

# East Washington Borough Council Meeting Minutes - Council Meeting Monday, June 5th - 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 715  
Maryann Weinstein  
Michael McCormick  
Arthur J. Fulton  
Reca Panian, Park & Shade  
Jordan Cooper, Harshman Zoom

Mumbi Mundia  
Daniel Bird  
Kent James  
Gerald Coleman -Absent  
Tim Kreger - Absent

Dennis Makel, Esq.  
Sam Carroll, Harshman - Absent  
Doug Corwin  
Aaron Lucero  
Alyssa Curry-Broderick - Absent

## Public Comment Period

Chris Interval-25 Sheraton Dr. Concerned that the road project resulted in the curb being lower than her lawn and that there may be drainage issues. Aaron will talk to Rich Rush, our engineer, about this.

Terry Cloonan-665 Lemoyne Ave Ext. Complimented the borough on the road paving job. Thinks drainage will be ok.

Susan Cottrill-520 East Beau St. Thought Movie Night was awesome. Wants to know what getting entry access from school district means. Explained this has to do with MS4 project.

## Action Items

Motion Kent James, second Mumbi Mundia to approve April 10 minutes. Passed unanimously.

Motion Mumbi Mundia, second Dan Bird to approve May 1 minutes, Passed unanimously.

Motion Joe Fulton, seconded by Michael McCormick to approve bills for the period of May 1st - June 5th, in the amount of \$29,431.33 from the general account. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion Kent James, seconded by Doug Corwin to approve bills for the period of May 2nd - June 5th, in the amount of \$60,961.95 from the American Rescue account for MS4 payments to Harshman. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion Dan Bird, seconded by Michael McCormick to approve bills for the period of May 2nd - June 5th, in the amount of \$149.85 from the Liquid Fuels account. Motion passed unanimously.

- Approval of \$1,335 for landscaping at the borough sign, and both parks. [Pre approved by Maryann, Doug & Dan]

Motion Michael McCormick, seconded by Joe Fulton to approve \$1335 for landscaping at the borough sign and both parks.

Motion Ketn James, second Dan Bird to approve paying invoice 31652 from Ten Mile Paving, LLC for the amount of \$29,151.00. Motion passed unanimously.

- Approval of payment to Morgan Excavating for the LeMoyne project in the amount of \$188,299.14. Tabled by Maryann Weinstein pending clarification of issues raised by Mrs. Interval.

### Borough Reports

- Parks & Shade Commission
  - Movie Night at the Nicholas Cumer Park. Joe reported 70-75 attendees including 20-30 children. Well received. Ice cream truck a hit. Need better sound system. Dave Bradley has made a donation to sponsor another movie night.
  - Picnic. Recca reported picnic planning is ongoing. Date is Aug 13 from 3-7 pm.
- Mayor- Crosswalks on North and N Wade are to be painted. Need a stop sign at the top of Stone (intersection with N Wade). July 17 there will be a meeting with E Wash football parents about parking and litter.
- Solicitor-no issues
- Police Chief-written report
- Code Enforcement-Jordan Cooper reported that a written report was sent today to Alyssa. Issues are being followed up at 112 Lemoyne and 477 E Beau. 107 Lemoyne was found guilty and needs to remove offending items. Rental inspections are being done. Some are failing because of fire safety concerns which landlords have 30 days to fix.
- Public Works
  - Truck update. The new truck will arrive this week. We need to sell the old truck. Aaron will write up specifications for an ad in Municibid for the next meeting. Wilmont water project is to start next week. The water company has agreed to pave both sides of the street.
- Administration
  - 2022 Audit completed. Presentation at July meeting.

- Heart & Lung reimbursement up to date.

## 6. Ongoing Business

- **MS4 - Update & discussion**

- Act 13 Watershed Restoration and Protection Program grant & Growing Greener grants Reviewed letter from Sam Carroll. Maryann will discuss estimates with him.

- **Nicholas Cumer Park - Update & discussion**

- Nicholas Cumer Park Parking Only Sign - Parking spaces are being used by people who are not using the park.
- Motion by Joe Fulton, second by Micahel McCormick, directing Aaron to have 4 signs made, one for each parking space, stating parking is only for those using the park and that violators will be towed. Passed unanimously.
- Bioni repairs. Chip in sidewalk has been fixed and mushroom manure was put down.
- Dirt & drain pipe. Need to improve grading and drainage next to parking area.
- Motion by Joe Fulton, Second by Michael McCormick to accept the Significant landscapes bid to extend the drainage pipe and grade and plant grass for \$1,065, Passed unanimously.

- **Road Project Update.**

- Top coat of asphalt was increased from 1 ½ inches to 2 inches resulting in a change order of approximately \$17,000 because the base of the road is very thin.

- **Handicap Ramp Project Update**

- The county redevelopment authority is putting the project out for official bids. The base bid is for 9 ramps and the alternate is for 13 ramps.

- **Stoplight Grant**

- Motion to add authorization for Cliff Eich to submit the ARLE grant for a new stoplight at E Beau and Wade on the borough's behalf to the agenda made by Doug Corwin, seconded by Michael McCormick. Passed unanimously. There was no public comment,
- Motion to authorize Cliff Eich to submit the ARLE grant for a new stoplight at E Beau and Wade made by Kent James, seconded by Dan Bird, passed unanimously.

## 7. New Business

- **Borough Commissions**

- Park & Shade renew three members and appoint one new member
  - Sara Flynn. Motion to appoint Sara Flynn to the Park and Shade Commission made by Joe Fulton, seconded by Michael McCormick passed unanimously.
  - Motion to reappoint Rick Ostrander, Justin Schardt and Jennifer Stockdate for 5 year terms to Park and Shade Commission made by Joe Fulton, seconded by Michael McCormick passed unanimously.

- **AED Grant discussion**

- Motion to approve Alyssa applying for grants for 2 AEDs made by Doug Corwin, seconded by Mumbi Mundia passed unanimously.
- **Endorsing Candidates:** Discussion about political signs & elected officials endorsing candidates. In 2019 council agreed not to put signs in their yards. Dennis Makel said this would not bind the current council. Consensus was that people have the right to put signs in their yards but that they might want to refrain from doing so in order to avoid controversy.
- **New Stop Sign:** Stone Alley and North Wade. Aaron will contact the landowner on the corner about trimming any landscaping that might be interfering with the sight line. Dennis suggested that the borough review overall needs for stop signs and any other street signs so that all can be addressed in one ordinance. Aaron, Kent and Michael will do the review.
- **Spending Limit:** Discussion regarding increasing current public works supervisor's \$500 spending limit to \$2000 without council approval (not the same as \$10,000 limit approved last month for larger needs that needs three council members to approve).
  - Motion to allow the public works supervisor to purchase items not to exceed \$2000 per item with the approval of the council member who oversees public works made by Joe Fulton, seconded by Doug Corwin passed unanimously.
- **Bakers dehumidifier:** Current dehumidifiers run nonstop and there is always an odor from the basement. Aaron has an estimate from Baker's Waterproofing for a heavy duty unit \$2,160. Council directed Aaron to get another bid. Also need to take into consideration that a new furnace might be needed in the near future which could incorporate a dehumidifier.
- **Police Cell Phones:** Cost of a line is \$40 per mo.
  - Motion to approve adding one cell line for the police chief made by Dan Bird, seconded by Mike McCormick passed unanimously.
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## 8. Council Member Reports

Doug reported that there is a tentative meeting scheduled for June 16 with Dr Knapp at W and J but he is retiring next year so this meeting might not take place.

Mumbi asked for better sound on the Zoom meetings. This should be a budget consideration for 2024.

Motion Kent James, seconded by Mumbi Mundia to go into executive session for personal at 8:53.

Executive session ended at 9:23.

Motion to approve Alyssa working remotely on Fridays from June 9 through August 25, 2023 with availability from 8 am-4 pm made by Joe Fulton, seconded by Doug Corwin. Conditions of remote work are that no banking, QuickBooks or other financial work will be done from home, that Alyssa must come into the office if there is an emergency requiring her personal attention,

and that she keeps a log of the tasks she works on. She should not work extra hours on the weekend unless essential and if she does, she should put in for overtime. Passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Michael McCormick, seconded by Dan Bird passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:26.