

East Washington Borough Council Meeting Minutes Monday, April 3rd - 7:00 pm

Call to Order

Maryann Weinstein called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance

Attendance as below. All were present unless otherwise noted.

Demond Nixon - Zoom at 8:08, arrived at 8:24	Mumbi Mundia	Dennis Makel, Esq.
Maryann Weinstein	Daniel Bird	Sam Carroll, Harshman
Michael McCormick	Kent James	Doug Corwin
Arthur J. Fulton	Gerald Coleman - Zoom	Aaron Lucero
Reca Panian, Park & Shade - Absent	Tim Kreger	Alyssa Curry-Broderick
Jordan Cooper, Harshman		

Public Comment Period

In addition, the following were in attendance, Dale Hamilton - 220 North Wade, Gerald and Karen Stebbins - 338 East Beau Street, Tyler Roach - 342 East Beau Street, James and Brittany Inghram - 506 East Beau Street, Susan Cotrill - 520 East Beau, Courtney Doman - 52 East End Lane, and Mike Chaido, Esq. - Washington Financial Bank, President and CEO.

Public comments were as follows.

- Dale Hamilton [220 North Wade] - Concerns over motorists running stop signs.
- Courtney Doman [52 East End Lane] and Jerry Stubbins[338 E Beau St] - Concerns over W&J acquiring East End Lane.

Action Items

Motion Joe Fulton, seconded by Doug Corwin to approve the March 6th minutes. Maryann Weinstein and Doug Corwin abstained. Motion carried.

Motion Joe Fulton, seconded by Mike McCormick to approve bills for the period of March 7th to April 3rd, in the amount of \$16,464.65 from the general account. Motion passed unanimously.

Mike Chaido, gave a presentation on the security of borough money at the bank during these uncertain economic times. He explained that all funds the Borough of East Washington has on deposit with Washington Financial are covered, as required by Act 72. FDIC insurance would cover up to \$250,000, and the pledged collateral would cover the remaining funds on deposit.

Borough Reports

- Police - The department responded to approximately forty calls in the month of March.
- Alyssa Broderick - PURTA, Act 13, and AG-385 reports completed.
- Aaron Lucero - NPL inlet reimbursement received. The new truck should be ready by the end of April.
- Sam Carroll - Harshman will hold a MS4 Workshop on April 10th for borough council.

Motion by Dan Bird, seconded by Doug Corwin to approve Artuso Construction Engineering Consultants, Inc., to conduct the Geotech investigation, in the amount of \$2,148. Joe abstained. Motion carried.

Organize terms and vote next week to add Susan Cottrill [520 East Beau], and Ross Flynn [80 Sheraton Drive] to the planning commission.

Motion Kent James, seconded by Dan Bird, to add amending the March 6th minutes to the agenda, to correct a planning commission error. Maryann Wesinstein and Doug Corwin abstained. Motion carried. No public comment.

Motion by Joe Fulton, seconded by Mike McCormick to amend the March 6th minutes to indicate only Jim Inghram was added to the planning commission. Doug abstained. Motion carried.

Motion Doug Corwin, seconded by Joe Fulton to start paying American Water by ACH instead of check. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on purchasing signs notifying of police presence at the Lemoyne Center. Alyssa to check with our insurance company about any concerns they might have with a substation at the Center.

Discussion about request asking for road closure for June 17th. Alyssa to get the request with details in writing. Tim Kreger and Demond Nixon will examine the roads involved.

Discussion on sending a letter to the East Washington Ghosts football league, requesting they do not park illegally or block residents. Demond will talk to Robert Atkins who is in charge of the league. Several residents reported that people are parking cars illegally and blocking their driveways during football season.

Council Reports

Joe reported that Clean Up Day will be Saturday, April 22. The Park Committee has ideas for events during the summer and for events for Halloween and Christmas. He is also concerned about dogs that are owned by renters who do not keep the dogs leashed. Dennis will look into whether landlords can be held responsible for the behavior of their renters' dogs.

Michael reported that several residents have expressed concern about the trains that pass near the borough. Jerry will check into what these trains carry. Also the planning commission wants to do something to improve the triangle at the intersection of Central and N Wade.

Mumbi contacted homeowners about the East Lane project. Further action on hold until more is known from W and J.

Motion Kent James, seconded by Mumbi Mundia to go into executive session for personal and litigation at 9:14pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Executive session ended at 9:40 pm.

Motion to continue the meeting to Monday, April 10, 2023 at 7 pm made by Michael, seconded by Mumbi. Passed unanimously.