East Washington Borough Council Meeting Monday, April 4, 2022 - 7:00 pm Minutes

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Call to Order Pledge Roll Call

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

<u>Public Comment</u>—Any person from the public may speak for a 3-minute period. The 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.

Gregg Gould, 543 E. Chestnut St. Mr. Gould wanted to thank council and code enforcement officer for the quick response regarding the driveway situation at 100 North Wade an/or turn it into apartments. However, he asked council if there is a mechanism to prevent that in the future.

Mr. Kelly Alderson, Jr. 535 E. Chestnut St. Mr. Alderson also commended council for responding to the situation at 100 North Wade. He thought that the realtor should be notified of a situation like this prior to the sale.

Council responded that the system caught it and it is a complaint driven system. Ultimately, it is the buyer's responsibility to check the zoning requirements regarding the buyers proposed uses for purchasing the home and/or property. Our new website is under construction. Nevertheless, the borough ordinances are posted on our current website.

On a motion made by Demond Nixon and seconded by Dan Bird the March 7, 2022 meeting minutes are approved by unanimous vote.

On a motion made by Joe Fulton and seconded by Kent James the March 17, 2022 continuation meeting minutes are approved by unanimous vote.

Kent James moved and seconded by Dan Bird to approve Bills, Gen Account \$12,953.60 (Checks 7481 to 7508). Passed by unanimous vote.

Action Items / Discussion:

- 1. On a motion made by Kent James and seconded by Dan Bird, the borough engineer, Rich Rush is authorized to advertise bids for a 2022 Road Project in the borough. Passed by unanimous vote.
- 2. Dan Bird made a motion and seconded by Demond Nixon to approve Resolution 008 of 2022 which allocates funds from the American Rescue Funds account be used for stormwater infrastructure and other items as determined by the Council. Passed by unanimous vote.
- 3. Council Member, Michael McCormick discussed a grant proposal for upgrading the green space in the borough. The grant deadline is May 31, 2022. He anticipates having a draft plan completed by the May 2, 2022 meeting and welcomes ideas from council or the community prior to submittal.

- 4. Council Member Joe Fulton told Council he received three applicants that responded to fill the open seats for the zoning board, planning commission and code enforcement appeals board. Shawn Smiley, and Kris and Heather Rody. Mayor Boice will contact Shawn Smiley. It was agreed that a timeline be placed on filling these positions and should be done before the next meeting. Demond Nixon and Doug Corwin were selected to contact these applicants and send results of their responses to Council.
- 5. Council discussed the Security system proposals from The Stereo Outlet. Options for the door, intercom, 4 cameras, 8 cameras, all of which are listed on separate price sheets. Chief Bradley told Council that the areas that needed cameras initially should be the park and the salt lot in light of the fact that there is going to be new playground structures and upgrades to the park with the grant funds the borough will receive. Discussions continued and of concern was the ability to expand or upgrade with additional cameras. In addition, cost for the electrical service to the park, and having several variations of options.

As a result, Demond Nixon made a motion seconded by Dan Bird to approve the outdoor video camera and intercom at the office door entrance at a cost not to exceed \$2,000.00. (\$946.47 and \$676.28 – Total \$1624.75) Roll Call Vote: 5 yes, 1 No-Joe Fulton. Mr. Fulton felt that there was not sufficient time to review all the options and costs. Motion passed.

Solicitor

Mayor

Kent James made a motion and seconded by Michael McCormick to add to the agenda to authorize the secretary to advertise for part-time police officers. Motion passed.

No comments from the public.

On a motion made by Demond Nixon and seconded by Dan Bird the secretary shall advertise for part-time police officers. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Kent James and seconded by Michael McCormick to enter an Executive Session at 8:16 pm. for personnel and real estate reasons. Motion passed.

Council Members - Reports / Discussion

Joe Fulton reminded Council that the borough Clean up day is Saturday April 23, 2022, at 9:00 am. Seeking volunteers.

Doug Corwin, Vice President Joe Fulton Dan Bird Kent James Maryann Weinstein, President Demond Nixon Michael McCormick

Motion Demond Nixon and seconded to continue the meeting on Monday, April 18, 2022 at 7:00 pm. Motion passed.