

# **BOROUGH OF WEST EASTON COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**September 12, 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 – Matthew Dees, Pete Mammana, David Bolash, and Robert Adams were present. Council members Kenny Decker, Jr, and Janie Jones Brown were absent. Ms. Jones Brown had a Back-to-School event to attend. Mayor Daniel DePaul, Solicitor Brian Panella, 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 and Leon Stull.

-Upon motion by Mr. Dees, seconded by Mr. Adams; Council approved expenditures as presented. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0.

-Upon motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Mammana; Council approved the Deposits and Receipts from August 2022. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0.

-Upon motion by Mr. Bolash, seconded by Mr. Adams; Council approved the minutes from the August 22, 2022, Council Meeting. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0.

-Upon motion by Mr. Mammana, seconded by Mr. Dees; Council approved the Treasurer's Report for August 2022. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0.

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

**Engineer's Report** – None

**Office Report** – Ms. Heebner reported that the band director at Wilson Area High School let the office know they will not be able to attend the Halloween Parade this year. She also reminded Council that the ad for the Recycle/Trash bids will start in tomorrow's newspaper.

**Sewer Report** – None

**Ordinances, Resolutions** - None

**Solicitor's Report** – None

**President's Report** – Mr. James reminded everyone that the leaves will be falling soon. He asked Council if they had the new communication and committee lists. He said if anyone is not happy with their roles to reach out to him.

**Police Chief's Report** – Chief Mahady said he had received information on a grant, but didn't think the Borough would qualify for it

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor DePaul mentioned a few complaints that he has received from residents involving grass and clutter. He would like letters to be sent out to people with bad sidewalks.

**Round Table** – Mr. Dees suggested that we have Public Works look into patching the Borough sidewalks along Keystone Avenue by the park. It was decided that he will talk to Mr. Thatcher.

### **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** – Meeting was set for September 20<sup>th</sup> at 5pm.

**Public Safety and Personnel Committee** – Mr. Dees said that it's time to address a few sections of sidewalk needing patching along the park. Chief Mahady stated he would like some curbs painted with yellow paint.

**Legal and Technology Committee** – None

**Utilities and Fire Committee** – Mr. James said the committee met with Chief Bogari and the committee continues to discuss sewer rates. Meeting set for September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**Parks and Recreation Committee** – None

**Grants and Public Relations Committee** – None

**Unfinished Business** – None

**New Business** – None

**Public Comment (Open)** – Leon Stull asked about turning the storage garage by the park back into a pavilion. Mr. Dees said that was what Council was hoping to do in the near future; he hopes to get a grant to cover the cost of the conversion. Bill Smith asked about burning behind 79 Main Street. Jim Jankowich asked about the conditions of sidewalks vs walking in the street of homes without sidewalks.

**Executive Session** – None

Upon motion by Mr. Mammana, seconded by Mr. Dees, no discussion, Council voted to adjourn the meeting by a vote of 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:13pm.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Joan Heebner, Secretary/Manager