

**East Washington Borough
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 9th, 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 - Absent
Maryann Weinstein
Doug Corwin
Michael McCormick
Tim Kreger - Absent

Mumbi Mundia - Zoom
Daniel Bird
Arthur J. Fulton
Kent James
Aaron Lucero

Dennis Makel, Esq.
Sam Carroll, Harshman - Absent
Reca Panian, Park & Shade - Zoom
Gerald Coleman - Zoom
Alyssa Curry-Broderick

There were public comments by Jennifer Hess, of 109 Lemoyne Avenue, concerning 107 Lemoyne Avenue and ongoing code enforcement problems.

Harshman has been handling the code issues at this property. Council directed Jerry Coleman to contact Jarrod D'Amico at Harshman by Jan 13 to get this situation resolved.

Motion Kent James, seconded by Dan Bird to approve the December 5th minutes. Maryann Weinstein abstained. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion Doug Corwin, seconded by Mike McCormick to approve bills for the period of December 7th to January 9th. Checks 7779-7808, from General in the amount of \$110,473.77. This includes payment to Play & Park for playground equipment and to the City of Washington fire department.

Discussion about Nicholas Cumer Park and the need for 120 yrds of fill for four parking spaces.

Discussion on the MS4 plans and a possible joint meeting between Sam/Harshman and Kyle/EADS. Maryann Weinstein will send the EADS comments to Sam Carroll for his review.

Discussion on the truck order cancellation from Woltz Ford, and purchasing a truck from Keystone Ford.

Motion Dan Bird, seconded by Mike McCormick to approve truck purchase order from Keystone Ford for \$59k, and any additional related fees. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion Kent James, seconded by Mike McCormick to approve outfitting the truck by Stevenson/J&J for \$68.5K. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion Mumbi Mundia, second by Dan Bird to approve Resolution #001 - Tax Levy. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion Doug Corwin, seconded by Kent James to approve Resolution #002 - Schedule of Fees. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion Joe Fulton, seconded by Mumbi Mundia to approve Resolution #003 - Local Match of \$500 (Freedom Transit). Motion passed unanimously.

Motion Kent James, seconded by Mike McCormick to approve Dennis Makel and Associates as Solicitor for 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion Doug Corwin, seconded by Mike McCormick to approve Palermo / Kissinger as auditor for 2023. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion Mumbi Mundia, seconded by Kent James to approve Harshman Group LLC as primary engineer and The EADS Group as secondary engineer. Dan Bird, Joe Fulton opposed; Mike McCormick abstained. Motion carried.

Motion Dan Bird, seconded Doug Corwin to approve 2023 Spring Repository Sale Consent Form. Motion passed unanimously. Discussion followed over the potential use of the land by the borough.

Dan Bird left the meeting.

Motion to approve a 50% discount on road opening permits for the water company on Wilmont between S Wade and North Ave made by Kent James, seconded by Michael McCormick amended by them to charge the water company for one street opening permit since they are paving one entire side of the street. Passed 3-2 with Joe Fulton and Doug Corwin opposing. Mumbi Mundia not available online at that time.

Motion Kent James, seconded by Doug Corwin to approve an inlet on Wilmont Avenue done by Slusarczyk Excavating, not to exceed the cost of \$5200. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion about the road paving project on Lemoyne Extension/Sheraton with an alternate to include South Wade at Harrison and asphalt versus concrete curbs in the LAE/Sheraton area.

Motion Kent James, seconded by Mike McCormick to ask the engineer to prepare an alternate bid including concrete curbs as well as the current bid which includes asphalt curbs. Joe Fulton, Doug Corwin, and Mayann Weinstein voted no. Mumbi Mundia not on line at that time.

Motion by Joe Fulton, seconded by Doug Corwin to have the engineer bid the Lemoyne Avenue Extension road project as in the current bid with asphalt curbs only and no alternate on S Wade. Joe Fulton, Doug Corwin, and Mayann Weinstein voted in favor. Kent James and Michael McCormick voted against. . Mumbai Mundia was absent for the vote. Motion carried 3-2.

Discussion about adding repair at the intersection of S Wade and Harrison to the road bid. This would require adding handicapped ramps according to Dennis Makel. Michael will contact Todd Fleisner at the Redevelopment Authority about whether the CBG funds allocated for ramps elsewhere in the borough could be redirected for ramps on S Wade.

Motion Joe Fulton, seconded by Doug Corwin to have Michael McCormick head a search for volunteers to be on the planning commission. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion Joe Fulton, seconded by Mike McCormick to add the borough picnic to the agenda. Motion passed unanimously. There was no public comment.

Motion Joe Fulton, seconded by Doug Corwin to set the borough picnic date for August 13th. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on installing a dropbox for tax collection, provided by the tax collector, on the exterior of the building, as previously discussed last year. Maryann Weinstein will discuss with Dawn Petrosky, the tax collector.

Motion by Joe Fulton, seconded by Michael McCormick to add to the agenda holding payments to Harshman for code enforcement until Jerry Coleman is satisfied with the communication with Harshman. Passed unanimously. No public comment.

Motion Joe Fulton, seconded by Doug Corwin to approve pausing code enforcement payments for Harshman until Jerry Coleman is satisfied with communication. Passed unanimously.

Motion Doug Corwin, seconded by Kent James to enter executive session for personnel and litigation. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive Session for personnel and litigation started at 9:10 and ended at 9:40 pm.

Motion by Kent James, seconded by Michael McCormick to add a pay raise for Aaron Lucero to the agenda. Passed unanimously. No public comment.

Motion to increase Aaron Lucero's pay to \$23.50/hr retroactive to Jan 1, 2023 by Joe Fulton, , second Michael McCormick. Passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn made by Doug Corwin second by Kent James at 9:41. Passed unanimously.