



EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in person: 6051 Pine Street, East Petersburg, PA
October 1, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order by Debra Miller, President of Borough Council at 7:00 p.m. with a moment of silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Council Members: Debra Miller – President, John Schick – Vice President, Adam Gochnauer – ProTem, John Herr – Member, Randy Rannels – Member, William Sharp – Member, Sandra Valdez – Member, Mayor: James Malone, Borough Manager: Karen St. Clair (Absent)

VISITORS: Caleb Simmers, Josh Roberts, James Swarr, Tammy & Jeff Moseman, Lisa Myers, Brenda Garret, Samuel Maurer IV, Cheryl Maurer, Nathan Micken, Joyce & Frank Mokros

VISITOR COMMENTS:

Lissa Holland, Executive Director of Lancaster Public Library gave an overview of library services offered and funding stats. Lancaster Public Library has 2 locations for residents to use: Lancaster City and Mountville. Currently 27% of residents are library cardholders. There was a 110% overall increase in usage of the library since moving their downtown location to Queen St. Ms. Holland said that the Lancaster Public Library is one of the busiest library systems in the state with the least amount of local funding. The board recently updated their policies and procedures after the experience they had at the end of March. The new policy will not allow hate groups, and will have to agree to let anyone into the room. They will not be allowing the Drag Queen Storytime to be held at the library due to the unsafe situation it previously created even though the event was thoroughly vetted, and everything did check out good. They still have numerous other programs for all ages. In 2025, they will be adding an Outreach Librarian for those in need. On October 18, 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. there will be a Libbrewery event open to the public, proceeds benefit the library. Ms. Holland thanked East Petersburg Borough for their continued support. Tammy Moseman Thanked Lissa Holland for considering the safety of everyone.

Josh Roberts Voiced concern for supporting the library after they were planning to hold Drag Queen Storytime without mentioning it when they were here asking for funding last year and said the library should remain a neutral resource center. He said Lancaster Public Library receives numerous funding through advocates. He said many East Petersburg citizens use the Manheim Township Public Library.

BILL PAYMENT: Reviewed by Council – No additions to the regular bills.

REPORTS

Police: Report submitted to Council. Chief Kilgore reviewed the report and pointed out EP Days went well, Office renovations are complete, Supervisor on duty has exceeded 80%. Lost 8 people and all slots have been filled. New health and wellness plan has been implemented. Chief Kilgore has been selected as Secretary for Central PA Chiefs Association Executive Board and State Executive Committee. Crime is down so far this year. East Petersburg will be part of the commission in January.

Mayor: Nothing to report at this time.

Penn State Life Emergency Medical Service: Report submitted to Council. Not in attendance. There were 19 calls in September.

Josh Roberts voiced concern for response times. He received information from an FOIA request, and it showed that only 28.6% of class 1 calls were answered within 9 minutes, which is the national standard. We do not have our own EMS and rely on EMS from E. Hempfield and Manheim twp. He said this is something they should be made aware of. Council said this will be looked into.

Emergency Services Coordinator: Report submitted to Council. Not in attendance.

Fire Dept.: Report submitted to Council. Not in attendance.

Borough Manager: Report submitted to Council. Volunteer Fire Relief State Aid was received, DEP presented Filter Plant Performance Evaluation. Pine St project sidewalk/ curb letter is ready and on the agenda tonight for approval, Linden & Main crossing complaints and request for flashers– this is currently being looked into.

Department Managers MS4/Public Works/Water: Reports submitted to Council. Budget presentation was given, attended source water webinars, EP Day traffic control, Engineer is drafting the final park plan for DCNR park grant, organized maintenance shop, 2025 power point presentation, Glo Fiber meetings, sweeper scheduling, EPA water seminar, annual cleaning of the filter at Spring, entry point samples taken for PFAS testing.

Zoning Officer: Report submitted to Council.

Property Violations: Report submitted to Council.

Solicitor/Collections: Reports submitted to Council. Ordinance 328 and 329 are on the agenda for approval. Advertisement has been met.

HARC: (Hempfield Area Recreation Commission) – Debra Miller – Working on strategic planning. Fore the Kids Golf Tournament: Swing for a Cause is full with over 100 players. Proceeds benefit Everyone Belongs.

OLD BUSINESS: Review 9/26/2024 Committee Meeting Topics: PW budget presentation, MS4 budget presentation, Pine St. curb/sidewalk letter and specs, pickleball sound mitigation screen, pickleball divider nets request from the group, investment policy and resolution 898, SMT– WC agreement & resolution 899, flashing crosswalk sign request for Linden & Main, review budget funds, account payables, mics. items, fire co. financial review, executive session for legal matters

NEW BUSINESS – Action Items:

President Miller asked if there were any questions about the action items. There were no questions.

- 1. It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Rannels, Councilmember Herr) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve September 3, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes.*
- 2. It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Sharp, Councilmember Rannels) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve Ordinance 328, repealing Ordinance 321 and chapter 15 article II of the EP Code, relating to the duties of the Chief Fire Official.*
- 3. It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Schick, Councilmember Valdez) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve Ordinance 329, Regulating Right of Ways in East Petersburg.*
- 4. It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Herr) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve Resolution 898, East Petersburg Investment Policy per the borough code.*
- 5. It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Rannels) with unanimous approval by the board, Resolution 899, Susquehanna Municipal Trust – Workers Comp. agreement effective 1/1/2025.*
- 6. It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Schick, Councilmember Valdez) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve Pine Street curb and sidewalk letter and specs to be mailed to residents.*

EXTRA ITEMS (Issues arising in the last 24 hours): None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The next Borough Council meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 6, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- Appeals Board October 10 - 7 PM as needed
- Planning Commission October 21 - 7 PM as needed
- Zoning Hearing October 23 - 7 PM as needed
- Committee October 24 - 6 PM
- Pumpkin Fest will be held October 12 from 11:00 – 3:00 (rain or shine).
- October 25 - lg. appliance & tire pick-up; tags & sign up are required. Lg. appliance tag \$19.00, tire tag \$5.00.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Strayer, Recording Secretary