

Evans City Borough Council Meeting
Monday, February 3, 2020

Council Members in Attendance: President Cheri Deener, Norm Nelson, Faye Parenti, Brad Rubinosky, Diana Zoelle.
Others in Attendance: Neva Stotler, Solicitor; Shelly Natili, EDCO Park; Rick Reitenstein; Joe Sullivan
Excused: Mayor Dean Zinkhann.

Meeting called to order by Councilwoman Deener at 7:00pm.

Public Comment:

- Ms. Natili spoke concerning the sign at EDCO Park. The Lions Club would like to provide funding to make changes to the sign, which is Borough property, including updating to make it fully electronic with full color. They would like to keep the existing frame. Councilwoman Deener expressed concerns regarding the changes. Kevin Harancher will have to check to make sure permit requirements are met. There is also no electricity to the sign currently. The council will wait until after the planning commission discusses and approves to make a decision.
- Mr. Reitenstein led the attendees in a rendition of Happy Birthday for Cheri Deener.
- Mr. Sullivan brought concerns regarding Crestwood Dr. The left side of the road is developing potholes and would like the borough to fill them with limestone. He estimates it would take about 5 tons. Nelson responded that he would visit along with the Street employees the following day.

Discussion: Parenti expressed concerns regarding the vote for reinstating the local 538 union. Both she and Zoelle were silent during the vote, which was recorded as a unanimous vote in favor of the reinstatement. Their silence was meant either to abstain from voting or as an opposed vote; they were unsure of the proper procedure. The motion will need to be remade at a later meeting due to the procedural error as per the solicitor.

EDCO Park:

2020 County Grants are available for a maximum of \$10,000 with a 75/25 match requirement. The Park Board would like to add a water feature to the pool, as well as paint. The grant has been written; the borough would be responsible for a maximum of \$2500 for the match. The deadline will be February 27, 2020. Motion by Deener to accept the application of the grant, second by Nelson.

Water and Sewer:

Authority will be sending the Borough a letter to share storage and cost of gravel. Authority is working on a Pennvest loan for new hydrants and valves and water line. Support from the borough will be helpful in obtaining grants.

Solicitor Report:

In order to save the borough on cost, Ms. Stotler will start billing the borough at an hourly rate of \$175 with a not to exceed clause of \$2800/mo.

HRG:

- Zoelle reported regarding the municipal co-op. 8 municipalities from the area will form the co-op, sharing costs. HRG will put together a list of trouble spots of flooding, as well as a plan to combat those issues. Engineers from the firm will be in attendance at the next open meeting to answer questions.
- There are weight concerns across the bridge on Harrison St. HRG quoted inspection rates will be between \$15,000 and \$18,000. Nelson will check with other engineering firms on pricing.

Emergency Management Coordinator:

Zoelle reported that the EMC would like to know if they may borrow borough's generator(s) during emergency situations. They are also asking for local businesses and organizations to list resources that they would be willing to share with EMS in case of emergencies.

Filing system:

Zoelle and Parenti have been in contact with the company who can restructure the filing system for us. A new secretary may have insight to the new system as well. Nothing will be finalized until a permanent secretary is in place.

President's Report:

- Deener reported regarding the ribbon cutting ceremony for new community room Thursday, February 6 at 6:30pm. The library and the museum will be open during that time.
- Falcon ER vs. Med Express for Drug and Alcohol testing needs to be discussed at a later date.
- A group called the Seneca Condors is looking to do community service this spring for Evans City. Will look at putting up a suggestion box for community service ideas.
- Would like the recycling bulletin put on the website.
- Census is coming up; Deener stated how important it is to funding for everyone to be cooperative.
- Agenda Preparation Meetings will be held forthwith on a monthly basis to discuss topics for the next regular meetings. They will be open to the public, but not to make any decisions. Dates and times to be announced.

Motions:

- Motion to accept minutes as corrected by Zoelle, second by Rubinosky. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion to approve the payment of the bills as presented made by Nelson, second by Zoelle. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion made by Parenti to pay the late bills, second by Rubinosky. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion by Deener to accept the application of the County grant for EDCO Park, second by Nelson. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion to pass Resolution 01-2020 for the County grant for EDCO Park made by Rubinosky, second by Zoelle. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion to pass Resolution 02-2020 which would assign the office of Treasurer to Deener, and office of Secretary to Nelson made by Zoelle, second by Deener. Motion carried unanimously.
- Motion to adjourn to executive session with no business to follow made at 8:34pm by Parenti, second by Zoelle. Motion carried unanimously.

Minutes Submitted by:

Norman Nelson