

**East Washington Borough
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 3rd 2022 - 7:00 pm**

Maryann Weinstein called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance.

Attendance as below. All were present unless otherwise noted.

Demond Nixon - Zoom	Mumbi Mundia	Dennis Makel
Maryann Weinstein	Daniel Bird	Rich Rush - Absent
Doug Corwin	Arthur J. Fulton	Reca Panian, Park & Shade
Michael McCormick	Kent James	Gerald Coleman - Zoom
David Bradley - Absent	Aaron Lucero	Alyssa Curry-Broderick

In addition, the following were in attendance, Sam Carroll – Harshman, Dawn Petrosky – tax collector.

Public comment:

Reca Panian is concerned about the lack of progress at the playground.

Motion Kent James, seconded by Doug Corwin to approve the September 1st minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion Michael McCormick, seconded by Dan Bird to approve the September 12th minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion Joseph Fulton, seconded by Kent James to approve the September 22nd minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion Joseph Fulton, seconded by Dan Bird to approve checks 7681 - 7696 from general in the amount of \$12,272.84. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion Joseph Fulton, seconded Kent James for check 3628 from payroll as a replacement for 3627 which was voided and corrected for an additional \$3.60. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion about Nicholas Cumer Park concerning recent correspondence with Sarah at Harshman. Michael McCormick brought up pipe and standing water concerns. Michael will reach out to Sarah about water issues and perforated pipe for drainage. If in the bid, Bioni should take care of adding a pipe. If not, Aaron will install it prior to the mulch installation which is scheduled for October 11 and 12.

Presentation by Sam Carroll on MS4. Council reviewed the blueprint of the project and the status of the permits. Sam assured council that permitting is being vigorously pursued.

Motion Mumbi Mundia, seconded by Michael McCormick to approve MMO for 2023 uniform and non uniform employee pension funds as prepared by the secretary. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on resubmitting the green space grant through the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources, due October 27th. Borough will move forward with getting recommendation letters from our locally elected officials to add to the grant. Michael will send the grant application to the rest of council.

Maryann Weinstein presented information on the handicapped curb cut project which is being funded by a CDBG of \$50,000. This is the grant the borough is eligible for every 4 years. Todd Fleishner at the county redevelopment authority will be handling this project. He wants to know if the borough wants to spend borough money to use the borough engineer or if we want him to choose an engineer and fund the entire project with CDBG money. Consensus was to have the county fund the entire project. Michael will communicate with Todd regarding the exact locations of the ramps which were decided at a previous meeting.

Discussion on new format of the agenda and adding more detailed descriptions in the future. Council president will add details to each agenda item.

Motion Joseph Fulton, seconded by Kent James to purchase a four terabyte external back up hard drive for the office, not to exceed \$90. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion Joseph Fulton, seconded Michael McCormick to purchase GoDaddy storage and URL for \$131.88 for the first year, and approximately \$179 thereafter. Motion passed unanimously. This is half of what we are currently paying for domain hosting.

Council asked the solicitor, Dennis Makel, to redraft the 235-22 parking ordinance to reflect safety concerns.

Motion Michael McCormick, seconded by Dan Bird to add Mumbi Mundia to the Washington Financial accounts. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion Joseph Fulton, seconded by Doug Corwin to approve \$600 from the Park & Shade budget for the Little Free Library, including the box and post. This project will be a joint collaboration of the Park & Shade Committee and Girl Scout Troop 53563. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion Joseph Fulton, seconded by Doug Corwin to approve \$370 for the purchase of Halloween candy and bags for the borough Trick or Treat. Motion passed 6-1, James Kent was opposed.

Motion James Kent, seconded by Michael McCormick to authorize the release of \$5,000 which is already in the budget to the Citizen's Library for 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion Michael McCormick, seconded by Mumbi Mundia to add the Portnoff ACH to the agenda.

Motion Mumbi Mundia, seconded by Michael McCormick to approve the change from paper check deposits to ACH deposits from Portnoff Delinquent Tax Collection.

Public Works Report

Some clearing of the field has been completed with the rented equipment. Council asked the solicitor if there is a legal way to have a borough sponsored bonfire. In the past the fire department has not been willing to allow a bonfire.

Potholes are filled approximately once a month. Residents should call Aaron with concerns.

Code Enforcement Report

- Reported 57 calls for service.
- Sent a letter to the owner of 100 North Wade letter stating driveway and curb restoration criteria.

Administration Report

- Portnoff is requesting we move to ACH.
- Benefits of linking QuickBooks to our bank accounts in the future.
- American Rescue Funds have been deposited in the amount of \$95,025.14.
- There is a Zoom meeting on Thursday on mass texting that the secretary will be attending.

Motion to go into executive session for litigation and personnel was made by Dan seconded by Kent and passed unanimously.

Executive session started at 9:14 and ended at 9:44.

Motion to continue the meeting to October 24 at 7 pm was made by Doug, seconded by Dan and passed unanimously.

Alyssa Curry-Broderick