East Washington Borough Council Meeting

MINUTES FINAL

Monday, March 1, 2021 - 7:00 pm

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Call to Order Pledge Roll Call

Michael Gomber, Mayor Maryann Weinstein, President Kent James, Vice President Kristopher LaGreca, Council Member David Bradley, Chief of Police-Absent Douglas Corwin, Council Member Daniel Bird, Council Member Demond Nixon, Council Member Arthur J. Fulton, Council Member Aaron Lucero, Supervisor, P. Works Dennis Makel, Solicitor Rich Rush, Engineer Reca Panian, Chair, Park & Shade Sandy Motichak, Sec-Treas. Gerald Coleman, Code Officer

<u>Public Comment</u> – Any person from the public may speak for a 3-minute period. Total time allotted for public comment is 15 minutes. Please state your name, address and subject. Please choose a representative to speak if you have the same concern.

Jeff Bull, Fairmont Ave. Mr. Bull stated the borough passed a resolution regarding following Roberts Rules of Order and asked if the council is going to follow the rules? Mr. Bull asked Mr. Makel who instructed him to go to a duly elected Mayor's home and go through his garbage? Mr. Bull requested an answer because in the last meeting Mr. Makel's response was he would have to check his notes because he did not recall. Mr. Bull then asked President Weinstein if she instructed Mr. Makel to go through the Mayor's garbage.

Motion Kent James, second Joe Fulton to approve Minutes February 1, 2021, with one correction Trash bill for Haz Waste to be billed \$1.35 per month per property owner. February 15, 2021. Motion passed.

Motion Joe Fulton, second Kris LaGreca to approve Minutes of February 15, 2021. Motion passed.

Motion Doug Corwin, second Dan Bird to approve the February 22, 2021 minutes. After discussion, a motion was made by Demond Nixon, second Doug Corwin to amend the February 22, 2021 minutes because 3 applicants were received from the borough FACEBOOK page posting of the part-time job opening and applicants should be interviewed prior to the decision of hiring. These Applicants were not reviewed prior to the meeting. Motion passed.

Motion Doug Corwin, second Dan Bird to accept the February 22, 2021 as amended. Motion passed.

Motion Doug Corwin, second Kent James to approve Bills GEN Acct. \$ 22,668.91 (Checks 7044 to 7076) Motion passed.

Motion Joe Fulton, second Kris LaGreca to approve Bill PLGIT Acct. \$ 9,205.54 (Checks 980 to 982) Motion passed.

At 7:18 pm President Weinstein announced to go into an Executive Session for Personnel reasons (discussion to hire a part-time employee -Public Works Department)

Resume meeting at 7:39 pm

Action Items / Discussion:

1. Motion Dan Bird, second Kent James to approve Resolution <u>005</u> of <u>2021</u> (Job description for Public Works part-time employee) and authorize to hire Austin Lusher as a part-time employee-public works department at a salary of \$10.25 per hour. No benefits, probation period of 90 days effective March 2, 2021. Motion passed.

2. Communication Committee Report

- Meeting Supplementary Items (Presented by Demond)
- New Website Update (Presented by Joe)
- New Server (Presented by Joe)
- EastWash.gov (Presented by Kris)
- Email Migration (Presented by Kris)

Reports on file.

3. Motion Joe Fulton, second Dan Bird to set dates for clean-up day(s) in the borough as follows:

Stream clean-up day, Saturday, June 5, 2021 9:00 am to Noon, alternate date June 12, 2021 Motion passed.

4. Rich Rush – Road Projects – Bids- Public Works. Bid to be advertised with options and awarded on April 5, 2021.

President Weinstein stated that Council needs to extend the Emergency Declaration to coincide with the state of PA. A motion was made by Kent James, second Joe Fulton to extend East Washington Borough's Emergency Declaration to align with the State of PA Emergency Declaration. No comments from the public. Motion passed.

5. Reports from employees if not covered above

Aaron Lucero, Public Works Supv requested approval for repairs to the 2011 Ford Dump Truck. He received 2 quotes, \$1820.69 and \$1953.29.

Motion Dan Bird, second Doug Corwin to approve Deheil Auto to repair the springs on the 2011 Ford Dump Truck in the amount of \$1820.69. Motion passed

Mayor - Michael Gomber - Report

After a brief discussion regarding the CDBG funds, Council agreed to change the use of the funds to be used for ADA compliance at Thayer Street park. A motion was made by Dan Bird, second by Doug Corwin to approve Resolution 006 of 2021, designating the \$40,000 allocation from the Community Development Block Grant funds to be used for ADA compliance ramps and parking at the Thayer street park in East Washington Borough. Motion passed. Resolution to be forwarded to Rob Phillips, Washington County.

Solicitor - Dennis Makel

Council Members – Reports / Discussion

Maryann Weinstein, President Kent James, Vice President Joe Fulton Daniel Bird Demond Nixon Douglas Corwin Kris LaGreca

At 9:00 pm Kent James made a motion seconded by Joe Fulton to continue the meeting on March 15, 2021 at 7:00 pm Motion passed.