

**East Washington Borough
Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 1st, 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, Present for Ex. Session	Tom Marshall	Dennis Makel, Esq.
Maryann Weinstein	Doug Corwin	Susan Cottrill
Michael McCormick	Kent James	Doug Corwin
Arthur J. Fulton	Gerald Coleman - Zoom	Aaron Lucero
Tim Kreger - Absent	Alyssa Curry-Broderick	

Public Comment Period

- Susan Raimondi - 121 Lemoyne - Concerns about parking on East Wheeling and individual retaining wall on N Ave.
- Mary Adkins - 140 Lemoyne - Would like to see more events on the Borough calendar and offered to help with rezoning Lemoyne Avenue.
- Dan Bird - 34 Thayer - Asked for update on trash removal contract.

Motion Kent James, seconded by Tom Marshall to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$14,753.32 from the general fund. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Joe Fulton, seconded by Mike McCormick to approve the March 4th minutes. Kent James abstained. **Motion passed 6-0 with Kent James abstaining.**

Motion Tom Marshall, seconded by Susan Corttrill to approve the March 18th minutes. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Reports:

Aaron - Reported ongoing road patching.

Code Enforcement - Jerry reported 2024 rental applications are going out in batches. Notices are being sent regarding complaints.

Alyssa - Reported we will be receiving the Liquid Fuels deposit in the amount of \$50,665.91 on April 4th.

Discussion on the fee schedule. Motion Kent James, seconded by Doug Corwin that Harshman will replace Code.sys in the schedule. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Discussion of parking ordinance changes. Mike, Doug, Aaron and Kent will review proposed updates. Aaron will check the restrictions on parking with what is actually happening on borough streets.

Discussion about trash contract. Maryann shared the information from the meeting with Renee Shipley and Lori Kolczynski from Republic.

- Our current contract with Republic for trash collection is expiring at the end of 2024.
- In general, we have been very satisfied with Republic's trash collection and regular recycling collection for the borough.
- Hazardous and electronic waste pick-up could be eliminated or done as a bulk event from time to time. They can accommodate us in that regard.
- A major concern that we were unaware of is that although Republic is picking up trash from close to 600 households, they are only getting payment from around 500 households.
 - Options for billing include Republic sends out the bills (current situation), the borough sends out bills and pays Republic one fee (did not work for the Borough in the past) or the borough pays the trash bill through increased tax revenue or a third party collects the payments.
- Renee and Lori reported that the trash industry is moving towards automated pick-up. One employee drives the truck and uses a mechanical arm to pick up and empty standardized trash carts into the truck.
- We discussed the feasibility of automated pick-up on some of our streets. Before submitting a bid, Republic would send out a logistics person to look at our streets and the manual vs automated options for each of them.

Decision to continue the meeting on April 11th, at 7 PM to further discuss the trash bid.

Motion Doug Corwin, seconded by Mike McCormick for a contribution of \$52k for the new leaf machine, if awarded the 902 grant. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Tom Marshall, seconded by Kent James to approve Stan Myers as the Zoning Hearing Board alternate ending December 31st, 2024. **Motion passed unanimously.**

New Business

Discussion on lifting sidewalk moratorium. Will explore further.

Motion Tom Marshall, seconded by Doug Corwin to submit the application to continue our DCED mentorship. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Susan Cottrill, seconded by Kent James to update the Public Works rate for liens as the following:

Public works supervisor's time: \$35/hour

Public works assistant's time: \$22/hour

Use of push mower: \$25/hour

Use of riding mower: \$50/hour
Use of weed whacker: \$20/hour
Use of truck: \$50/hour

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion Mike McCormick, seconded by Doug Corwin to increase the Public Works helper rate to \$15/hour. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Planning commission update from March 27th meeting. Will explore adding fee to Air B&Bs.

Park & Shade update from March 28th meeting.

- ❖ Joe Fulton - Chairman
- ❖ Katie Inler - Vice Chairman
- ❖ Vicky Cumer - Secretary

Motion Joe Futon, seconded by Kent James to approve new park rental fees of \$100 to rent except that residents and non-profits would get a discounted fee of \$75. Also \$20 for electricity and \$50 to use the borough grill. Must bring own propane tank. Borough will clean the grill.

Motion passed unanimously.

Motion Joe Fulton, seconded by Mike McCormick to approve movie license purchase for three movies \$945. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Joe Fulton, seconded by Kent James to accept sound system donation from Katie Imler. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Tom Marshal, seconded by Mike McCormick to go into executive session at 8:56 PM for real estate, litigation and personnel. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Executive session ended at 9:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Curry-Broderick

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Maryann Weinstein	Doug Corwin-Absent	Susan Cottrill
Michael McCormick	Kent James	Arthur J. Fulton
Gerald Coleman - Absent	Aaron Lucero	
Tim Kreger - Absent	Alyssa Curry-Broderick- Absent	

Public Comment Period

- Dan Bird - 34 Thayer - Asked if scope of MS4 project has changed. Storm water concerns.

Approval of Financial Business

Motion Kent James, second by Tom Marshall to approve \$903.30 from Payroll to PMRS for 1st Quarter contributions. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Old Business.

Discussion with Renee Shipley, from Republic Services. She provided responses to the council's inquiries regarding the upcoming waste contract.

- 5-year term with pricing for each year included
- Possibility of automated service and determining who would own the carts at the end of the contract.
- There are currently around 100 addresses being served by a smaller vehicle. That would have to be looked at, as well as determining any streets where street parking could be an issue. Automated service does require there be room between cars/mailboxes/trees/etc.
- How to structure a resident wanting to have a second trash container. The standard size cart is 95-gallon which is large and does hold up to 8 bags. The rate for the second cart will be in the contract.
- Summary billing (the Borough pays the bill) is optimal; if the hauler does the billing, having the ability to stop service at 60 days past due is key.

- Minimum 5 week turnaround from spec release to due date.

Motion Kent James, seconded by Susan Cottrill to go into executive session at 8:23 PM for real estate and personnel reasons. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Out of executive session at 9:23 PM.

Motion Joe Fulton, seconded by Mike McCormick to approve adding the hiring of additional police officers to the agenda due to personnel emergency. **Motion passed unanimously.**

No one from the public was present to comment.

Motion Kent James, seconded by Tom Marshall to approve hiring two police officers, to be determined by the mayor. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Tom Marshall, seconded by Susan Cottrill to adjourn at 9:25 PM. **Motion passed unanimously.**