

BOROUGH OF WEST EASTON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 24, 2020

APPROVED

The regular monthly meeting of the Council of the Borough of West Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, was called to order at 6:30pm using Zoom videoconferencing, due to the COVID-19 pandemic emergency.

Roll was taken; Council President, Matthew Dees noted there was a quorum. Council members – Paul James, Pete Mammana, David Bolash, Janie Jones Brown and Ken Decker, Jr. were present. Council member, Ron Nixon was absent. Mayor Daniel DePaul; Solicitor, Steve Goudsouzian of Goudsouzian & Associates; Borough Manager, Joan Heebner and West Easton Borough Police Chief, Robert Mahady were present. Members of the public in attendance: None.

Mr. Mammana made a motion; seconded by Mr. James, to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2020, Council meeting. Discussion was had: Mayor DePaul wanted his comments about the swings and basketball court clarified. Mr. James made a motion to make changes to the minutes; seconded by Mr. Mammana. Motion passed 6-0.

Public Comment (Agenda Items) – None

Engineer Report – Motion was made by Mr. James; seconded by Mr. Mammana to advertise Phase 2 of the pole building per plans submitted by Barry Isett & Associates. No discussion. Motion passed 6-0.

Office Report – None

Sewer Report – None

Policies, Resolutions and Ordinances - None

Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Goudsouzian stated he had an item for Unfinished Business.

President's Report – Mr. Dees stated that he is adding Mr. Decker, Jr. to the Parks and Recreation Committee since they are having trouble making a quorum for meetings.

Mayor's Report - Mayor DePaul asked Mr. James to check with the EAJSA on the 5th and Iron Streets sewer meter to be sure it is measuring all the discharge water from Wilson. He asked that Dane gather up whatever tires may be discarded in the Borough in case the tire guy from Glendon is not in business much longer. Mayor DePaul asked which corner the UGI station was to be built on; he thought it was supposed to be built on a different corner, across the street. Ms.

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Heebner and Mr. Dees both stated they believed it was being built on the correct corner but said they would get the map to him so he could look at it again.

Round Table – None

Committee Reports

Business and Finance Committee – Meeting was set for September 8th, 6pm.

Property and Roads Committee – None

Public Safety and Personnel Committee – Committee went over ordinances and fines needed for the Police Department.

Legal and Technology Committee – Zoom meeting previously set for August 25th, 6:30pm.

Utilities and Fire – None

Parks and Recreation Committee – Ms. Jones Brown made a motion; seconded by Mr. James, to reinstall all the swings at both parks keeping in mind social distancing with signs, once playground mulch is down. Discussion was had. Motion carried 5-1 with Mr. Dees being the dissenting vote due to all the swings being up and not just some, to allow for social distancing.

Ms. Jones Brown made a motion; seconded by Mr. Mammana, to reinstall the basketball hoops at Gross Park with signs for wearing masks and social distancing. Discussion was had. Motion carried 5-1 with Mr. Dees being the dissenting vote due to the nature of the sport of basketball does not allow for social distancing.

Grants and Public Relations Committee – None

Unfinished Business – Solicitor Goudsouzian explained that the proper way for the Borough to request an extension, based on our contract, was to send a letter to Advanced Disposal. Mr. Mammana made a motion; seconded by Ms. Jones Brown, to send a letter to Advanced Disposal to extend our contract, for one year, at the same price. No discussion. Motion passed 6-0.

New Business – None

Public Comment (Open) – None

Executive Session - None

Upon motion by Mr. James, seconded by Mr. Mammana, no discussion, Council voted to adjourn the meeting by a vote of 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Joan Heebner, Secretary/Manager

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