

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

<b>DATE AND TIME:</b>	September 6, 2022	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 (Absent) Lauren Houck Randy Rannels Sandra Valdez James Malone Mayor: Manager: Supervisor:

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

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

**Visitors:** Mr. & Mrs. Steven Shirk, April Weaver, Don Schoenberger, Josh Roberts, James Swarr, Joyce & Frank Mokros, Tammy & Jeff Moseman  
James Swarr and Josh Roberts were recording the meeting.

**Comments:**

1. A resident asked if they are going to do the whole area near Debra Ave. with the oil and chip. Kevin Martin said they did all the other roads last year in that area except for two, so they are just doing those two streets. Thursday they are coming to do the final coat and then they will be complete. The life span of this process is approximately 15 years.
2. Joyce Mokros asked why the Borough wants to move the office to the Fire Department. Adam Gochnauer said this was agreed upon by the Borough and the Fire Department and he was the representative for the Borough. He said it was determined to benefit both parties. The Fire Department will receive revenue that they don't normally get, and the offices are ADA accessible for residents coming to the office. Joyce Mokros said not all of the members of the Fire Department are happy with it. Mr. Gochnauer said over 75% of the fire department voted in favor of it. Mrs. Mokros said she feels they got double taked by Tom Enlow and said that they have told him about it. She said they will be losing their kitchen and she will lose her office. Mr. Gochnauer said the pot pie was going down and it is hard to get people to work and pointed out that what the Fire Department will be getting in return beats what they received for the pot pie. Mr. Mokros asked if we are selling the building. Mr. Gochnauer said no. Mrs. Mokros said she is surprised the borough did not buy the building behind the office for parking and keep the office where it is. Mr. Gochnauer said the building is still hard getting in and out of with the ramp there. Mrs. Mokros asked who presented this idea to Mr. Gochnauer. Mr. Gochnauer told her Tom Enlow and Kris. Mrs. Mokros said she was told that Mr. Gochnauer went to Tom Enlow and laid this whole thing out. Mr. Gochnauer said both parties had interest in this, and it was talked about a long time ago, but the Council at the time was not on board with it and he feels this should have happened a long time ago. Mr. Gochnauer said that there were many discussions about how to do this and then it was all taken to the Board at the FD, and it was voted on. Mrs. Mokros said Mr. Enlow didn't tell them it was a vote. Mrs. Mokros said she was against this and that the older members were against this because they do not want to see the building destroyed, and now she will lose her office. Mr. Gochnauer said this is something she will need to discuss with the FD. Mrs. Mokros said she will discuss this with them tomorrow night now that she knows Mr. Enlow approached the borough about this.

3. Mrs. Shirk said they have lived in the borough for 30 years and they are concerned about the lack of police presence in the borough. She said they are happy about the turn arrows being put in at 72 and Miller Rd., but one night they were sitting at the light and there was a police officer sitting at the light to turn north on 72, and a tractor trailer went through the light, and the officer did nothing. She said there are a lot of people walking across this intersection to get to the ice cream shop. She said she used to see a police officer in the borough all the time and now she hardly ever sees one. Manager St. Clair said she did get the e-mail today that they sent in, and she will be forwarding their information to Chief Steffen. Mrs. Shirk said she thinks we should go back to the old police department because the new company operates out of Clay, and she feels that is too far. Manager St. Clair said they always have one or two cars in the area. Mr. Shirk said he has not seen a police car pulling anyone over in at least a month, he has only seen them at WAWA. Mrs. Shirk said she had Trump signs in her yard, and they were stolen and when she reported it, they didn't come out. She said she saw this on her Ring doorbell, and they still didn't call her. Mrs. Shirk said the car carriers fly down Main Street every day and this concerns her. Manager St. Clair said she will address this with police and share their concerns. Adam Gochnauer said that the current police department is really good about a lot of things, and he has heard from some residents that they do see this police department in the borough more than the last. He told her in the future if there is an issue, and she calls the police and does not hear back to call the borough office and let them know and it can be looked into further. Mr. Gochnauer said the police are not coming from Clay Township and that they are actually in sectors which was the same when we had township. Mr. Gochnauer said when we have a question, they do get back to us with a lot of detail because they do a large amount of documenting. He said we do not have an officer that is in the borough 24/7 and we did not have this with Township either, but one of the officers that worked for them at the time and has since retired, lived in the borough, and knew the truck laws well and pulled over many trucks passing through for violations. Mr. Gochnauer said he can go to a report and find out what time on what day the current police are in the borough. He pointed out that each one has its advantages, but this outfit, including the current and future Chief of police at NLCRPD, does care a lot. Mr. Gochnauer told her to call the borough office and it can be looked into further. He told her most times they will have an explanation. Lauren Houck said that now when they have concerns with speed, NLCRPD will get a sign out and track the information, but township did not. Mr. Gochnauer pointed out that it wasn't just a financial reason we did not renew with township. Ms. Houck said there were concerns with children crossing the street to school and pointed out that township would only send coverage for a crossing guard if they had someone available. She also pointed out that after a home break-in it took township 2 hours to come out because they did not have enough staff. She said that NLCRPD is very responsive especially when something serious happens. Chief Steffen is very concerned with performance. Mrs. Shirk said that she wishes they would set up a speed trap on Rt. 72. Kevin Martin said NLCRPD had him paint lines on Lemon, Graystone and Main so they can do speed checks. Mr. Gochnauer said it was on the report that they are doing the checks, and he has seen them sitting in a driveway on Main St. Mr. Gochnauer said if they ever want to see the information there are 20 pages of charts to show what they are doing. Mr. Gochnauer said to have an officer in the borough 24/7 would triple the rate and therefore increase taxes by a lot. Mrs. Shirk said she just wishes the officer would have pulled the vehicle over that ran the light. Again, Mr. Gochnauer told her he will mention this at the upcoming meeting on Thursday with the Chief and ask him to be attentive to this.

**Bill Payment:** Reviewed by Council.

There were no additions to the regular bills.

Mayor Malone asked what property the September 6 invoice was for? Manager St. Clair said she will pull the invoice and let him know.

**Police Report:** Report was submitted to Council.

Chief Steffen was not in attendance.

Mayor Malone pointed out that all of the police reports are publicly assessable on the NLCRPD website along with all of their policies and procedures. He pointed out that according to the report submitted there were 151 patrol checks last month.

**Mayor's Report:**

Attended the Blue's Fest and thanked the East Peterburg Events Committee for putting this great event together. PA State Mayors Association executive board met on September 3. They are actively promoting and supporting

the ABLE project. Radar coalition is still active, but still not getting anywhere with the state legislative to make this an action item. Mayor Malone said they need everyone's support and to contact your legislator. Lancaster County Mayor's Association met on August 10. They discussed revitalization resource's and trying to get federal and state funds allocated to local municipalities. East Petersburg Historical Society could use some support due to deterioration in members due to illness and age. Mayor Malone will be taking care of putting the flag up and down at the historical society.

**EMS Report:** Report submitted to Council.

Adam Marden was in attendance.

There were 16 calls in the municipality in August. Busiest day was Tuesday. Busiest time was 9:00 a.m. Response time average was 8 minutes 45 seconds. Academy class has ended; 7 people are in training. The next academy class starts November 7. They are covering 3 football games this year along with being involved with the 9/11 tribute at Clipper Magazine Stadium.

**Emergency Services Coordinator Report:** No report given.

Diane Garber was not in attendance.

**Chief Fire Official Report:** Report was submitted to Council.

John Kottmyer was not in attendance.

He attended municipal official fire training at LCPSCT.

**Fire Report:** Report submitted to Council.

Chief Schoenberger was in attendance.

They responded to 35 incidents during the month of August: 9 calls in East Petersburg Boro, 16 East Hempfield Twp., 2 Manheim Twp., 4 Penn Twp., 1 Lancaster twp., 1 Manheim Boro, 2 Rapho Twp. There were 175 staff hours, 68 training hours, and 97 public education hours.

Attended municipal training night and thanked councilmembers for coming out. They will be involved with East Pete Day events along with the parade and golf ball drop.

**Manager's Report:** Report submitted to Council.

Working on 2023 Budget.

Traffic Signal update at Graystone and Rt. 72 – PennDOT has pushed this back to November 2023, and she was not pleased with this date, so she has reached out to the district representative to see if we can get any support from him.

Manager St. Clair thanked John Schick, Tammy Moseman and Kevin Martin for their hard work on the Lemon St. project. John and Tammy have met with residents and things are moving along.

**Supervisor – Kevin Martin:** Report submitted to Council.

**Public Works-**

Working on space at Maintenance shop to create office space. Worked on 2023 budget items for public works. Attended meeting at Fire House about moving into the offices; they are currently emptying out the space and next they will meet with an engineer to work on a plan. Lemon St. final paving of the trench will take place this month. Fog Seal was done, and final application will take place this week. He measured sidewalk and curbing on Lemon St. that needs work done on each property. Continued tot lot weeding at the parks. Riparian Buffer continued maintenance. Dead trees were removed at the front of the CC. Set up new sprayer on John Deere tractor to keep after weeds more efficiently.

**Water Dept.-**

Nitrate Plant brick was repointed, new door installed, generator pad repaired/replaced. 3<sup>rd</sup> qtr. sampling completed, and 2022 lead/copper testing completed. ISO did hydra flow testing for insurance purposes. Water line on Lemon St. was replaced. Kamstrup flow water meter research was done.

**MS4-**

Cleaned out outfalls. Removed weeds from tubing at riparian buffer.

Violations found and dealt with included: grass in the street, water softener debris in the street.

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

Walked Lemon St. to mark sidewalks with Kevin Martin and John Schick.

**Property Violation Report:** Report submitted to Council.  
Weeds and accumulation of rubbish.

**Solicitor/Collections Report:** Report submitted to Council.  
Sidewalk Ordinance is ready for adoption.  
Graystone Road property – not compliant.

**HARC:** (Hempfield Area Recreation Commission) – Debra Miller  
Recently hired 2 FT staff members: Director of Tennis Development, Facility Manager  
Wilson Pipkin was inducted into the USTA Middle States Hall of Fame.  
Fore the Kids Golf Tournament will take place October 7, 2022 beginning at 12:00 p.m. This event benefits the  
Everyone Belongs Scholarship.  
HARC provided childcare to over 1000 school aged children this summer through the summer camp and  
playground programs.

**Old Business:** Review Committee Meeting Topics: Presentation on Kamstrup meters, Update on beer garden for  
Blues Fest on 9-3-22, 2023 Minimal Municipal Obligation(MMO), Resolutions to transfer surplus funds into  
reserves, Update on renewal of waste & recycling collection, Accounts payable for 8-25-22, 2023 Budget: review  
misc. funds, Misc. items from Manager and Borough Council, Fire Co. financials – review only, July committee  
meeting minutes, Res. 843 Policies and Procedures for Collection of Municipal Waste, Motion to advertise open  
bidding for trash contract

**New Business – Action Items:**

1. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Valdez, Councilmember Rannels) and carried unanimously, to approve the August 3, 2022, Borough Council Meeting Minutes*
2. The original ordinance for construction and repair of curbs and sidewalks was adopted in 1958 and updated in 1989.  
  
*It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Schick) and carried unanimously, to approve Ordinance 320, updating regulations for construction and repair of curbs and sidewalks in East Petersburg Borough*
3. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Valdez) to approve the MMO, Minimum Municipal Obligation Pension Fund for 2023. Debra Miller Voted yes; John Schick, Randy Rannels and Lauren Houck abstained because they were not at the Committee meeting to review this.* It was determined after the meeting that this was not a quorum. The MMO will need to be re-voted.
4. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Valdez) and carried unanimously, to approve Resolution 844, Transferring funds from the General fund to the General Reserve fund in the amount of 200,000.00*
5. *It was moved and seconded (Councilmember Gochnauer, Councilmember Valdez) and carried unanimously, to approve Resolution 845, Transferring funds from the Water fund to the Water Reserve fund in the amount of 200,000.00*

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

**Announcements:**

1. The next Borough Council meeting will be held on October 4, 2022
2. Appeals Board                      September 8 - 7 PM, as needed
3. Planning Commission            September 15 - 7 PM, as needed
4. Zoning Hearing                      September 28 - 7 PM, as needed
5. Committee                          September 22 - 6 PM

6. East Pete Carnival will be held September 15 and 16, at East Petersburg Community Park, beginning at 6:00 p.m. both nights
7. East Pete Day will be held September 17, at East Petersburg Community Park, beginning with a 5K/Fun Run at 8:30 a.m., followed by a parade, entertainment, activities, and the day will end with fireworks!
8. Pumpkin Fest will be held October 1, at East Petersburg Community Park, activities include pumpkin decorating, hayrides and more 11:00 – 3:00 (rain or shine)

**Adjournment:** 7:53 p.m.

**Executive Session for personnel & legal matters:** In: 8:03 p.m. – Out: 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Kim Strayer, Recording Secretary