

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

DATE AND TIME:	November 3, 2021	7:00 p.m.
LOCATION:	Community Center	6051 Pine Street
ATTENDANCE:	Council Members:	John Wolf, President Debra Miller, Vice President Adam Gochnauer John Herr Lauren Houck Randy Rannels John Schick James Malone (Absent) Mayor: Manager: Public Works Foreman:
		Karen St. Clair Jeff Moseman

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

Pledge to Flag

Visitors: LNP Reporter, Tammy Moseman, Tom Martin, Lisa Martin, Wanda Howard, Faith Kreider, Aileen Evans, Suzanne Roseman, Josh Roberts, Christina Aguirri, James Swarr, Donald Baumann, James Swarr, Josh Roberts and LNP reporter were recording the meeting.

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

Police Report: Report was submitted to Council.
Chief Steffen pointed out the following:

Within statistical norms. Currently working on budget. The hybrid system has reduced the cost of gas and now that the gas prices have increased the savings are much greater. The total cost is approximately .61 per mile to operate the vehicle and all the technology. Officers are no longer idling vehicles at substations, and this has increased savings. They have applied for several grants including one for virtual training and another for drone type vehicles for large scale scenes. Chief Steffen said they not only have a great team, but they are also budget conscious. President Wolf thanked Chief Steffen for the excellent service that his team has been providing to the Borough.

Comments:

James Swarr congratulated John Schick, Randy Rannels and Sandra Valdez on their election victory. Announced that he put "drive carefully, kids live here" signs on the back table for anyone who would like one.

Josh Roberts also congratulated the candidates and said he looks forward to working with them. He would like to keep things transparent and asked if borough ordinances could be put online. He said he realizes the cost is high, but there is no way for residents to access the ordinances without contacting the office and requesting a copy of the ordinances. He said there is a younger demographic buying homes now and this demographic likes to get answers without having to talk or interact with anyone, therefore he feels making this change would be a great step in transparency.

Aileen Evans said that there were approximately 16 cats trapped and spayed/neutered on Vaughn Road at the resident's expense to control the cat population in that area.

Mayor Malone:

Mayor Malone was not in attendance.

EMS: Report submitted to Council.
Adam Marden was not in attendance.

Emergency Services Coordinator: Report submitted to Council.
Diane Garber was not in attendance.

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

Fire Report: Report submitted to Council.
Chief Schoenberger was not in attendance.
Randy Rannels pointed out that in October the fire company responded to 31 calls and 23 of them were in East Hempfield Township.

Manager's Report: Report submitted to Council.
Manager St. Clair pointed out that she has had recent meetings with Corporal Smith with NLCRPD to establish emergency plans for the municipal buildings. She will share this with Council when it is finalized.
Lancaster Library sent a thank you letter for the annual donation in the amount of \$3,000.00 and it was pointed out that they are dependent on these donations.
Chief Steffen thanked Manager St. Clair for making the change for Trick or Treat night. It is currently being talked about changing this date in the future to 10/31.

Foreman's Report: Report submitted to Council.
Jeff Moseman pointed out the following:
Water department has been keeping up with SCADA improvements and installing new and improved equipment.
Chlorine analyzer was put in at the city interconnect.
Service line leak was found and repaired at the maintenance shop.
2 new windows installed at the community park in the restrooms.
Purchased used highway dividers and they were installed to increase storage capacity and separate stored stone.
Sign shop block was painted.
Elm Street was checked for water flow after rain event since road has been repaired there, and it did exactly what it was supposed to do. The repairs are keeping the water from going into the yards at the bottom of the hill in this area.
Tether ball was recently installed at the park, and it has gone missing. Looking to find one that is heavier duty.
Picnic table at the park was also damaged due to vandalism. Picnic table was repaired. We do have video footage and will be filing a police report for both acts of vandalism.
Recently demoed another Bob Cat sweeper for the front of the skid loader and used it to clean out sediment at the swales at the Meadows for our MS4 obligation.
Kids are throwing rocks at Constitution Square at the end walls. Mr. Moseman is working on a fix for this by possibly using larger rocks.
Kittens were found in the storm drain near Hershey Ave. – staff gave aid to residents trying to trap cats.
Used vac truck from J&J Environmental to clean out the storm basins along State and Graystone for MS4. Some of these have never been touched, so we are doing a lot of catch up on this. Traffic control is always difficult and expensive at one days' worth costing \$950.00. They did complete State St. and J&G will be returning for two more days and they will be able to finish then.
Storm basin and pipe that crossed underneath Graystone is roughly 2 ft., and it was $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way full of sediment. This has been vacuumed out and they now will have to get in there with the backhoe and dig out, so the out fall is clean.

Zoning Officer Report: Reports submitted to Council.

Property Violations: Report submitted to Council.

Solicitor/Collections Report: Report submitted to Council.
Manager St. Clair pointed out the property on Broad Street with violations has been sold and all legal fees and property maintenance fees related to these violations, have been collected.
Working on amendments for updated ordinance for snow emergency.
Lawnwood Ct. has been paid in full and lien is satisfied.

HARC: (Hempfield Area Recreation Commission) – Debra Miller – HARC collected \$56,000.00 in pool fees. There was an increase in walk-ins and pool memberships along with reduced staffing and no concessions, all contributing to the high amount collected.

Indoor pool will be closed on December 20 through January 3 for concrete work.
Ms. Miller will follow up with Jeff Book to send 2021 financials.

Old Business: Committee meeting topics: Riparian Buffer Project, Revisions to Resolution 795 – no parking signs on S. side of Linden to be removed, EP Pool Vending Machines for 2022, 5869 Clarkson Dr. sidewalk issue, 2022 meeting dates, 2022 banner suspension dates, Accounts payable, 3Q21 Financial review, 2022 Budget, Misc. Manager/Foreman/Council items, Fire Co. financials, Committee meeting minutes

New Business:

1. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Rannels) and carried unanimously to approve the meeting minutes for September 7, 2021*
2. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Miller) and carried unanimously, to approve the meeting dates for 2022*
3. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Herr) and carried unanimously, to approve Resolution 821, allowing for banner suspension on Main Street for 2022*
4. Manager St. Clair said there has been one correction on the budget since the review of the budget took place last week to reflect the amount of building improvements being increased by 15,000.00 to make it 50,000.00

It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Houck) and carried unanimously to approve the proposed budget for 2022

Councilmember Schick thanked Manager St. Clair for her hard work on preparing the budget.

5. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Miller) and carried unanimously to advertise the proposed budget for 2022*
6. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Rannels) and carried unanimously to Advertise Ordinance 315, Amending Ordinance 308, to remove all “no parking during snow emergency” signs on south side of Linden Street*

Announcements:

Cancelled - Pot Pie take out scheduled for November 6
Borough office closed – November 25 & 26
Cancelled - Santa in the Park scheduled for December 4, 11, 18

Adjournment: 7:38 p.m.

Executive Session for legal & personnel matters: In: 7:45 p.m. Out: 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Strayer, Recording Secretary