



EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING
Held in person: 6051 Pine Street, East Petersburg, PA
September 3, 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,

VISITORS: Tammy & Jeff Moseman, Joyce & Frank Mokros, Caleb Simmers, James Swarr, Josh Roberts, Sarah Hunt, Amy Swanger, Violet DeStefano, Nikki Rivera, Roman Rivera, Kevin Harley, Don Schoenberger

VISITOR COMMENTS: Kevin Harley has lived on Geneva Dr. for 25 years. He is concerned with the constant noise coming from the pickleball court. He served on Council in the past and said he remembers when the Jaycees donated the money by fundraising for the Tennis Courts and is happy to have these courts. Mr. Harley hears people playing pickleball up to, and even after 10:00 p.m. He suggested limiting the court times to 8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. and using sound barriers.

Sarah Hunt said she has heard people playing pickleball as early as 6:30 a.m.

Susan Piefer said that morning and evening are the most popular times and there can be up to 30 people at the court. Council said sound barriers have been looked into and were found to be very expensive. An alternate sound barrier was found, and a quote should be received for this soon. As far as limiting times, this is something they can think about. Pickleball Courts will be opening soon in Manheim Township, and it is possible this will reduce the number of people using the courts in East Petersburg.

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

REPORTS

Police: No report given. They were not in attendance.

Mayor: Swore in (2) two fire police for EP Fire Dept. September is Suicide Awareness Month.

Penn State Life Emergency Medical Service: Report submitted to Council. They were not in attendance.

Emergency Services Coordinator: Report submitted to Council. EP Fire Co.'s Facebook page will be utilized to provide updates for emergency situations. Still exploring more options for connecting with community. EOP has been completed. Working on Preparedness review survey to contribute to county planning. Worked on EP Day emergency planning. Handed out materials at NNO. Looking into holding CPR training for residents. Encouraged residents to participate in preparedness month by preparing an emergency plan.

Fire Dept.: Report submitted to Council. There were 29 calls in August.

Borough Manager: Report submitted to Council. Manager St. Clair told residents they can report any issues re: Glo Fiber directly to them by calling 1-866-997-6474. Borough employee acknowledged for 20 years of service. Worked on healthcare benefit renewal. Recommendation for three employee policy updates re: Healthcare employee costs, Time off request forms for PTO, Certification re-imbusement cost schedule.

Department Managers MS4/Public Works/Water: Reports submitted to Council.

Zoning Officer: Report submitted to Council. Continued work on TOA.

Property Violation: Report submitted to Council.

Solicitor/Collections: Reports submitted to Council. Worked on Resolution 896, 897 and Ordinance 328, 329.

HARC: (Hempfield Area Recreation Commission) – Debra Miller – Nothing to report at this time.

OLD BUSINESS: Review 8/22/24 Committee Meeting Topics: ROW Ordinance & Agreement, EPFC Resolution 809 & 857 and Ord. 212 & 321, Memorial Bench information, Hockey Rink Renewal, 2025 Holidays, 2025 MMO, Payables 9/3/2024, Fire co. financial review, 7/2024 meeting minutes, Executive session for personnel 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 Gochnauer, Councilmember Rannels) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve August 7, 2024, Council Meeting Minutes.*
2. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Sharp) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve MMO, Minimum Municipal Obligation for 2025.*
3. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Herr, Councilmember Gochnauer) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve Holidays for 2025.*
4. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Sharp, Councilmember Valdez) with unanimous approval by the board, to advertise Ordinance 328, Repealing Ordinance 321, and chapter 15 article II of the EP Code relating to the duties of the Chief Fire Official.*
5. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Schick, Councilmember Rannels) with unanimous approval by the board, to advertise Ordinance 329, Regulating Right of Ways in East Petersburg Boro.*
6. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Valdez, Councilmember Herr) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve Resolution 896, Replacing Resolution 809 establishing the authority to declare a property unsafe.*
7. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Rannels, Councilmember Herr) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve Resolution 897, Repealing Resolution 857 establishing the duties and responsibilities of the Chief Fire Official.*
8. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Valdez, Councilmember Sharp) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve amendment to Employee handbook re: the time frame of requesting time off.*
9. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Valdez, Councilmember Herr) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve amendment to Employee handbook re: certification cost reimbursement.*
10. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Schick, Councilmember Gochnauer) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve Park Memorial Bench Program.*
Information will be put on the website for this.
11. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Herr) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve amendment to Employee Handbook re: cost of healthcare for employees.*

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- A. The next Borough Council meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 1, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.
- B. Appeals Board September 12 - 7 PM as needed
- C. Planning Commission September 19 - 7 PM as needed
- D. Zoning Hearing September 25 - 7 PM as needed
- E. Committee September 26 - 6 PM
- F. East Petersburg Days will be held September 11-14.
- G. Chicken BBQ fundraiser to benefit EPFC held by Grace Church on September 7, 4:30 -6:30 PM.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT: 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Strayer, Recording Secretary