

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

DATE AND TIME:	November 1, 2022	7:00 p.m.
LOCATION:	Community Center	6051 Pine Street
ATTENDANCE:	Council Members:	Debra Miller, President John Schick, Vice President Adam Gochnauer, Pro Tem John Herr Lauren Houck Randy Rannels Sandra Valdez Mayor: James Malone (Absent) Manager: Karen St. Clair Supervisor: Kevin Martin

President Miller called the regular Council meeting to order.

Pledge to Flag and Moment of Silence.

Visitors: Samuel Maurer IV, John Wider, Erin Matthews, Kristin Troop, Joyce Mokros, Ruth Parrish Sauder, Don Schoenberger, Bill Trovato, Kaleb Best, April Weaver

Comments:

1. Kristin Troop, Chair of East Petersburg Events Committee, was in attendance to give review of 2022 and updates for 2023. She explained despite the challenges of losing board members and navigating covid, they are now operating with a new board and last years events had some of the highest numbers. She said that the carnival company that was used previously gave them notice in March that they would not be able to make it to East Pete Day this year, so they were left with very few options to replace them on short notice. They found only one that said they were comparable to Nonweiler and signed a contract with them in April. When they showed up in September, they were told that several rides were broken and unable to be repaired and that their lack of employees were the reason they had few rides and games. She said the night before East Pete Day the merchant was told to take down the political flags and t-shirts but ignored the request. The board was very upset with the carnival company for providing less than what was in their contract. EMS coverage changed prior to EP Day this year, and this could affect the route of the parade and 5K moving forward. It is being suggested to move the route more residential and not Main St. She said they could move the 5K, but not the parade. The cost for flagger force and police coverage to close roads and cover parade was 11,000.00. They were notified a month prior to EP Day that the EP fire police would not be providing service to the parade as they have in prior years because they were committed to another event that day. This was a surprise as they were told by the EP fire police up to this point that they were working on coverage for EP day. Luckily, they did have the funds from sponsors to pay for this added expense. They discussed updating the concession stand but have been told this is on hold until further notification. In 2023, they will have some new banners, same great events and a new carnival company. There is discussion of 2 possible fundraiser events, and they hope to work with EP PTO to build a bigger volunteer base. TOA did create new volunteers in 2022, as well as community members from past and present. EP events committee will meet tomorrow at Geneva Bakery at 5:30 for anyone interested in getting involved.
2. Samuel Maurer IV, asked why the borough office is moving the fire company? Adam Gochnauer explained there are three aging buildings that are not ADA accessible, and parking is not great. The previous administration was asked by the fire company to share the space at the fire company but turned them down and he feels this should have been done a long time ago. So, when they were asked again by the Fire dept. to look at this partnership, he explained it was found to be a win for both parties. There will

be a reallocation of space and then construction will be bid out. He is anticipating it will not be until at least 2nd quarter of 2023 until this move will happen. They had several meetings over the last year about this.

3. Ruth Parrish Sauder and her son Luke were in attendance to thank Council for the new park equipment. They are enjoying the GAGA pit and the Tetherball. Manager St. Clair told them that a new seesaw, along with two spring operated pieces of play equipment will soon be added.
4. A resident asked why the borough is changing trash companies. Manager St. Clair explained that the contract was up for renewal and Waste Management did not want to renew the contract, so we had to put it out to bid. It was asked if the price will be the same? Manager St. Clair said we are currently at 132.00 per unit and it will go up to 194.00 with the new contract. Manager St. Clair said the quarterly fee will increase by 5.00, but it could have been a lot more. Adam Gochnauer explained if the entire charge was passed down to the residents it would have gone up by approx. 30.00 per quarter, but because of the fiscal responsibility of the borough manager and staff, there was a surplus that she elected to use for this rather than make the residents pay the extra on their trash bill. Mr. Gochnauer pointed out there will be no increase in taxes this year also because of the fiscal responsibility of the Borough Manager as well as borough council and staff.

Bill Payment: Reviewed by Council.
No additions to the regular bills.

Police Report: Report was submitted to Council
Lt. Josh Kilgore was in attendance.

Lt. Kilgore said they were called to Turkey Hill last month for someone that pulled into the parking lot with bullet holes in their car. The driver had been shot and pulled into the parking lot and there was an unhurt infant in the back seat that was released to the mother. They found out that the shooting did not take place in East Petersburg Borough and that this shooting actually took place near Roots. The person shot, and the shooter, are all presumably associated gang members from Lancaster City. The primary investigators are East Hempfield Police because the shooting took place in their jurisdiction. Lt. Kilgore said they are assisting them with this investigation. The City has created a task force to deal with the gang issues. He encouraged residents to visit the website to view reports and view information released. He also recommends residents who have cameras sign up to share camera recordings if it is ever needed in their area.

Mayor's Report: No Report.
Mayor was not in attendance.

EMS Report: Report submitted to Council.
Adam Marden in attendance.

Responded to 21 calls in October in EPB with Monday being the busiest day and 11:00 was the busiest time. Recruit academy begins November 7 with a total of three attending. The new hospital is open, and they are very busy.

Emergency Services Coordinator Report: No report given.
Diane Garber was not in attendance. She is currently out sick and will submit a report when she is back.

Chief Fire Official Report: Report was submitted to Council.
John Kottmyer was not in attendance.

Fire Report: Report submitted to Council.
Chief Schoenberger was in attendance.

3 calls in EPB, 14 calls in East Hempfield Twp., 6 Manheim Twp., 3 Penn Twp., 1 West Lampeter Twp., 1 Manheim Boro., 1 Warwick Twp., 2 Rapho Twp., 1 Lancaster Twp. Total calls for the month: 33, Total calls ytd: 354. Don Schoenberger said it was not the EP fire police, but the Lancaster fire police task force who was to cover the EP day events and backed out in March.

Manager's Report: Report submitted to Council.
Working on 2023 Budget. Still hiring water operator/ MS4.

Supervisor – Jeff Moseman: Report submitted to Council.

Public Works:

2007 GMC was having shifting problems- transmission will be replaced at a cost of 4,500.00.

Graystone Road crosswalk repainted.

Pavilion roof at the pool was replaced.

Tennis courts were recoated.

Water Dept.:

TOA started work to connect the lines and a line was hit during the process. This has been corrected.

Service line leak was found at 1790 State St. after a resident reported low water pressure to us. Two large holes and two pin holes were found and approx. 20-30 ft. of the line was replaced to correct this. Roughly half million gallons of water was lost in the ground.

MS4:

Several violations found for grass and leaves in the street.

Trash and yard waste was dumped into outlet wall which is a common spot for this. Considering putting up cameras to monitor the area.

Looking for volunteers for Riparian Buffer maintenance workday on November 5; link is online to sign up.

Zoning Officer Report: Report submitted to Council.

TOA work, Grant work, MS4 on-call services.

Property Violation Report: Report submitted to Council.

Only have 7 non-compliant properties.

Solicitor/Collections Report: Report submitted to Council.

Still working with 6111 Lemon St.

Line item 9 is current on the payment plan, but they are still non-compliant.

HARC: (Hempfield Area Recreation Commission) – Debra Miller – The Golf Outing raised 10,000.00 for the scholarship program. EP pool financials for 2022: revenues were up by 10,000.00 compared to 2021; expenses were up with payroll, maintenance, and supplies. Pool memberships increased 6% over budget. The last 2 weeks hours had to be limited due to lifeguard shortage. Overall, they finished the season 3,000 under what they made last year.

Penn Medicine has developed a Lead-Free Awareness Program to eliminate lead poisoning in children which creates disabilities, hearing loss and slow learning. The services are 100% free for homeowners, landlords only need to pay 10% of the costs. Remediations include: lead paint remediation, free relocation services during the clean up and other benefits. County wide 6 children per week are testing positive at Penn Medicine LGH. The website is leadfreefamilies.org, this is posted on the borough website.

Old Business: Review Committee Meeting Topics: Lemon St. Sidewalk project letters and specs, Amending duties of CFO, Amending parking regulations for Community Mailboxes, Property Tax Penalty Waiver, 2023 Meeting dates, 2023 Banner Suspension dates, Payables for 10/27/22, 3Q22 financials, 2023 Budget, Misc. items from manager and borough council, Fire co. financials, September 2022 Committee meeting minutes, Executive session for legal and personnel reasons.

New Business – Action Items:

1. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Rannels, Councilmember Valdez) and carried unanimously, to approve the October 4, 2022, Borough Council Meeting Minutes*
2. Randy Rannels said as of January 1, 2023, there will be a different relationship with the Chief Fire Official because the current CFO agreement is with the borough, but starting 1/1/23, the agreement will be between the CFO and the fire department, and this ordinance reflects that change and amends the duties.

It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Rannels, Councilmember Gochnauer) and carried unanimously, to advertise Ordinance 321, Chief Fire Official Duties

3. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Schick, Councilmember Herr) and carried unanimously, to advertise Ordinance 322, Updating Mailbox Regulations*
4. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Valdez, Councilmember Houck) and carried unanimously, to approve the Meeting Dates for 2023*
5. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Valdez) and carried unanimously, to approve the Proposed Budget for 2023*
6. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Valdez, Councilmember Rannels) and carried unanimously, to advertise the Proposed Budget for 2023*
7. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Herr, Councilmember Schick) and carried unanimously, to approve Resolution 848, Regulating Banner Suspension across Main Street*
8. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Houck) and carried unanimously, to approve changing the Borough's office hours to 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with the office remaining open during the lunch period, Monday through Friday, effective January 1, 2023*
9. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Schick, Councilmember Gochnauer) and carried unanimously, to approve Resolution 849, Implementing Property Tax Waiver Provisions of Act 57*
10. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Valdez) and carried unanimously, to approve Good's Disposal Service Contract, effective 1/1/2023 through 12/31/2025. All documents have been submitted and reviewed by the Borough Solicitor*
11. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Schick, Councilmember Herr) and carried unanimously, to approve the Specs and Letter for Lemon Street Sidewalk & Curb Replacements*

Extra Items (Issues arising in the last 24 hours): None

Announcements:

1. The next Borough Council meeting will be held on December 6, 2022
2. Appeals Board November 10 - 7 PM, as needed
3. Planning Commission November 17 - 7 PM, as needed
4. Zoning Hearing November 23 - 7 PM, as needed
5. Committee No meeting in November and December
6. Santa in the Park has been moved to December 10 from 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00-4:00.
7. New Year's Eve in the Park has been cancelled for this year.

Executive Session for personnel matters: None

Adjournment: 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Strayer, Recording Secretary