

Evans City Borough Council Minutes
February 1, 2021

I. Call to Order/Pledge

Cheri Deener-Kohan called the meeting to order at 7:05pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Roll call

Council Members Present:	Others Present:
Cheri Deener-Kohan	Elizabeth Crowley, Secretary
Norman Nelson	Bonnie Brimmeier, Solicitor
Rob Reppert	
Brad Rubinosky	
Diana Zoelle	
Dean Zinkhann, Mayor	

III. Public Comment

None offered.

IV. Discussion Items

- a. Executive sessions were held for personnel reasons on January 6, 22, 25, and 28th.
- b. Revitalization update. Survey is available to be taken by residents and visitors. The public input meeting is tentatively scheduled for February 16, via Zoom.us.

V. Official Actions

- a. Approval of Minutes motioned by Mr. Nelson, second by Ms. Zoelle. Vote: 5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.
- b. Payment of the expenses motioned by Mr. Nelson, second by Mr. Reppert. Vote: 5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.
- c. Motion to appoint Bonnie Brimmeier as Solicitor for Evans City Borough made by Ms. Zoelle, second by Norm Nelson. Roll call vote listed as follows: Ms. Deener – yes, Ms. Zoelle – yes, Mr. Rubinosky – yes, Mr. Nelson – yes, Mr. Reppert – yes. Motion carried.
- d. Bidding out the 2009 GMC Dump Truck has been tabled until March due to the need to repair equipment.
- e. Employee Health insurance has been tabled.
- f. Resolution for 2021 Local Park Renovation Grant motioned by Mr. Rubinosky, second by Ms. Zoelle. Grant monies will be used to repair and upgrade light fixtures and add security cameras and replace picnic table bases. Vote: 5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.
- g. Motion to approve the transfer of 2nd round of CARES Act money to from checking to savings made by Mr. Nelson, second by Ms. Zoelle. Vote 5 yes, 0 no. Motion carried.

VI. Reports:

- a. Mayor: Christmas decorations have been taken down and safely stored for next year. The public works employees will take down wreaths once the weather clears. Currently looking for accessible storage options for all holiday decorations.
- b. Solicitor: Nothing to report. Ms. Brimmeier thanked the council for the appointment.
- c. President: Police Department is hiring 2 new part-time officers and have purchased a new car. Ms. Deener also shared a list of borough accomplishments over the course of last year.
- d. Committees:
 - i. Streets: Mr. Nelson spoke with Cranberry Township and Harmony Borough to see if they are interested in the water and sewer fittings that are currently held

at the water plant. They were previously not needed by the ECWSA. Neither municipality seemed interested. He would like to put the parts out for bids. Issue will be brought to the Feb. agenda setting meeting. He also brought concerns that there is no Public Works Supervisor and he is being overly relied upon to take care of issues that arise. This will be discussed during executive session.

- ii. Library: The library is currently operating under curbside pick-up only, will have hotspots available to those who need them, story time for kids will be starting, as well as crafts for senior citizens.
- iii. Stormwater: HRG has supported a report of critical stormwater spots within the borough.
- iv. Revitalization: Ms. Zoelle has done more research on the historical ownership of the Evans City School. Current legislation usually favors the municipality in retaining ownership of schools once deserted by the district, but the property may be limited to public services. She suggests that she go to a meeting with Community Development, Ben Levenger, and our new solicitor to discuss beginning the process.
- e. Secretary: 2020 audit has begun. Still waiting on the 2019 auditor report letter. The election board letter has been received to announce ballot openings for the 2021 election.

VII. New/Unfinished Business

VIII. Executive Session

Council entered Executive session for personnel discussion at 8:15pm and returned to Regular Session at 8:46pm.

IX. Adjournment

At 8:47pm, the meeting has been recessed until February 18.

Submitted by

Elizabeth Crowley
Secretary-Treasurer