

East Washington Borough Council Meeting Minutes Monday, September 11th 7:00 pm

Call to Order

Doug Corwin called the meeting to order at 7pm.

Pledge of Allegiance & Moment of Silence

Attendance

Attendance as below. All were present unless otherwise noted.

Demond Nixon - Zoom	Mumbi Mundia	Al Burke, Esq.
Maryann Weinstein - Absent	Daniel Bird	Jordan Cooper, Harshman - Zoom
Michael McCormick	Kent James	Doug Corwin
Arthur J. Fulton	Gerald Coleman - Absent	Aaron Lucero
Reca Panian, Park & Shade	Tim Kreger	Alyssa Curry-Broderick

Public Comment Period

In addition, the following were in attendance, David Nicolella, 417 East Wheeling Street and Laura Nicolella, 18 Thayer Street.

- David and Laura individually spoke about concerns and complaints regarding Air B&Bs in the borough, specifically 10 Thayer Street. Code enforcement will follow up on this matter. Residents were instructed to call the police with any noise complaints.
- David expressed concern for dogs located next to his home on Wheeling running loose. Resident was asked to call the Police in the future.

Action Items

Motion Joe Fulton, seconded by Doug Corwin to approve the minutes from July 10th, with the following correction. Replace "Aaron suggested public works paint the curb yellow on 5 feet of either side or both, per the ordinance" to "Aaron suggested public works paint the curb yellow on 4 feet of either side or both, per the ordinance." - **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Joe Fulton, seconded by Dan Bird to approve the minutes from August 8th, with the following correction: Change the street “North Avenue” to “North Wade Avenue.” -

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion Kent James, seconded by Mumbi Mundia to approve bills for the period of August 9th to September 11th, in the amount of \$23,613.25 from the general account. -

Motion passed unanimously.

Borough Reports

- Park & Shade Commission
 - Rece Panian reported that the annual picnic went well and was well attended.
- Mayor - No Report
- Police
 - 41 calls for September, 25 reports.
- Public Works - No Report
- Administration
 - The Borough received \$17,694.31 from LSA.
- Code Enforcement
 - Jordan Cooper from Harshman provided an overview of the current code enforcement violations.

Discussion on Halloween. Candy in the Park sign ups are ongoing and October 1st will be the deadline to decide if we will proceed.

Motion Dan Bird, seconded by Doug Corwin to approve Parks & Shade volunteers needing clearances starting in January of 2024. - **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Joe Fulton, seconded by Mike McCormick to approve the budget workshop for October 23rd, at 7pm, at the borough building. - **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Joe Fulton, seconded by Doug Corwin to approve 2024 Minimum Municipal Obligation. - **Motion passed unanimously.**

Discussion on having a holiday tree in Nicholas Cumer Park with a light-up event on December 2nd. A toy drive and ornament decoration station are possibilities for the event. Motion Joe Fulton, seconded by Kent James to approve up to \$500 for purchasing a tree and holiday lights for a 2023 light up night as planned by the Parks and Shade Committee. - **Motion passed 5-1, Mumbi Mudia dissented.**

Motion Mike McCormick, seconded by Kent James to approve the start of quarterly deep cleaning by Squeaky Clean for \$285/each time. - **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Kent James, seconded by Dan Bird to approve the rehire of Bernie Froats as a public works employee for leaf season, at \$12.50/hourly, as needed, at the discretion of the public work's supervisor. - **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Joe Fulton, seconded by Dan Bird to approve the hiring of Nick Ireland as a police officer, part-time - no benefits, at \$20/hourly. - **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Doug Corwin, seconded by Mike McCormick to add having Terri Gladus from Harshman help with LSA state and local grants, to the agenda. - **Motion passed unanimously.**

Council Member Reports

- Dan Bird - Questioned whether 12 South Wade would be an option to purchase for more borough parking.
- Mike McCormick - Asked the current MS4 status.

Motion Kent James, seconded by Dan Bird to go into executive session for personnel reasons at 8:11pm. - **Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive Session ends at 9:01 PM. Motion to adjourn Mike McCormick, seconded by Dan Bird. - **Motion passed unanimously.**

Alyssa Curry-Broderick