

Evans City Borough Council Minutes
July 6, 2020

Council Members Present:

Cheri Deener-Kohan
Norman Nelson
Brad Rubinosky
Diana Zoelle
Dean Zinkhann, Mayor

Others Present:

Elizabeth Crowley, Secretary
Neva Stotler, Solicitor
Ben Gilberti, HRG

Council President Deener-Kohan called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM with the pledge of allegiance.

Public Comment:

- Rob Reppert commended the streets workers on their hard work throughout town that he sees as he rides his bike every morning.
- Faye Parenti spoke on reasons against hiring a third Public Works employee. According to her handout to all in attendance, the current employees are paid more and have less responsibilities than neighboring municipalities. She feels that an additional employee would be a misuse of borough funds.

Discussion Items:

- Ms. Deener-Kohan brought up the importance of having an Ordinance vs. a Resolution for Disaster Emergencies due to the pandemic and disease issues. Ms. Stotler thinks that these things will impact meetings and gatherings of public spaces and the borough needs a long-term solution where an ordinance would be helpful.

Official Actions:

- Mr. Nelson motioned to approve the minutes of the June 1 meeting and June 18 agenda setting meeting. Second by Ms. Zoelle. Vote 4 yes, 0 no. Motion passed.
- Mr. Rubinosky motioned to approve the payment of expenses. Second by Mr. Nelson. Vote 4 yes, 0 no. Motion passed.
- Ms. Zoelle motioned to accept the resignation of Faye Parenti from Evans City Borough Council. Second by Mr. Nelson. Vote 4 yes, 0 no. Motion passed.
- Mr. Rubinosky motioned to announce the vacancy of the council position at the borough office and on the website. Second by Mr. Nelson. Vote 4 yes, 0 no. Motion passed.
- Paving bids were opened and were read as follows:
 - Weist Asphalt Products & Paving: \$60,625.20
 - A. Folino Construction: \$85,110.20
 - Shields Asphalt Paving: \$59,800.00
 - Voelker Paving: \$69,999.80Mr. Nelson motioned to award the bid to Shields Paving, subject to verification of contract and calculations. Second by Ms. Zoelle. Vote 4 yes, 0 no. Motion passed.
- Ms. Zoelle motioned to pass Ordinance #570 authorizing the borough to join PLGIT. Second by Mr. Rubinosky. A roll call vote was called with the results as follows: Cheri Deener-Kohan – Yes; Brad Rubinosky – Yes; Norm Nelson – Yes; Diana Zoelle – Yes. Motion passed.
- Ms. Zoelle motioned to switch the phone system to Full Service Network. Second by Mr. Nelson. Vote 4 yes, 0 no. Motion passed.

- Mr. Rubinosky motioned to accept the union as the representative of the streets employees, and to reinstate the contract between the Borough and the union through the end of the contract term, December 31, 2020, and to approve the wage increases and benefits provided to the streets employees pursuant to the contract retroactive to January 1, 2020. Second by Mr. Nelson. Vote 4 yes, 0 no. Motion passed.
- Ms. Zoelle motioned to advertise to hire a part-time Public Works position. Second by Mr. Nelson. The position will be for no more than 30 hours a week at \$15/hr. Vote 4 yes, 0 no. Motion passed.

President's Report:

Ms. Deener-Kohan thanked the Lion's Club for the Fireworks display on Friday, July 3. There will be volunteers from Victory Family Church working on painting curbs and pulling weeds from Main St. on July 11. Also, the Oktoberfest has been cancelled for this year.

Engineer's Report:

Mr. Gilberti reported on the stormwater issues within the borough. He would like to try to camera the storm drains to see where the issues lie. Mr. Nelson is concerned about the cost of that. Mr. Gilberti spoke on planning and creating a capital improvement plan that may include outside the borough lines. Ms. Stotler will work with Mr. Gilberti to straighten out contract and billing.

Solicitor's Report:

Ms. Stotler requested that the council consider enacting an ordinance for declarations of emergency. She also reported that the union contract is ready to be renegotiated.

Mayor's Report:

Mr. Zinkhann reported that electric work is being done on the poles in town for holiday decorations. The Lion's Club has funds available for decorations.

Committee Reports:

HR: Mr. Rubinosky will be doing reviews soon.

Finances: Ms. Crowley reported that Act 13 funds for \$10,138.07 have been received and will be shown on the next month's financial report.

Streets: Report is on file. The PennDOT winter Maintenance agreement needs to be updated.

Mr. Rubinosky motioned to adjourn at 8:54pm, second by Mr. Nelson. Motion passed.

Elizabeth Crowley
Secretary/Treasurer