pictures she took prove differently and

said there were holes in the curbing when they paved. She said she feels those curbs should have been taken care of at that time. She said she is happy to hear they are going to revisit the ordinance because she feels consistency is important. She said she appreciates the interaction at this meeting. She said as residents, they know what to do and will be diligent. She said it concerns her that when she is speaking to the engineer that has been hired by Council and paid for with her taxpayer dollars, and he did not give the correct information. She said she appreciates what John Schick and Adam Gochnauer are saying and that is all they wanted was for Council to hear them and take the economic worries into consideration. She said she did not feel heard at the committee meeting like she does tonight. She will share pictures with Manager St. Clair.

**Josh Roberts:** Mr. Roberts thanked John Schick for explaining how things go and said he appreciates his forward thinking and knowledge on infrastructure and government. He feels John Schick has saved the Borough a lot of money over the years. He also thanked Adam Gochnauer and said he appreciates them taking their time on this. He said he felt they were rushed through their comments at the last meeting. He does not agree to limiting a group of citizens that come out to voice their concerns and thinks they should get the respect they deserve. He pointed out he attends most meetings along with some others and listens to the discussions and nobody limits their time.

Regarding HAFSC: He feels they are not getting enough information and Council is hiding behind "It's a legal matter". He said last week a member of the Hempfield Township Board of Supervisors got caught on a hot microphone saying the HAFSC meeting was set up as an ambush. He asked who is ambushing who? He also heard them on the hot microphone that our citizen representative was being kept out of the loop and the audio shut off. He asked if it is intentional that they kept her out of the loop. He also asked when did Councilmember Rannels and Supervisor Russell come up with a verbal agreement for another meeting because when they asked at the last meeting nobody knew what was going on. Mr. Roberts said Hempfield secretary was caught on tape saying she did not publish the agenda, and this is a sunshine law violation. Mr. Roberts said it is hard for him to justify continuing down this same route with HAFSC.

Adam Gochnauer apologized for not being at the last meeting. He told Mr. Roberts he has no clue about the hot microphone or who agreed to have another meeting. He said that he has been working on some things and that it is frustrating to him also. He told Mr. Roberts there are things he cannot tell him because it was an executive session but wanted to tell the community a little bit of what is going on because he feels it is only right. He said he underestimated the difficulty of government and lawyers getting involved with something he can do in one week in business. He said he has been working on a deal and hoped it would have been done by now, but it is not and that is partly because it is a legal matter. He spent a good amount of his personal time talking with the borough solicitor and he said, as wonderful as she is, they went at it for a while because there are things he cannot do because it is government, but said he can do these same things personally. Mr. Gochnauer said as far as the agreement we have with East Hempfield Township Commission, his intent is to get government out of that. He said government should not be involved with this and they should talk to the ones on the front lines. He is working on how we get out of this legally and do the right thing for the fire company. He said a good opportunity has come to us with the fire departments blessing and it will enhance their ability to work with East Hempfield and it will also enhance their ability to run a great station. He needs to tie this all into the agreement to make it right. He doesn't want to rush the first agreement because we have a great opportunity with the second agreement. He said he understands this is broad but asked for their trust as much as they probably hate to hear that. He said regarding the fire commission they will have something that will make them thrilled and if not, you can address him, and he will explain it. All he asks is that the government get out of this and give it back to the people that should be apart of it. He said we did our part and now it is time to get out, so nobody has to deal with the politics. He said he will never lie, and he feels this will be a great. He said he is working on four agreements right now and has a lot on his plate, and was hoping it would be done by now. He wants it to come out right but legally it is taking a little longer than he wants it to. He explained East Hempfield does not know about this yet, but this will enhance the fire department and they are a part of this even though they do not know the details of this. He said everyone will love this and it will be a great opportunity for everyone. Mr. Gochnauer said he did not violate anything by saying this tonight and the reason nobody explained this before was because he is the councilmember that has been working on this the most, and they do not know a lot of this yet.

**Keith Rollman:** He moved to Lemon Street 13 years ago. He is one of the people who received a letter about his sidewalks. He said his sidewalks meet most of the criteria. He would like to know what he has to do to be in compliance. He feels it is more for vanity. He said near the intersection of Rt. 72 and Graystone Rd. where the fatal accident occurred, there is no sidewalks on the one side. He feels like they are being pushed up against an ADA wall and he does not like to be pushed around. He likes to be communicated with like they are tonight. He

said there has been residents who have been very negative, and the news media is always out there, but he would like to work together and come to an agreement.

**Brenda Warden:** Her mother lives on Lemon Street and is 93 years old and has lived in the borough her whole life, and she has now received a letter regarding sidewalk/curb replacement. Ms. Warden said she is upset because she did what the letter said and called Michael Bingham and asked to set up an appointment to look at their sidewalk because there is nothing wrong with it. She told him if the curbing needs replaced because of chipping, then no problem. Ms. Warden said Mr. Bingham told her she can set up an appointment, but his answer is going to be the same and that it all has to come up, every sidewalk. She asked him why the letter was sent out saying to call him to come out and look at this. She said she explained to Mr. Bingham the other half of the Lemon St. did not have to do any of this, and she was told by Mr. Bingham that it was a different guy. Ms. Warden said she feels they are being picked on. She said a lot of people live on social security and they can't just write a check for this. She asked Mr. Bingham if he could stretch this out and was told no. She said everything was cut and dry with him and she felt he was rude. In the past her mother got a letter saying she had 15 days to remove a tree and she was so upset she almost had a heart attack. She said it is the letters that are so bad, and they just tell you how it has to be without showing concern for people who want to do the right thing. She thinks it would be a good idea to give more time and go about this another way.

**Kim Mause:** Ms. Mause said she is frustrated because she only has 1 year to get her curb/sidewalk done. She asked how long Council knew about this and when it was discussed. She was told last year during budget time. Ms. Mause said a letter should have been sent then to prepare people. She pointed out that when she first moved here there was a dead tree and she called the borough to take this down, but she was told 12 years ago that they did not want to care for this section and if she was the one mowing the area, they should take care of having the tree taken down. She said she was told by the borough if she takes care of this area of land for more than 7 years the borough could write it off as her property and have the deed changed. She said she is very frustrated that she now has to replace sidewalk.

**Linda Anspach:** Ms. Anspach said she understands that homeowners have responsibilities, she is upset at the lack of notification and no mention of cost. She wants to know when they will receive the specs and if the May 31<sup>st</sup> deadline is solid. She said she loves the idea John Schick will be working with them and it will be on a case-by-case basis. She thanked Adam Gochnauer for mentioning different options. She asked if the permit fee is definitely removed. She said speeding on Lemon Street is terrible and she would like to see a speed bump put in before someone gets killed. She said younger families are moving in with children. She said many of the sidewalks in the borough are not consistent and asked if there is a standard for sidewalks in the borough. She asked if funding or grants are available.

Adam Gochnauer said he thinks Michael Bingham should come out and have John Schick with him. He explained that he cannot say if Mr. Bingham was rude or not as he has not seen that side, but the comments are warranted. He also pointed out that Mr. Bingham is the hired professional that knows the business. He would like Mr. Schick and Mr. Bingham to go out and walk this section to determine if there are negotiating points. This way everyone will know it is not just Mr. Bingham's opinion saying what needs to be done. They can walk the sections and write it all down and put this into a bid package. He explained this might not come together until September and then we will reset the date for residents.

Kevin Martin said that the water line replacement is what has set all of this in motion. He explained when this was done to the middle section of Lemon St. the road was fog sealed, but the plan for this upper section of Lemon Street is to be overlaid after the water line is replaced. He said this could sit for 2 years instead.

Mr. Gochnauer said even though things don't move fast in government he doesn't think anyone would disagree with waiting. He explained the letters sound firm, but we are required to do certain things. He said he will push for a reset and get another look at this even though John Schick might say the same thing as Br. Bingham already said. He said he will look at the finance side with Manager St. Clair. He said we aren't picking on anyone, and we will all work together on this. He said he is sure the deadline will be extended, and government can learn from this situation.

John Schick said that the paving deadline is October 15. He said the letter stated everything needs replaced, but he would like to go out there along with Kevin Martin and Michael Bingham to look at the sidewalks and make an

assessment. He thinks they will find what is out there is relatively an acceptable height. It's just a matter of what needs replaced and what needs to be brought up to ADA compliance. He said anytime you touch anything you have to bring it into ADA compliance. When someone files a suit, they put you on a program and you have to replace every corner. The corners at the square were put out for bid by PennDOT since it is a state road and the cost for the ramps were close to 40,000.00. The borough is responsible for the public street or alleyway corners. There is a technically infeasible form that can be filled out when it is not ADA possible. John Schick said really the spec of the material and the size is pretty much set, it is just going to be determining what in the field needs replaced. We will come out and spray paint dots and highlight what needs to be replaced and then document them on whatever mapping we have to create a plan. This should eliminate the need for a complete survey and with what Chief Steffen is offering we can come up with a map of the area. This will all cut costs.

Kevin Martin said the process we are looking to do on Lemon Street was a finished product. There is a 5-year moratorium on a road after it is paved. Utilities should be notified in case they want to get in there to update anything.

Residents said Lemon Street is a dangerous road and leaving the road patchy could make people slow down. They asked about speed bumps and a stop sign at Broad and Lemon. John Schick explained that you cannot put a stop sign up without it meeting certain requirements through PennDOT, and this spot does not meet them.

Chief Steffen explained that PA is the only state in the country that does not allow municipal use of radar. He said the equipment they have is all outdated. They do not manufacture spare parts and they do not manufacture systems, so they are back to 1910 technology with the stop watches or variation of time distance formulas, but this can be problematic because you need a reference point. In his experience, the day you get a speed bump and the day you get rid of it are both the happiest days for the neighborhood. They have put up speed readers and tried traffic calming tactics, but the speeders are the people who live there or live nearby.

**Bill Payment:** Reviewed by Council.  
No additions.

**Police Report:** Reports submitted for April and May.

Chief Steffen told residents that all of the reporting is on their website for full transparency. He explained that their drone pilots are trained to use the drones for criminal investigations, and they must be trained prior to operating the drones for precision. He explained this is why he has offered to help on Lemon Street because it gives them an opportunity to get out there and train to get the skill set they need.

The individual that was charged with the double fatality car accident is now in Lancaster County Prison after being taken into custody in Florida. This will never replace them, but it is some small measure of community justice.

If you call them regarding people using fireworks within 150 ft. proximity of a structure, there is very little they can do. They can file summons on information they receive, but that person will need to be willing to offer testimony in court supported by statements by them on body worn cameras. He warned residents of the danger of using fireworks and recommends residents attend professional firework displays instead.

**Mayor Malone:**

Mayor Malone said there will be a radar coalition held this Thursday, June 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

Radar coalition will be holding a rally to try and get everyone who says they support radar to move it out of committee so it can be voted on and give the municipal officers the tools they need to enforce the laws on the books. Chief Steffen said they do not use this as a fund raiser, nor could they write enough tickets to use it as a fund raiser. The PA Chief of Police Association has told them to lower the fines because the idea is to give people in the neighborhood a degree of safety.

June Vagabond Car Show and Community Yard Sale were both a great success.

**EMS Report:** Report submitted to Council.

Adam Marden reported it was a busy month with 26 calls in East Petersburg Borough. They provided EMS care at the recent events in the borough – there were no injuries. EMS academy is in session with 6 employees; this will end in August. Supervisors are currently in a 6-week class.

**Emergency Services Coordinator Report:** Report submitted to Council.

Diane Garber was not in attendance. Manager St. Clair pointed out that August 29<sup>th</sup> will be municipal officials fire training. She will have more information on that.

**Chief Fire Official Report:** Report submitted to Council.

John Kottmyer reported they are working on continued planning for July celebrations. Mr. Kottmyer warned residents to use caution while using fireworks and a lot of people do not realize the dangers of using fireworks which are class C explosives. He recommends attending professional firework displays.

There are a lot of inspections going on at the hospital. The hospital is working with them to determine where they can set up if there is a call and they will put markings in the parking lot.

They have received smoke alarms from a local restoration company and all the departments now have them and they will be giving them out to people who need them when they go out on calls.

Mr. Kottmyer said regarding the Fire Commission he can not answer to the hot microphones but from his perspective at one of the meetings they had a discussion about the program costs and what the sharing of the costs would be, and a motion was made to hold a meeting with the municipalities to discuss those costs. Mr. Kottmyer said that he is not the one who comes up with funding.

**Fire Report:** Report submitted to Council.

Chief Shoenberger pointed out it was a busy month: they responded to 41 incidents: 7 in East Petersburg, 27 in East Hempfield, 4 in Manheim Twp., 1 in Lititz Borough, 1 Rapho Twp., 1 W. Hempfield Twp.

July 8 they will hold a Food Truck Frenzy. Concrete work is being done at the fire house. That is why apparatus is sitting outside. They have officially kicked off their ladder replacement committee; it will probably take a year until they determine what they would like to go with and then there is a 2-year wait to get the truck.

**Manager's Report:** Report submitted to Council.

Manager St. Clair reported the GAGA pit was installed and it was paid for by S. Clyde Weaver. More equipment will be installed with the remaining funds donated by S. Clyde Weaver- the equipment is still TBD.

Met with John Schick, Kevin Martin, Michael Bingham and Macam Engineering to discuss the plans for the signal project at Rt. 72 and Graystone Rd. This was originally scheduled to start in February-2023, but this will be pushed back a little.

Borough codes are now on the website.

**Supervisor:** Report submitted to Council.

**Public Works:**

Kevin Martin pointed out the following:

Pool was prepped and cleaned and was opened up on Memorial Day weekend.

Electrical issues fixed on new mower.

Street sweeping: Brent L. Miller, Marietta Borough, Trinity Lutheran Church, Donegal Mutual Insurance, Mt. Joy Borough, and Manheim Borough is coming up this week.

Mulched memorial flower bed in Constitution Square.

Installed GAGA Ball pit.

Installed memorial tree near water tank in the park.

**Water Dept./ MS4:**

DEP filter follow up inspection – went through the comments with DEP and there were no further comments, and they were very pleased with us.

Water main replacement on Lemon Street started this week. Doli has the whole line of pipe installed and the main is in place. Four homes had water service affected and this has been resolved and there are no boil water advisories. The pipe will sit a little and they will test for pressure and bacterial and then they will install service lines. Residents will be notified when this will happen.

T-Mobile was to start the antenna upgrades at Tank Rd. and Broad St. water tank should be starting Monday.

Riparian Buffer Planting Project took place on May 7<sup>th</sup>, with 22 volunteers, 202 trees planted, and 95 shrubs planted. This event went very well.

MS4 violations have been issued for grass in the street. This is considered illicit discharge if it gets into the storm water sewer system. Please let your neighbors know about this should the opportunity arise.

**Zoning Officer Report:** Report was submitted to Council.

**Property Violation Report:** Report submitted to Council.

**Solicitor/Collections Report:** Report submitted to Council.

Mad Chef contacted Manager St. Clair regarding a noise exemption so he can have music on his patio. This is still

being looked into. Working on TOA documents.

**HARC:** (Hempfield Area Recreation Commission) – Debra Miller

Averaging 45 walk-ins per day. Memberships are up by 296 and the revenue is up by 10,119.00.

A dead tree branch fell in the area of the pool and there are still other dead branches in this tree. A tree company will be called in to check on this and decide if they are healthy or not.

**HAFSC:** (Randy Rannels / Tammy Moseman) John Kottmyer is working on getting numbers on Knox boxes. Knox Box is a box that holds a key to the facility and the fire company has a key to this box which eliminates having to break in. Mr. Kottmyer will be doing a schooling for apparatus. He will tape it and add it to the training site. Diane Garber will send out an email for sign ups for fire training day. Committee meeting will be held on June 21. Minutes have been uploaded to the website and is now current. Still waiting on cost sharing for apparatus. Mr. Rannels was told that Township supervisors have to meet one on one to discuss what they want to do and want to present back to us. They have not got back to him about setting a time for the meeting.

**Old Business:** Review Committee Meeting Topics: Nitrate Plant repairs, Cell tower upgrades, T-Mobile, HAFSC update, review accounts payable, review of April Committee meeting minutes

**New Business – Action Items:**

1. Amanda Groff with Harbor Engineering explained the rear portion of the 1615 State Street property will be added to the 1575 State Street property. It will be used by the Day Care for extra playground area to have additional space for separation while playing. They have been leasing this area prior to this purchase and it seems to be working out well for all parties.

*It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Schick) and carried unanimously, to approve the Lot Add-on plan for 1575 & 1615 State Street, conditioned on the applicant paying fee in lieu of, and placing the required lot corner pins prior to the recording of the plan, or providing the mutually agreed upon financial security in the amount of 660.00 to the Borough.*

2. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Valdez) and carried unanimously, to approve the May 3, 2022, Borough Council Meeting Minutes*
3. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Rannels) and carried unanimously, to approve the firework display application from the Events Committee for July 1, 2022 and September 17, 2022*
4. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Valdez, Councilmember Herr) and carried unanimously, to approve the Certificate of Completion for Kuharchik Construction, Inc.*
5. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Houck) and carried unanimously, to approve the repaving project for Jeanette Drive, Jackson Drive, Vaughn Road, Geneva Drive and Lemon Street, from Martin paving, Inc. in the amount of \$82,332.78 upon the Solicitor & PennDOT's review and approval of all bonding documents.*

**Extra Items:**

1. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Valdez) to add an item to come up with a plan for Lemon Street*

Michael Bingham, John Schick, and Kevin Martin will all go out to discuss with homeowner's what will need done to each property and come up with a mutually agreed, acceptable replacement/repair option. Then a bid pack will be put together along with the mapping from Chief Steffen, and everyone can look at this together at a meeting. It was pointed out that there are some new ways for repairing sidewalks that are cheaper, such as injecting concrete to level sidewalks and this will be considered by the three of them, and decisions will be made out in the field. Permits will need obtained from borough office and specs will be given with permits. No fees will be collected for permits for this project. It is cheaper if everyone goes together, but individual permits will still be issued.

2. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Valdez) to waive the permit fee for the sidewalk repairs/replacement on this area of Lemon Street for this project*

**Announcements:**

- A. The next Borough Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 5, 2022.
- B. Appeals Board                      June 9 - 7 PM, as needed
- C. Planning Commission            June 16 - 7 PM, as needed
- D. Zoning Hearing                      June 22 - 7 PM, as needed
- E. Committee                            June 23 - 6 PM
- F. Independence Day Celebration at East Petersburg Park will be held Friday, July 1, 2022 with Music in the Park at 6:30 p.m. followed by a Movie in the Park at 8:30 p.m., and then Fireworks!

**Adjournment:** 9:45 p.m.

**Executive Session for legal & personnel matters:** 9:55 p.m. – 10:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kim Strayer, Recording Secretary