

BOROUGH OF WEST EASTON  
COUNCIL MEETING

FEBRUARY 12, 2018

***APPROVED***

The regular monthly meeting of the Council of the Borough of West Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, was called to order at 6:30 pm by Council President Paul James in Council Chambers of the West Easton Municipal Building, 237 Seventh Street, West Easton, Pennsylvania.

Roll was taken and Council President noted there was a quorum. Council President Paul James, Council members Matthew Dees, Robert Lewis, Henry Nodoline, Pete Mammana, Desiree Lake and Jeff Breidinger, Jr were present. Junior Council member, Nathaniel Kober was present. Mayor, Daniel DePaul; Solicitor, Steve Goudsouzian of Goudsouzian & Associates; Borough Manager, Joan Heebner; Borough Senior Clerk, David Gehman; and Borough Maintenance Supervisor, Dane Thatcher were present. Lorraine Chromiak was in attendance as stenographer to record the Conditional Use hearing. Members of the public in attendance: Bill and June Smith, Rick and Robin Repsher, Jeffrey and Lisa Breidinger, Bonnie Mammana, Leon Stull, Keith Ostrander, Bruce Walter, James Jankowich, Patti & Thomas Nodoline, Debbie Osmun, Lynn Saxe, Lucas and Stephanie Micci, Steve Klaver, Drew Zavada, BettyJo Hockman, Ron Clark, Oleh Balazick, Carla Clark, Jacob Fisher Killey and Jerry Heebner.

Council President opened the floor for Public Comment not pertaining to the Conditional Use hearing. There was no public comment.

**Public Comment – None**

Council President then turned the meeting over to Solicitor Goudsouzian to conduct the Conditional Use hearing.

At 8:50 pm, Solicitor Goudsouzian concluded the Conditional Use hearing and Council has 45 days to issue a decision. Council meeting was briefly recessed.

Council meeting was gaveled back into session at 9:00 pm.

Upon motion by Mr. Nodoline, seconded by Mr. Mammana; Council approved check #16326 through #16360 from the General Fund Account.

No discussion. Motion passed 7 - 0.

Upon motion by Mr. Nodoline, seconded by Mr. Dees; Council approved check #2048 from the Sewer Fund Account.

No discussion. Motion passed 7 - 0.

Upon motion by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Mammana; Council approved the Deposit and Receipts for January 2018.

No discussion. Motion passed 7 - 0.

Upon motion by Mr. Dees, seconded by Mr. Breidinger; Council approved the minutes from the January 2, 2018 Council meeting.

No discussion. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Upon motion by Mr. Mammana, seconded by Mr. Nodoline; Council approved the minutes from the January 8, 2018 Council meeting.

No discussion. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Upon motion by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Ms. Lake; Council approved the minutes from the January 22, 2018 Council meeting.

No discussion. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Upon motion by Mr. Nodoline, seconded by Mr. Mammana; Council approved the Treasurer's report for January 2018.

No discussion. Motion passed 7 – 0.

### **Engineer's Report – None**

### **Mayor's Report –**

Mayor DePaul visited the West Easton Treatment Center. The Mayor stated there is a lot of turnover as far as employees at the treatment center. Mayor DePaul referred to a letter from Jack Geiger and he stated that the letter would be forwarded to the treatment center.

Mayor DePaul stated that a quote was received from Long Fence Co. to replace the guardrail along East and Third Streets. The quote was for \$5,700.00 to replace 125 feet with good condition used guardrail.

Finally, Mayor DePaul introduced Jake Killey. Mr. Killey is the person that Mayor DePaul would like to hire to do the work at the Police Department. Jake stated that he has 15 years contracting experience. He did have his own liability insurance but no longer has it. Mr. Killey stated that he has been doing work for other contractors.

Ms. Lake asked Mr. Killey if he could develop a scope of work to be done and bring it to a Council meeting so that it can be voted on.

Councilman Dees asked about Mr. Mahady being the Borough's Police Consultant. Mayor DePaul stated that Mr. Mahady has never signed the agreement with the Borough to be hired as the Police Consultant.

### **Solicitor's report – None**

### **Office Report –**

Borough Manager, Ms. Heebner had two travel requests that needed to be approved.

Upon motion by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Breidinger; Council approved Pete Mammana, Paul James and Nathaniel Kober to attend the Boot Camp for Newly Elected Council members in Horsham, PA on March 2-3, 2018.

No discussion. Motion passed 7 – 0.

Upon motion by Mr. Dees, seconded by Mr. Lewis; Council approved to pay travel expenses for Paul James and Pete Mammana to attend the PSAB Boot Camp on March 2-3, 2018 in Horsham, PA.

Mr. Lewis commented that the cost of the Seminar/Training was not indicated on the Travel Request. Mr. Gehman stated that the Travel Request form was only travel expenses and not the cost of the event that is being attended.

### **President's Report –**

Council President James deferred his report due to the lateness of the hour.

### **Policies – None**

### **Resolutions – None**

### **Ordinance – None**

### **Round Table –**

Councilman Dees informed Council that Becky Bartlett, Deputy Director of Administration, has offered a tour of the West Easton Treatment Center to anyone who is interested.

### **Committee Reports –**

Finance Committee – Committee chairman, Mr. Lewis did not schedule a meeting for the Finance Committee.

Upon motion by Ms. Lake, seconded by Mr. Lewis; Council approved to close the budget.

Motion was tabled until after the Executive Session.

Highway/Property Committee –

Upon motion by Mr. Lewis, seconded by Mr. Breidinger; Council approved to replace the roof of the municipal building by obtaining three quotes.

No discussion. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Upon motion by Mr. Nodoline, seconded by Mr. Mammana; Council approved to install an automatic stand-by generator at the municipal building by obtaining three quotes.

No discussion. Motion carried 7 – 0.

Public Safety/Personnel Committee – Committee chairwoman, Desiree Lake stated that the committee has met and reviewed the history of the committee and plans for the future.

Legal/Newsletter/Computer Committee – Council President James stated the Legal/Newsletter/Computer Committee would not schedule a meeting.

Mayor DePaul asked the Legal Committee for assistance with the mitigation questionnaire from the Lehigh Valley Planning Commission. The committee agreed to meet on Tuesday, February 13 at 5:00 pm.

Utilities Committee – Committee chairman, Pete Mammana, scheduled a meeting for the committee for Friday, February 16 at 5:00 pm. Mr. Mammana stated that the committee reviewed Sewer rate fees. Council President James recommended that the Committee talk to an Engineer from the Easton Area Joint Sewer Authority.

Mayor DePaul asked Council for an update to the meters being installed at Delta Wash.

Recreation – Committee chairman. Jeff Breidinger, scheduled a Recreation Committee meeting for Thursday, February 22 at 12:00 pm and/or Friday, February 23 at 12:00 pm.

Grants Committee – None

**Old Business –**

The vote was taken on the motion to close the 2018 budget.

No additional discussion. Motion passed 7 – 0.

**New Business – None**

**Additional Public Comment – None**

Councilman Henry Nodoline left at 9:45 pm

Borough Manager, Joan Heebner and Borough Senior Clerk, David Gehman left at 9:50 pm

**Entered Executive Session – 9:50 pm**

**Exited Executive Session – 10:09 pm**

Items discussed in Executive Session were personnel matters and litigation

Chairwoman, Ms. Lake announced a Personnel committee meeting for Tuesday, February 13 at 5:30 pm.

Upon motion by Mr. Lewis; seconded by Mr. Breidinger; Council voted to adjourn meeting.

Motion passed 6 – 0.

Meeting adjourned at 10:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted by:

David W. Gehman, Borough Senior Clerk