

**East Washington Borough  
Council Meeting Minutes  
Monday, February 5th, 2024 7:00 PM**

## Call to Order

Maryann Weinstein called the meeting to order at 7 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	Doug Corwin
Arthur J. Fulton	Gerald Coleman - Absent	Aaron Lucero
Tim Kreger	Alyssa Curry-Broderick	

## Public Comment Period

- John Raimondi - 121 Lemoyne - Concerns about zoning on Lemoyne and the importance of single family dwellings.
- John Inghram - 518 Central - Concerns about potholes on Pylesvanth.
- Dan Bird - 34 Thayer - Questions about when MS4 will be completed.
- Brian Moore - 124 Lemoyne - Concerns about abandoned/wrecked red car East Wheeling.
- Susan Cottrill - 520 East Beau - Would like to be considered for the two year council seat.

Motion Joe Fulton, seconded by Tom Marshall to approve the January 22nd minutes. Doug abstained. **Motion passed in favor with 1 abstention.**

Motion Joe Fulton, seconded by Mike McCormick to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$18,075.97 from the general fund. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Kent James, seconded by Mike McCormick to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$11,076.23 from the Liquid Fuels fund. **Motion passed unanimously.**

The council accepted David Bradley's personal resignation with regret. Mayor Demond Nixon presented the proclamation expressing our gratitude to Chief Bradley for dedicating 24 years of service to the East Washington Police Department.

Motion Kent James, seconded by Mike McCormick to appoint Tim Kreger police chief.  
**Motion passed unanimously.**

Susan Cottrill, Brian Moore, Mumbi Mundia, and Jon Riddle were in attendance as candidates for the open council position. All were given an opportunity to explain their interest and to answer questions from the council.

Motion Joe Fulton, seconded by Doug Corwin to appoint Susan Cottrill to the vacant council term, ending the first Monday in January, 2026. **Motion passed unanimously.**

The Planning Commission had an organizational and regular meeting on January 31st. Members of this commission include Mike McCormick, Joe Fulton, Susan Cottrill, Ross Flynn and Jim Inghram. Currently, they are discussing LeMoyne Avenue zoning reclassification and short-term rental properties. Motion Kent James, seconded by Tom Marshall to accept Joe Fulton's resignation from the Planning Commission because the Commission can only have two council members on it. A fifth member will need to be recruited. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Tom Marshall, seconded by Doug Corwin to add a \$50 solicitation fee to the fee schedule as is stated in our ordinance. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Discussion about the vacancies on the Planning Commission, Parks and Shade Committee, and the Vacancy Board. The Borough will look for interested individuals. Joe will post information online.

Discussion about Lemoyne Center's grant applications, with Tom Flickinger and Teresa Boroughs. The council informally agreed to supporting Lemoyne Center grant applications. The Center will need to come to council for formal approval of individual grant applications.

Video system improvements were put on hold. The phone system needs to be updated.

Michael reported on some suggestions for changes in the parking ordinance. We have received complaints about sight line problems caused by certain types of vehicles being parked on the streets. Dennis will look at our current ordinance and come up with some changes to it based on the discussion.

Motion Tom Marshall, seconded by Doug Corwin to approve the calendar of scheduled Borough events. **Motion passed unanimously.**

- April 20th - Clean Up Day (Rain Date April 27th)
- June 7th - Movie Night (Rain Date June 14th)
- July 20th - Movie Night (Rain Date July 27th)
- August 11th - Community Picnic (Rain Date August 18th)
- October 12th - Movie Night (Rain Date October 19th)
- November 30th - Participation in City of Washington Christmas Parade
- December 7th - Light Up Night (Rain Date December 8th)

Motion Kent James, seconded by Mike McCormick to authorize expenditures not to exceed \$800 to transport, store, and plant, ten bare root trees. The Borough is receiving these trees from TreePennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Urban and Community Forestry Council grant that was applied for by Michael McCormick. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Maryann Weinstein reported that the trash contract with Republic expires at the end of this year. Dennis Makel suggested asking Republic about doing a 1 or 2 year extension rather than putting out an RFP.

Joe will develop a policy regarding posting videos on line for discussion at a future meeting.

Riley Carter (Eighty Four, PA) asked for permission to close East Wheeling Street from East Lane to South Wade, every Saturday 9 AM-1 PM, from April 13th to September 28th, for a street market. The Mayor and Police Chief will review to make a decision.

Motion Kent James, seconded by Mike McCormick to go into executive session at 9:26 PM for real estate. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive session ended at 9:45 PM.

Motion Tom Marshall, second Kent James to continue the meeting to February 22nd, at 7 PM. Whether to apply for any grants this year will be discussed as well as any other items that come up.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Curry-Broderick

**East Washington Borough  
Continuation Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, February 22nd, 2024 7:00 PM**

## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by president, Maryann Weinstein.

## Attendance

Attendance as below. All were present unless otherwise noted.

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

There were no public comments.

Prior to the rest of the meeting a concern raised by Bill Adams in an email sent to Maryann Weinstein the morning of the meeting was discussed. Bill, a former council member, questioned whether a continuation meeting can include items on the agenda that were not on the agenda of the original meeting that is being continued. Bill attended this meeting and stated that when he was on the council only items that had been on the original agenda were considered. Maryann asked Dennis Makel to weigh in on this and his email response was sent to the rest of the council.

For this meeting, the council decided to discuss and act if necessary on the old business items and to treat the new business items as informational items. The issue of what can be placed on a continuation agenda and whether to officially have two meetings a month will be discussed in March.

Motion to approve paying bills in the amount of \$4,760.00 out of the General Fund was made by Kent James, seconded by Michael McCormick. **Passed unanimously.**

Motion to approve paying a bill for salt in the amount of \$3,708.17 from the Liquid Fuels Fund was made by Michael McCormick seconded by Doug Corwin. **Passed unanimously.**

## Old Business

Grants - The borough did not receive any of the grants applied for in 2023 which included the local and state LSA grants for a leaf truck and two state grants for the MS4

program. Maryann has talked to Terri Gladus, grant writer at Harshman Engineering. Terri recommends identifying our top one or two priorities and applying for grants for those items. Since the leaf truck and the MS4 program are still our top two priorities the consensus was to continue to try to obtain grant funding for them. Alyssa can submit the leaf truck application to the 902 recycling program. A formal motion which includes a cost estimate to approve submission of the MS4 grant applications by Terri Gladus will be put on the March agenda.

Street Market - The mayor and council president are recommending that we do not permit a street market to be held on East Wheeling St. The council agreed with this. Alyssa will notify Riley Carter in writing that the mayor and the council are not giving permission for a street market in the borough.

#### New Business

Greenways Trails and Recreation Remaining Grant Funds. Aaron provided the council with information on the cost of buying and installing benches at the playground. The March 1st deadline has been extended. The council will act on this at the March meeting.

New Telephones - Estimates from Comcast and Verizon were discussed. Council members will send any additional questions to Aaron. Action will be taken in March.

Park Event Funding - Action will be taken in March formally authorizing Joe to solicit funding.

Motion to go into Executive Session for real estate, personnel and litigation by Tom Marshall, seconded by Michael McCormick **Passed unanimously.**

Executive Session ended at 8:45.

Motion to adjourn by Tom Marshall, seconded by Joe Fulton. **Passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Maryann Weinstein