

**East Washington Borough
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 6th - 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 - Zoom then in person at 7:10	Dennis Makel, Esq.
Maryann Weinstein	Daniel Bird	Sam Carroll, Harshman
Michael McCormick	Kent James	Jordan Cooper, Harshman - Zoom
Doug Corwin	Arthur J. Fulton	Reca Panian, Park & Shade - Absent
Gerald Coleman - Zoom	Tim Kreger	Aaron Lucero
		Alyssa Curry-Broderick

There were no public comments.

Motion Joe Fulton, seconded by Kent James to approve the February 6th minutes. Dan Bird abstained. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion Doug Corwin, seconded by Mike McCormick to approve bills for the period of January 10th - February 6th, in the amount of \$12,685.85. Motion passed unanimously.

Borough Reports

Tim Kreger, acting police chief, reported the department responded to 41 calls in the month of January. I HAVE 61 CALLS. Could you check on this?

Jordan Cooper from Harshman gave an update on code enforcement and the outstanding 2022 rental registrations. Jerry Coleman also gave an update on code enforcement and stated the 2023 rental registrations will be coming out soon.

Alyssa Broderick, gave an update of the office administration reporting all of the DCED reports were submitted as well as MS-965, and the 2023-2024 salt request. Park grant reimbursement is being requested from GTRP in the amount of \$66,513.61.

Aaron Lucero, public works supervisor, reported the new truck from Keystone Ford is estimated to be ready on April 17th.

Discussion about Nicolas Cumer Park and the projected completion date of April 15th for the additional 4 regular parking spaces by Ten Mile.

Sam Carroll gave a MS4 update about soil testing and permits. A Geotechnical report will be required and Sam gave an estimated cost of approximately \$2k. There could potentially be changes to the fill and slope.

Motion Kent James, seconded by Doug Corwin to award Morgan Excavating the Lemoyne Avenue Extension Road project for the amount of \$165,224.90, upon providing the appropriate bonds. Motion passed unanimously. Mike will check to see if there is a preexisting easement agreement that will allow the borough to do work that might involve private property at the bottom of the road.

Motion Mike McCormick, seconded by Dan Bird to approve a sale and security agreement with Stevenson Equipment in the amount of \$208,503.28 for a leaf truck subject to the specific condition that the borough is a recipient of a PA 902 recycling grant. The grant would pay for 90% of the cost of the machine and the borough would be responsible for 10%. Aaron and Alyssa are working on the grant application with Stevenson. Motion passed 7-0.

Joe Fulton gave an update on the new website concept and asked fellow council members to review and add to the existing information. The new site should be live in May.

Handicapped ramp project. Four of the proposed ramps are contiguous to North Ave and would need PennDOT approval which slows the process down and also significantly increase the cost so Michael and Maryann gave. Todd Fleissner 4 other ramps that were already approved by council as options to include in the bid.

Another DCNR grant opportunity is available with a due date in April. Given the MS4 work that will be done in that vicinity this year, council was not interested in submitting another grant to DCNR.

Discussion about adding a drop box to the exterior of the building for tax collection purposes. Tax collector Dawn Petrosky was present and stated that her bond would not cover a dropbox.

Motion Mumbia Mundia, seconded by Dan Bird moved to add rescinding the tax collector guidelines set forth at the January 2022 council meeting to the agenda. Maryann, Joe and Doug opposed. Motion carried.

Motion Mumbi Mundia, seconded by Dan Bird to withdraw the motion that added rescinding the tax collector guidelines set forth at the January 2022 council meeting to the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Maryann will confer with Alyssa, Dennis and Dawn about how to handle tax collector mail and tax payments that are erroneously sent to the borough. Currently mail is being returned to sender.

Michael to check on further information on the property for sale at the Spring Repository Sale which the borough might be interested in buying.

Motion Kent James, seconded by Doug Cowrin to authorize updating the chart of account numbers based on DCED guidelines. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion Kent James, seconded by Mike McCormick to approve the Washington County Tax District proxy. Motion passed unanimously.

Aaron would like to have a policy regarding emergency spending between meetings that gives him a higher limit than the current \$500 in the event that more expensive road work needs to be done. Maryann will confer with Dennis on this.

Motion by Joe Fulton, seconded by Doug Corwin to attach the borough credit card to the Tesla account for charging purposes, in an emergency. Motion passed unanimously.

Michael and Joe are working on recruiting people for the Planning Commission.

Motion Dan Bird, seconded by Mike McCormick to enter an Executive Session. Motion passed unanimously. Executive Session for litigation started at 9:36 and ended at 9:59.

Motion to adjourn made by Kent James, seconded by Dan Bird. Passed unanimously at 10 pm.