

East Washington Borough Council Meeting  
Monday, October 4, 2021 - 7:00 pm  
**MINUTES**

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Demond Nixon, Mayor  
Maryann Weinstein, President  
Kent James, Vice President  
Kristopher LaGreca, Council Member  
David Bradley, Chief of Police

Douglas Corwin, Council Member  
Daniel Bird, Council Member  
Arthur J. Fulton, Council Member  
Michael McCormick, Council Member  
Aaron Lucero, Supervisor, P. Works

Dennis Makel, Solicitor  
Rich Rush, Engineer Absent  
Reca Panian, Chair, Park & Shade Absent  
Sandy Motichak, Sec-Treas  
Gerald Coleman, Code Officer Absent

**Public Comment** – 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.

Michael Schultz 17 Thayer Street. Mr. Schultz is concerned about the code enforcement officer taking pictures inside the home of his tenants and receiving a letter from Harshman indicating a \$1000 fine or possible up to 90 days in jail for violations. Mr. Schultz felt that that was an invasion of privacy. He stated the house is inspected by HUD every year. President Weinstein said that it will be discussed at the Neighborhood Improvement Committee meeting.

Joe Grazulis 417 E. Beau asked Council if there was any maps or documentation regarding the Woltrinc Alley behind his house. Solicitor explained the borough has not maintained the alley and the law states that anyone in the plan of lots abutting the alley has a right to the alley. Therefore, it is a private issue between property owners.

Gerard Berty 67 North Watson. Gerard Berty asked Council members when are the potholes going to get fixed on North Watson?

Jeff Bull 20 Fairmont Ave. stated that Council already approved the 2 calming devices on S. Wade and asked why that was being discussed again. Told Council they need to address the Tax Collector issue.

Motion Doug Corwin, second Kent James to approve Minutes September 13, 2021. Motion passed. Maryann Weinstein abstained due to absence.

Motion Joe Fulton, second Dan Bird to approve Bills GEN Acct. \$ 33,624.82 (Checks 7288 to 7312), PLGIT (Check No.987 \$97.90) and ESCROW (Check No.101 \$ 268.00). Motion passed.

**Action Items / Discussion:**

1. Update on Park Bids – Rob Phillips CDBG and Sarah Boyce. Bids may go out in the fall for the playground equipment. Tentative start date for the project set for February 2022.
2. 2022 Budget Discussion. Kent James and Dough\ Corwin will explore higher interest investments for the borough if currently available.
3. Machinery Account This will be discussed later and ties with the Budget discussion above.
4. Tax Collector update. At the recommendation of Solicitor Makel, Kent James moved and was seconded by Dan Bird to rescind Resolution of 004 of 2021 that set the Tax Collector compensation. The resolution was passed after the deadline date therefore it was rescinded. Motion passed.

5. 74 South Watson storm line – Aaron Lucero presented Council with estimates from Slusarczyk Excavating for the installation of a 15" pipe and 3x3 inlet, material, and labor in the amount of \$3,500.

Kris LaGreca made a motion, seconded by Dan Bird to approve Slusarczyk Excavating to install the pipe, 3x3 inlet, material and labor at 74 South Watson at a cost of \$3,500 with the following conditions:

1. Written proposal from Slusarczyk Excavating
  2. Mr. Knopp to execute a site access agreement with the borough to access the site.
  3. Slusarczyk Excavating to provide current Workers Compensation and Liability Insurance adding East Washington Borough as an insured.
  4. Payment will be issued when approved and to the satisfaction of the Borough Engineer. Motion passed.
6. Discussion – Fire Contract – City of Washington. Discuss option(s) Extend to 15 years. Increases every 5 years vs. every year. Michael McCormick, Kris LaGreca, Doug Corwin, Jerry Coleman Kris LaGreca is going to set up a meeting with the City of Washington and will report back at the next meeting.
  7. Neighborhood Improvement Committee. The committee last met in August. Also met/talked to Rob Phillips and currently, there is no property identified in the borough to purchase. Meet with Harshman and discuss property inspections. President Weinstein said the property at 616 Lemoyne is an Oxford House and it is permissible in the borough and falls under the Federal Housing Act. It is a recovery home or for those with disabilities.
  8. For Information: Trash Bids will be opened at the Continuation Meeting on Monday, October 18, 2021, at 7:00 pm.

Mayor – Demond Nixon – Report

Solicitor – Dennis Makei

Aaron Lucero told Council that he received an estimate from Harshman for a new building at the salt lot for approximately \$300,000.

#### Council Members – Reports / Discussion

Doug Corwin	Joe Fulton	Dan Bird
Maryann Weinstein, President	Kris LaGreca	Michael McCormick
Kent James, Vice President		

Motion Kent James, second Dan Bird, to continue the meeting on Monday, October 18, 2021, at 7:00 pm.