

**East Washington Borough
Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024 7:00 PM**

Reorganization Meeting

Call to Order

Demond Nixon called the meeting to order at 7:10 PM.

Attendance

Attendance as below. All were present unless otherwise noted.

Demond Nixon	Tom Marshall	Dennis Makel, Esq. - Late
Maryann Weinstein	Doug Corwin	Jordan Cooper - Zoom
Michael McCormick	Kent James 7:04	Doug Corwin
Arthur J. Fulton	Gerald Coleman - Absent	Aaron Lucero
Tim Kreger	Alyssa Curry-Broderick	

Demond Nixon, Mayor, administered the oath of office to newly elected council members: Tom Marshall, Joe Fulton, Doug Corwin, and Kent James.

Motion Kent James, seconded by Tom Marshall to appoint Maryann Weinstein as President. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Joe Fulton, seconded by Doug Cowrin to appoint Kent James as Vice President. **Motion passed unanimously.**

The Mayor turned the meeting over to the President to conduct the rest of the meeting.

Motion Mike McCormick, seconded by Kent James to appoint Doug Corwin as President Pro Term. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Kent James, seconded by Doug Corwin to appoint Alyssa Curry-Broderick as Secretary/Treasurer. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Joe Fulton, seconded by Mike McCormick to appoint Aaron Lucero as the Public Works Supervisor. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Kent James, seconded by Tom Marshall to appoint Gerald Coleman as the Code Enforcement-Zoning Officer. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Mike McCormick, seconded by Doug Corwin to appoint Tim Kreger as Acting Police Chief. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Joe Fulton, seconded by Kent James to appoint Gerald Coleman as the Emergency Management Coordinator. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Joe Fulton, seconded by Mike McCormick to appoint Dennis Makel as Solicitor. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Kent James, seconded by Doug Corwin to appoint Harshman Group as Borough Engineer. **Motion passed 5-yes, 1-abstain.**

Motion Kent James, seconded by Joe Fulton to appoint Glenn Wolfe/EADS as Borough Backup Engineer. Mike McCormick abstained. **Motion passed 5-yes, 1-abstain.**

Motion Doug Corwin, seconded by Mike McCormick to appoint Palermo/Kissinger as auditor. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Joe Fulton, seconded by Kent James to appoint Harshman Group as Uniform Code Construction Inspectors. Michael McCormick abstained. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Joe Fulton, seconded by Kent James to appoint Washington Financial as Depository Bank. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Joe Fulton, seconded by Mike McCormick to appoint Oscar Smith to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three year term ending December 31, 2026. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Kent James, seconded by Mike McCormick to adjourn at 7:24 PM. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Regular Meeting

Public Comment Period

- Shana Brown [*Director of Washington Business District*] - 144 Lemoyne Avenue - Concerns about current zoning on Lemoyne and publicly thanked Michael McCormick for his help during Washington's Light Up Night.
- Mary Adkins - 140 Lemoyne Avenue - Concerns about AirB&Bs and short term rentals within the Borough.
- Mumbi Mundia - 375 North Wade Avenue - Concerns about the Zoom/live stream equipment for council meetings, would like to see resolution drafts online prior to their approval, would like the Borough to consider a goal and strategic planning meeting.

Motion Joe Fulton, seconded by Mike McCormick to approve the November 20th minutes. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Mike McCormick, seconded by Joe Fulton to approve the December 4th minutes. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Kent James, seconded by Mike McCormick to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$23,199.50 from the general fund. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Borough Reports

- Parks & Shade Commission - Will appoint a new chairperson in 2024.
- Mayor - Working with the chief for a new format on reports.
- Public Works - Upgraded springs on the dump truck; received first delivery of salt.

Motion Kent James, seconded by Mike McCormick to approve Resolution #001 - Tax Levy. **Motion passed unanimously.** There has been no tax increase since 2006.

Motion Mike McCormick, seconded by Doug Corwin to approve Resolution #002 - Schedule of Fees. **Motion passed unanimously.** Council will look into updating these fees.

Motion Joe Fulton, seconded by Doug Corwin to approve Resolution #003 - Local Match (Freedom Transit) for \$500. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Resolution #004 unnecessary. Removed by the president.

Motion Joe Fulton, seconded by Mike McCormick to advertise the open council seat on the website, social media, and word of mouth. The deadline to submit a letter of interest for the open seat is Monday the 29th at noon. All letters will be sent to the Borough office/Alyssa Curry-Broderick. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Kent James, seconded by Joe Fulton to approve the revised 2024 calendar. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Discussion on the Lemoyne Avenue petition for zoning changes. It will be reviewed by the Planning Commission.

Discussion on the Owl audio/video system. Joe will look into options.

Discussion on the audit engagement letter from Palermo/Kissinger. Will check into other auditing options and fees.

Council Member Reports

- Mike McCormick - Discussed future grants, and a farmer's market in the Summer.

Motion Doug Corwin, seconded by Mike McCormick to go into executive session at 8:24 for real estate and litigation. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive session ended at 9:03 pm.

Motion Joe Fulton, seconded by Michael McCormick to approve the resignation and release/waiver of claims document related to David Bradley effective January 2, 2024. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Doug Corwin, second Kent James to continue the meeting to January 22nd, at 7 PM.

Upcoming Meetings:

All meetings take place at 15 Thayer Street unless otherwise noted. Please refer to the Borough's website at www.eastwash.com to confirm as meeting days and times may change.

- *January 5th, 2024 at 1 PM Zoning Hearing*
- February 5th, 2024 at 7 PM

- March 4th, 2024 at 7 PM
 - April 1, 2024 7:00 PM
 - May 6, 2024 7:00 PM
 - June 3, 2024 7:00 PM
 - July 1, 2024 7:00 PM
 - August 5, 2024 7:00 PM
 - September 9, 2024 7:00 PM
 - October 7, 2024 7:00 PM
 - November 4, 2024 7:00 PM
 - December 2 2024 7:00 PM
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- The East Washington Borough Zoning Hearing Board Monthly Meetings for 2024 will be the fourth Wednesday of every month at 1:30 PM on an as needed basis. The meetings will be located at 15 Thayer Street, Washington, PA 15301.
 - The Parks & Shade Committee Monthly Meetings for 2024 will meet the fourth Thursday of every month at 7 PM, beginning in March, on an as needed basis. The meetings will be located at 15 Thayer Street, Washington, PA 15301.
 - The Planning Commission Monthly Meetings for 2024 will meet the last Wednesday of every month at 7 PM, on an as needed basis through November. The meetings will be located at 15 Thayer Street, Washington, PA 15301.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Curry-Broderick