

**Evans City Borough Council Minutes  
December 6, 2021**

**I. Call to Order/Pledge**

Ms. Deener-Kohan called the meeting to order at 7:00pm with the pledge of allegiance.

**II. Roll call**

Council Members Present:

Cheri Deener-Kohan

Brad Rubinosky

Rob Reppert

Dean Zinkhann, Mayor

Present via video call:

Diana Zoelle

Patty Tumminello-Murphy

Others Present:

Elizabeth Crowley, Secretary

Jason Saver, Code Enforcement Officer

Bonnie Brimmeier, Solicitor

**III. Public Comment**

Rick Reifenstein of 346 W. Main Street lodged a formal complaint of the maintenance at the old trolley building. Jason Sarver has received a call about the property and has filed a notice of violation with the property owner.

**IV. Consent Agenda**

Rob Reppert motioned to approve the minutes of the November 2021 meetings and the financial report. Second by Brad Rubinosky. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.

Rob Reppert motioned to amend the agenda to include discussion of the Rental Inspection Ordinance, second by Brad Rubinosky. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.

**V. Discussion**

a. Salt Shed Replacement

*Nothing new to report.*

b. STMP Grant

*Documents have been submitted to Grass Root Solutions.*

c. On-Street Parking

*The Public Works department has been talking with Chief McCombs to finalize wording.*

d. Meeting with CSX

*A meeting was held on Thurs, Dec 2 to discuss the 2015 agreement. Cheri Deener advised that the agreement should be reviewed annually. Next meeting will be held in February for cost discussions. Railroad will do maintenance in the spring.*

e. PMRS

*Nothing new to report.*

f. Occupancy Permit/Garbage Contract

*Beginning with rental inspection ordinance*

g. Emergency notification system quotes

*Savvy Citizen and Civic Plus quotes were received.*

**VI. Official Actions**

a. Motion to Consider Adoption of 2022 Budget

- Rob Reppert motioned to adopt the 2022 Budget, second by Brad Rubinosky. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.*
- b. Motion to consider Resolution 8-2021 for the 2022 Tax Rate without change from last year.  
*Brad Rubinosky motioned to approve, second by Rob Reppert. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.*
- c. Motion to consider 2022 Maintenance Contract from Bruce & Merrilees for Traffic Signals.  
*Tabled until received.*
- d. Motion to advertise meeting calendar for 2022  
*Brad Rubinosky motioned to approve, second by Rob Reppert. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.*
- e. Motion to consider Pedestrian signal quote from Bruce & Merrilees.  
*Tabled until received.*
- f. Motion to consider advertisement of Ordinance #574 for Police Pension  
*Motion to approve made by Rob Reppert, second by Patty Tumminello-Murphy. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.*
- g. Motion to adopt Resolution 9-2021 for the zoning hearing board  
*Tabled until received.*
- h. Motion to consider declaring state of emergency due to new Covid Variant to allow meetings to be held virtually as an option.  
*Motion made by Rob Reppert, second by Brad Rubinosky. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.*
- i. Motion to consider moving money to Saving Account leaving \$250,000 in checking for the start of the year.  
*Motion to approve made by Patty Tumminello-Murphy, second by Brad Rubinosky. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.*
- j. Motion to consider advertisement of Rental Inspection Ordinance.  
*Bonnie will revise to include inspection costs and fines. Motion made by Rob Reppert, second by Brad Rubinosky. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.*

## **VII. Reports:**

- a. Code Enforcement:  
*Jason Sarver submitted a report which is on file. A court date is scheduled next week for 133 Main St.*
- b. Human Resources:  
*Having difficulties finding a part-time laborer candidate.*
- c. Streets/Public Works:  
*Report on file. Residents have been complaining about leaves. Discussion regarding having residents bag leaves after pick-up has ended.*
- d. Mayor:
  - *Connoquenessing Creek has been nominated for Creek of the Year*
  - *Electric has been installed on poles for Christmas decorations and he's working on having Christmas music on Main St. after installing a new soundboard.*
  - *Christmas wreaths will have LED lights next year.*
  - *Meter covers are on*

- Working on placing a new bench at NexTier bank honoring service men and women.
  - Has been told of an issue with people tripping and falling due to the uneven bricks on the sidewalks on Main St. Would like to see about getting a loan to repair/replace bricks.
  - Police report showed 75 calls in Evans City in November and 63 in October.
  - EDCO is working with a company for a grant for motion activated lights and to lock the breaker box as well as new lights and an outlet by the community sign.
  - Paintings by Rita Schoeffel are on display in the Community Room. Labels will be added at a later date.
- e. Solicitor:  
*Nothing new to report.*
- f. President:
- Spoke with Fire Dept re: a visual on houses to help with special needs. Found the info is given over 911.
  - A list of accomplishments for 2021 will be read at next month's meeting
  - Spoke with Public Works Crew re: replacing signs on streets.
  - A storm sewer was run over and crushed at Wahl and Jackson. Chief McCombs is looking at video.
  - Next month is reorganization and is asking council members to contemplate committee involvement.
- g. Secretary:  
*Would like to move money to savings at the end of the year. Motion recorded above.*

### **VIII. New Business**

- a. Library- a new librarian has been hired part-time. Discussion of whether the borough may help with payroll and benefits. Beth will contact the auditor.
- b. Dam Repairs were discussed.
- c. Tax Collector – discussed raising the wage to a flat 5%. Bonnie will research if it is ok to do so.
- d. Rental Inspection Ordinance discussed. Jason will set up an application. Motion to advertise recorded above.

### **IX. Executive Session**

Rob Reppert motioned to adjourn to Executive session with no business to follow at 8:30pm, second by Brad Rubinosky. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.

### **X. Adjournment**

With no business to follow Executive session, the meeting was adjourned.

Elizabeth Crowley  
Secretary-Treasurer