

**East Washington Borough
Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 11th, 2025 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 - <i>Absent</i>	Tom Marshall	Dennis Makel, Esq. - <i>Absent</i>
Maryann Weinstein	Doug Corwin	Kent James - <i>Zoom</i>
Susan Cottrill	Michael McCormick	Gerald Coleman - <i>Absent</i>
Aaron Lucero	Arthur J. Fulton - <i>Absent</i>	Eric Holt - <i>Absent</i>
Alyssa Curry-Broderick - <i>Zoom</i>		

Public Comment Period

- Mary Atkins - 140 Lemoyne Avenue - Sent a response to Makel's letter, requesting a 45 day extension, and read it to council. The interested Lemoyne Ave residents agreed to extend the deadline until April 21st. They are asking for a March 31st hearing date.
- Mumbi Mundia - 375 North Wade Avenue - Asked for monthly crime rate reports. Comments on the new garbage contract. Says she saw trash and recycling go into the same container/truck. Aaron has addressed this with the waste hauler and they do not put recycling material into the regular trash. Maryann said that recycling containers should be marked as recycling to avoid confusion. The borough has recycling stickers for residents to put on their recycling cans if needed. The bill from Big's includes both regular trash and recycling.
- Dawn Petrosky - 86 North Wade Avenue, Apt. #1 - Asked if the waste hauler picks up recycling in blue plastic bags. Maryann said recycling waste is supposed to be loose in a container, not in bags.
- Dan Bird - 34 Thayer Street - Complained about the Christmas tree still being up, suggested we could make it a Valentine's Day tree.

Council discussed additional waste hauling issues, specifically restricting large trucks from traveling on the lower end Bakewell Lane which Big's has agreed to. Additional information above.

Council discussed the 902 grant and leaf truck purchase. The total cost to the Borough after the grant is \$51,451. 9k of the 144k grant is allotted for education. Motion Kent James, seconded by Tom Marshall to authorize Aaron to order the equipment as soon as the state gives the final go ahead. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Council discussed police hiring. Another candidate interview took place today. Candidates recommended for hiring are going through the final background checks.

Discussion on selecting the 2024 auditor. Options include Mark C. Turnley & Associates or Palermo/Kissinger & Associates. Palermo was used through 2022 but was expensive. Turnley was used for 2023 but has not been readily available. Council would like to have quotes from other auditors given the price differential (Turnley \$6,500 and Palermo \$9,400). Maryann will get additional quotes.

Motion to go into executive session at 7:40 PM for personnel.

Out of executive session at 8:27 PM.

Notified Dawn Petrosky at her request that we were out of executive session and waited for her to join the meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 8:30 PM made by Sue Cottrill, seconded by Doug Corwin. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Alyssa Curry-Broderick