

East Washington Borough Council Meeting Minutes Monday, July 1st, 2024 7:00 PM

Call to Order

Maryann Weinstein called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Attendance

Attendance as below. All were present unless otherwise noted.

Demond Nixon - <i>Zoom & Present for executive session in person</i>		Tom Marshall
Dennis Makel, Esq. - 7:08	Maryann Weinstein	Doug Corwin
Susan Cottrill	Michael McCormick	Kent James
Aaron Lucero	Arthur J. Fulton	Gerald Coleman - <i>Absent</i>
Tim Kreger	Alyssa Curry-Broderick	

Public Comment Period

- Dan Bird - 34 Thayer - Shared concerns about drainage pipe in his yard; suggested fence over the pipe.
- Mary Atkins - 141 Lemoyne - Shared concerns about storm drain on Lemoyne.
- Nicole Cavoti - 134 Lemoyne - Concerns about limiting rentals on Lemoyne Avenue.

Motion Mike McCormick, seconded by Kent James to approve accounts payable in the amount of \$32,054.69 including ACH payments. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Mike McCormick, seconded by Susan Cottrill to approve the insurance liability payment of \$24,045 for the upcoming year to H.A. Thompson. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Motion Kent James, seconded by Tom Marshall to approve the June 3rd minutes. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Borough Reports:

- Aaron - Reported flashing lights have been installed onto multiple stop signs on South Wade and Wheeling, and lines have been painted on the road.
- Alyssa - Reported the new office computer and laptop are set up and the laptop has a VPN.

Council Member Reports:

- Mike reported on the June Planning Commission meeting. The Borough will not pursue any zoning changes on Lemoyne at this time. The fall round of the *TreePennsylvania* grant will open up soon. Mike will complete the pre application.
- Joe reported the Park & Shade Committee is working on plans for the picnic and starting a memorial bench program that will be announced soon.

Discussion on parking ordinance changes. We will see if a weight study has been done in the past. Aaron, Mike and Alyssa will work on future changes.

Discussion on trash bid parameters. The contract will include all Borough trash being picked up at 655 dwellings, regardless of payment status. There are multiple ways to bill including an independent contractor such as Jordan, the Borough paying up front, or the waste removal company doing the billing. The waste removal company being responsible for their own billing looks like a good option for the Borough at this time.

Discussion on the Thayer Street pipe. The President of H. A. Thompson, B.J. Giangiulio, suggested we get a letter from our engineer with recommendations for the pipe. There are many pipes with the same situation across the state, and we are not under obligation to change it. Mike will research more ideas.

Discussion on Green Light Go grant which would require a match of approximately \$94k. The Borough will not pursue this grant at this time. The police will patrol the intersection more in the future.

Motion Tom Marshall, seconded by Michael McCormick approving Tarbuck milling and paving on East Walnut in the amount of \$10,488.47. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Discussion on communication with contracted Borough professionals by unauthorized parties. Professionals such as the Borough engineer and solicitor should notify the Borough/council before proceeding with outside inquiries. This will be added to the policy manual.

Discussion about the request from The Hutch Pies & Goodies. Based on our current ordinances and regulations, it appears that The Hutch project does not meet the necessary criteria for permitting at this time in a R2A district.

Motion by Doug Corwin seconded by Tom Marshall to remove the handicapped parking sign on the removal of 510 East Chestnut Handicap Parking sign. **Passed unanimously.**

Discussion on annual vs bi-annual rental inspections postponed to next meeting.

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Discussion on inlet replacement on North Wade and storm line replacement at the salt lot. This will cost approximately \$16k per site. Aaron will get more information on costs of labor and materials and present it at the continuation meeting. Need at least 3 bids.

Motion Tom Marshall, seconded by Doug Corwin to go into executive session for personnel and litigation at 8:50 PM.

Executive session ended at 9:40 pm.

Motion to continue on July 15th, at 7 PM by Tom Marshall, seconded by Joe Fulton. **Passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
Alyssa Curry-Broderick