

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

<b>DATE AND TIME:</b>	March 5, 2024	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 Randy Rannels William Sharp Sandra Valdez (Absent)
	Mayor:	James Malone
	Borough Manager:	Karen St. Clair (Absent)
	MS4/Project Supervisor:	Jeff Moseman

**President Miller called the regular Council meeting to order.**

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

**Visitors:** Karyl Carmignani, Tammy Moseman, Jamie Rohrer, Caleb Simmens, Samuel Maurer, Megan Shank, Josh Roberts, Violet DeStefano, Randy Morrison, Phil Kresge, Bill Trovato

**Visitors/Comments:**

1. **Phil Kresge** lives in Mountville where he currently serves on Council and was formerly the mayor. He is in a band and has played at some of the East Pete events in the past. He is a retired Hempfield teacher and has been in the music business for over 50 years. In 2019, he organized and performed a Woodstock concert at Longs Park, and it was a huge success. In 2022, he did a Live Aid 35<sup>th</sup> anniversary concert at Longs Park. This year is the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary for Woodstock and he said that people from this era are aging, so he would like to put on a Woodstock anniversary show sooner rather than later. He spoke with his co-organizers about putting on this Woodstock concert on a smaller level than they did at Longs Park. He would like to do (2) 45-minute sets. This would be done with 12-14 musicians. It would be an all-age show and they would avoid anything controversial. They will just do the best of Woodstock. It would be on August 17 from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. There would be food trucks. They are waiting for approval to finalize plans. Bill Trovato will organize the food for this event. Mr. Trovato said he thinks that August 17 is already saved for the Events Committee to hold an event in the park, and this will be the event to fill this date. Mr. Trovato said he was not sure if there would be a Beer Garden for this event yet. Mr. Kresge will be working with the Events Committee to plan this all out. Mr. Kresge said there were no problems at the Woodstock concert they held at Longs Park; grandchildren were present, and it was a very peaceful event. The concert will be free. They will accept donations and possibly do some raffles to defray costs. Insurance will be provided by the Events Committee since they are involved in the planning. They are just looking for an approval.

**Bill Payment:** Reviewed by Council.

**Police Report:** Report submitted to Council.  
Radar speed signs have been put up on Rt. 72. More traffic stops are being reported on Main St.

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Malone was in attendance.  
Attended Lancaster County Mayor's Association meeting and the PA State Mayor's Association meeting.  
Education Events were discussed for 2024 – nothing has been finalized for this. Radars have possibly moved from Committee.

**Emergency Medical Service:** Report submitted to Council.  
Nathaniel Buchanon was not in attendance.  
Deb Miller pointed out there were a total of 26 calls in the borough.

**Emergency Services Coordinator:** Report submitted to Council.  
Josh Roberts reported the following:  
Reviewed Makers Market incident plan, reviewed Vagabonds car show incident plan, began development of Vagabonds 2024 car show IAP, attended Borough Council mtg, Preparedness and Planning mtg, and Borough Committee mtg.  
Next ESC meeting has not been scheduled yet due to the changeover.

**Fire Dept.:** No report submitted.  
James Rohrer reported there were 28 calls in January: 14 in East Hempfield Twp., 4 in East Petersburg Borough, 3 in Ephrata Borough, 2 in Ephrata Twp., 2 in Lancaster Twp., 2 in Manheim Twp. and 1 in Penn Twp.  
Mr. Rohrer thanked Council for attending the class with them.

**Borough Manager:** Report submitted to Council.  
Manager St. Clair was not in attendance.  
Debra Miller pointed out that Manager St. Clair attended the following meetings: Council meetings, staff/supervisor meetings to review staff projects, meeting with Randy Rannels to review Lions Club donation of fire truck, MS4 meeting with Jeff Moseman, meeting with Michael Bingham and Grant with SDE.  
Lions Club will be donating fire truck for the park. This should be done in approx. 6 months.  
Attended state senator meeting with Jeff Moseman and Kevin Martin - topics reviewed: grant funding, municipal radar, and municipal advertising.

**Department Managers:**  
Jeff Moseman pointed out the following from the department reports:

**Water Dept.:**  
Mini splits were installed at the City Interconnect and Nitrate Plant.  
Quarterly DEP water quality testing and IOCs were completed - this included the first quarter PFAS.  
Wiring and electrical equipment upgrades were completed at the Spring for the pump replacement project. The pump replacement is scheduled to begin in April 2024.

**Public Works:**  
Sweeper is at Bortek for Winter Maintenance. 2024 Street Sweeping schedule is filling up.  
Street Signs entered into CS Datum mapping system.  
2 snow events in February. Risers were installed on some of the manholes to allow plows to go over them smoothly.  
Removing older, dying trees at the pool - new trees will be planted later this month. Randy Rannels asked what size the trees are. Mr. Moseman said the replacement trees on the outside of the pool are 6" diameter and 30' tall. The replacement trees on the inside of the pool are 4" diameter and 15' tall. Replacement trees were purchased at Root's.  
PW staff is studying for pesticide testing.  
Seasonal tall grass mowing done at meadows, firehouse swale, nitrate plant, and Northfield Dr. swale.

**MS4/Special Projects:**  
Inspected BMP's after mowing of tall grasses near swales. There was a lot of debris - residuals were disposed of.  
Inspected 4 of the outfalls - removed trash and debris.  
There was interest expressed for the composite decking for the vehicle and foot bridge at the Meadows Bioswale. Mr. Moseman received some samples to share with Council. The vehicle bridge rate is 10,000 lbs.  
It came up that the design that was put out to bid for both bridges had straight ends. It is a standard design for the vehicle bridge to have a sloped edge. They are asking if we can change this. Michael Bingham explained sloped vs. straight is referring to the end of the walkway. There was some miscommunication with the vendor at the time. Mr. Bigham suggested going with the sloped end. Mr. Moseman said there is no cost difference, turnaround time is quicker, and this will give us a product that is vehicle rated.  
Foot bridges need to be finished by June 24. Pending tonight's meeting, Michael Bingham will issue a notice to proceed to Bedford. John Schick said he feels it is well worth the money to go with the composite. Mr. Moseman said he is impressed with them also. The bridges will have green sides w/ gray decking.  
ARPA fund went through, and funding will be received for the Spring and City Interconnect pump replacement projects.

One quote was received for the pickleball court; still waiting on one more quote. Also looking into vendor lighting. Will have a truer cost for all of this soon.

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

Sight visit was done at 2735 Graystone Road for property maintenance violations. It is better, but not perfect yet. A letter was issued for this.

Noticing more dumpsters in the street. This could be put in the newsletter.

Received several calls regarding short term rentals.

Many TOA permits are being reviewed and processed. He anticipates they will be pulling out next year at this time.

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

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

**HARC:** (Hempfield Area Recreation Commission) – Debra Miller – Roof damage due to delamination causing air to get under the rubber roof. This involves a section of the fitness center and a tennis hallway. Repairs will be done soon.

**Old Business:**

Review of February 22, 2024, Committee Meeting Topics: Megan Shank-special event “Christmas in July”, ARPA update from Lancaster County Commissioners office, Pickleball court update, Randy Rannels-replace Lion’s Club logo on borough sign, EMC-Independent Contractor Agreement, Misc. items from manager and councilmembers , Fire Co. financials review only, 01/25/2024 Committee meeting minutes, executive session for legal matters.

**New Business – Action Items:**

President Miller asked if there were any questions on the new business items.

Sam Maurer asked for a brief summary of what Ordinance 326 will be. Michael Bingham said last year the traffic engineer performed a traffic study of Carpenter St. and Ridge Ave. due to concerns about site distances. What they determined was when there is parking along the street at this spot it causes cars to meander over. The study showed it wasn’t safe to have cars parked in this area of the street due to a site distance issue and the potential for conflict. The intersection was designed long ago, and it will now be required to park farther away from the curb.

Tammy Moseman thanked Josh Roberts for filling in for the EMC position. She asked Mr. Roberts if he was interested in doing any of the EMC work. Mr. Roberts said he did submit to council a couple of weeks ago saying he was interested in it.

Ms. Moseman asked Violet DeStefano if she works in New Cumberland. Ms. DeStefano said she works for New Cumberland but works from her home in Lititz, PA. Ms. Moseman said her concern is for arrival time to get into the borough from where she lives if we have an incident. Ms. DeStefano said she lives 10-15 minutes away and from an Emergency Management standpoint it is not necessarily an arrival time point as it would be for an EMS or fire unit. She would have more time to be aware of an incident. She would like to live in the borough at some point.

Ms. Moseman asked if the contract price will be disclosed of and how much taxpayers are paying. Ms. Miller said yes, it will be disclosed once they vote on it.

Randy Rannels said when Josh Roberts volunteered for the position he said he would only do it for 1-2 years until we found a replacement. Mr. Rannels said approximately two or three weeks ago Mr. Roberts told Manager St. Clair that he was interested in the position. At that point council had already had three candidates come before council to interview for the position because they thought he was not interested in the position. At the point he had spoken to Manager St. Clair and told her he was interested, they had already spoken to Ms. DeStefano. Mr. Rannels said it wasn’t a situation that we wanted her over you, it was just a matter of timing of the decision to hire Violet. Debra Miller thanked Josh Roberts for stepping up.

- 1. It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Sharp, Councilmember Herr) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve February 6, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes.*



**Executive Session:** None.

**Adjournment:** 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kim Strayer, Recording Secretary