

**BOROUGH OF WEST EASTON  
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**October 10, 2022**

***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; Council President Paul James noted there was a quorum. Council members – Janie Jones Brown, Matthew Dees, Pete Mammana, David Bolash, and Robert Adams were present. Council member Kenny Decker, Jr. was absent. Mayor Daniel DePaul, Solicitor Steven Goudsouzian, Borough Manager Joan Heebner, and Police Chief Robert Mahady were present. Members of the public in attendance: Trude Hargraves, Bill and June Smith, Robin Strawn, Jim Jankowich, Sharon Paige-Lisenbe, and Leon Stull.

-Upon motion by Mr. Dees, seconded by Ms. Jones Brown; Council approved expenditures as presented. No discussion. Motion passed 6-0.

-Upon motion by Mr. Mammana, seconded by Ms. Jones Brown; Council approved the Deposits and Receipts from September 2022. No discussion. Motion passed 6-0.

-Upon motion by Ms. Jones Brown, seconded by Mr. Adams; Council approved the minutes from the September 26, 2022, Council Meeting. No discussion. Motion passed 6-0.

-Upon motion by Mr. Mammana, seconded by Mr. Bolash; Council approved the Treasurer's Report for September 2022. No discussion. Motion passed 6-0.

**Public Comment (Agenda Items)** – None

**Engineer's Report** – None

**Office Report** – Mr. Dees made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bolash, to transfer \$25,000 from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund, as approved in the 2022 budget. No discussion. Motion passed 6-0.

Ms. Heebner informed everyone that Northampton County had recognized June and Bill Smith as valuable West Easton volunteers, Dane Thatcher as a valuable employee, and Matthew Dees as a valuable veteran in a ceremony on October 8, 2022.

**Sewer Report** – None

**Solicitor's Report** – Executive Session

**President's Report** – Mr. James mentioned that it had recently been Fire Prevention Week. He reminded everyone to take care of their homes; he said to have K class fire extinguisher on hand for kitchen fires; do not throw water on a grease fire, use a smothering agent instead. He reminded everyone that November 8<sup>th</sup> was the general election.

**Police Chief's Report** – Chief Mahady would like to firm up the burning ordinance to make it more clear what can and cannot be done. He asked about getting "No Trucks" signs off of Freemansburg Avenue onto some of the borough streets. Trucks coming down some of the streets are chewing up the

curbs. He said we do not need PennDOT's permission to put up the signs. He has been very happy with the hours the part-time police are working.

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor DePaul stated that cooking on a fire is different than burning trash. A discussion on what can and should be burned was had. He met with Fire Chief William Bogari, Jr., to discuss the Halloween parade, along with police chief Mahady.

**Round Table** – Ms. Jones Brown reminded people to check out the Mary Meuser Memorial Library; new raffle baskets are now available. She brought in guidebooks to share with residents from Nature Nurture.

### **Committee Reports**

**Business and Finance Committee** – Meetings were set for September 22<sup>nd</sup> and October 5<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**Property and Roads Committee** – Mr. Adams reported on straps missing from telephone poles.

**Public Safety and Personnel Committee** – Mr. Dees set an executive session personnel meeting for October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**Legal and Technology Committee** – None

**Utilities and Fire Committee** – A meeting was set for October 27<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**Parks and Recreation Committee** – An event to plant bulbs around the borough is being planned.

**Grants and Public Relations Committee** – None

**Unfinished Business** – None

**New Business** – Mr. Dees made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones Brown, to pay B Q Basement & Concrete \$4150.56 to perform the leveling of borough sidewalks. Some discussion was had. Motion passed 6-0.

**Public Comment (Open)** – Sharon Paige-Lisenbe asked about dumping along Glendon Hill Road, how to get Lehigh Drive rezoned from Light Industrial to Residential, and speeding on Lehigh Drive, she would like to have bike access.

Leon Stull said the same company leveled out some of his sidewalks and he was very happy with their work. Mr. Adams added that PennDOT determines the speed limit on Lehigh Drive.

**Executive Session** – 7:34pm – 7:45pm. Council discussed potential litigation; no formal action was taken. Ms. Jones Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. James, to allow the solicitor to respond to a resident with regard to notification of water shut-off. No discussion. Motion passed 6-0.

Upon motion by Mr. Dees, seconded by Ms. Jones Brown, no discussion, Council voted to adjourn the meeting by a vote of 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Joan Heebner, Secretary/Manager