

**East Washington Borough
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 4th, 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 - Zoom	Tom Marshall	Dennis Makel, Esq. - 7:15
Maryann Weinstein	Doug Corwin	Susan Cottrill - Zoom
Michael McCormick	Kent James - Absent	Doug Corwin
Arthur J. Fulton	Gerald Coleman - Absent	Aaron Lucero
Tim Kreger - Absent	Alyssa Curry-Broderick	

Public Comment Period

- Dan Bird - 34 Thayer - In favor of Republic Services but against extra fee for recycling. Would like the Borough to explore other waste hauling options.
- Mary Atkins - 140 Lemoyne - Supports Brian Moore for the Planning Commission; asked where the trees from the TreePennsylvania, the Pennsylvania Urban and Community Forestry Council grant, will be planted.

Motion Tom Marshall, seconded by Mike McCormick to approve the February 5th and February 22nd minutes. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Doug Corwin, seconded by Mike McCormick to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$17,055.62 from the general fund. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Reports:

Aaron - Reported ongoing road patching.

Maryann - Will meet with RAWC on March 21st, about blighted properties.

Fee schedule will be discussed at the next meeting.

Openings for boards and commissions will be discussed at the next meeting. Maryann will reach out to the applicants prior to next month.

Motion Doug Corwin, seconded by Mike McCormick to authorize Terri Gladus to prepare two MS4 grant applications at a cost of approximately \$2000. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Discussion about parking ordinance changes. Dennis suggested the ordinance should include prohibiting trucks over four tons from parking in the borough long term. He will complete the ordinance for the next meeting.

Discussion about posting council meetings online. Demond, Dennis, Mike and Alyssa expressed their concerns with the idea.

Discussion about the waste contract negotiations. Demond, Kent, and Maryann will meet with our representative, Renee Shipley, on March 28th, at 1:30 PM. The Borough is not required to bid this out. Joe suggested having tier options for residents to include or exclude the recycling.

Motion Tom Marshall, seconded by Joe Fulton to approve six benches (two with backs and four without) with the remaining Greenways, Trails and Recreation program grant that will be expiring on 6/30/2024. **Motion passed unanimously.** The Borough will provide a 15% match. Bench installation will be \$125 each.

Motion Doug Corwin, seconded by Joe Fulton to approve the phone system upgrade, Comcast business agreement #37874417. **Motion passed unanimously.** This is a \$63 increase monthly.

The Planning Commission did not have their regular meeting February 28th, due to a lack of quorum.

Discussion about joining the Washington County Chamber of Commerce for \$300. Will continue the discussion at the next meeting.

Motion Tom Marshall, seconded by Mike McCormick to authorize Joe Fulton to contact companies and organizations to fund park events. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Mike McCormick, seconded by Tom Marshall to use Robert's Rules as a guide only, and that any prior resolution will be superseded by this motion, and the council has the opportunity to waive Robert's Rules of order anytime. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Joe Fulton, seconded by Tom Marshall to renew the Comcast franchise contract at 3% for ten years. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Tom Marshall, seconded by Mike McCormick to approve spending up to \$1200 to continue assistance with QuickBooks and accounting. **Motion passed unanimously.** Maryann and Alyssa will contact the DCED to extend the Borough's mentorship during 2024.

Motion Mike McCormick, seconded by Tom Marshall to approve the letter of support for a comprehensive park planning grant being applied for by the City of Washington that would include East Washington. **Motion passed unanimously.** East Washington would be responsible for paying for 15% of the cost of the planning project if the grant application is approved. Expenditure likely in 2025.

Motion Tom Marshall, seconded by Mike McCormick to go into executive session at 8:40 PM for real estate and litigation. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive session ended at 9:30 PM.

Motion Mike McCormick, seconded by Joe Fulton to continue the meeting to March 18th, at 7 PM. Board and commissions will be discussed as well as any other items that come up. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Curry-Broderick

**East Washington Borough
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 18th, 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 - Absent	Tom Marshall	Dennis Makel, Esq. - Absent
Maryann Weinstein	Doug Corwin	Susan Cottrill
Michael McCormick	Kent James	Doug Corwin
Arthur J. Fulton	Gerald Coleman - Absent	Aaron Lucero
Tim Kreger - Absent	Alyssa Curry-Broderick - Zoom	

Public Comment Period

- Janice Gilmore - 351 East Beau - Concerns about sidewalk safety and short term rentals.
- Dan Bird - 34 Thayer - Asked for MS4 and waste contract negotiation updates.
- Mumbi Mundia - 375 North Wade - Concerns about the trailer parked on East Wheeling and would like to see changes to the upcoming trash contract.

Motion Kent James, seconded by Tom Marshall to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$4,452.13 from the general fund. Motion passed unanimously. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Tom Marshall, seconded by Doug Corwin to approve the following board and commission members:

Park and Shade

- Reza Panian 2024
- Kate Imler 2025
- Chuck Nyswaner 2025
- Sara Flynn 2026
- Michele Gempel 2026
- Jennifer Stockdale 2027
- Anna Fiore 2027

- Vicky Cumer 2028
- Joe Fulton 2028

Planning

- Mumbi Mundia 2025

Vacancy Board

- Jon Stevens 2024

Zoning Hearing Board Alternates

- Brian Moore 2026
- David Wolf 2025

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion Mike McCormick, seconded by Tom Marshall to join the Washington County Chamber of Commerce for \$310. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Susan Cottrill, seconded by Joe Fulton to write the Lemoyne Center a letter of support for their Community Center Kitchen Expansion through Pennsylvania Broadband Development Authority/PA Department of Community & Economic Development. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Discussion on the 902 grant.

Mike reported that he will pick up the trees from TreePennsylvania on April 11th, with an estimated cost of \$225 for transportation.

Motion Doug Corwin, seconded by Kent James to go into executive session at 7:42 PM. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive session ended at 8:15 PM.

Tom Marshall, seconded by Michael McCormick. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Curry-Broderick