

Evans City Borough Council Minutes
October 4, 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
Patty Tumminello-Murphy

Rob Reppert
Brad Rubinosky

Diana Zoelle

Dean Zinkhann, Mayor

Others Present:

Elizabeth Crowley, Secretary

III. Public Comment

Pam Greenawalt who owns P&B Sweets and Eats on Main St. had submitted public comment via phone before the meeting. She wondered if the engineering firm who inspected Harrison St. bridge would consider either placing steel down on top to reinforce weight or allowing a temporary reprieve of the weight limit of the bridge for parade purposes.

Rick Reifenstein of 346 W. Main St. reported that due to projects requiring repaving of Main St, it has caused the street to be higher than the sidewalk and stormwater is not flowing as it should into the storm drain.

Shelley Natali, who did not disclose her address, brought the issue of the Halloween Parade to council. She could not find the Event Permit on the borough website and was not aware that one needed to be submitted. She stated that she spoke with Chief McCombs for the closing and traffic control of Main St.

IV. Consent Agenda

Brad Rubinosky motioned to approve the minutes of the September 2021 meetings and the financial report. Second by Patty Tumminello-Murphy. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.

V. Discussion

a. Salt Shed Replacement

Placement of the building has been decided and a cement floor will need to be poured. Dimensions are still being decided on.

b. STMP Grant

Debby Grass has been unavailable due to a medical emergency. She should be available towards the end of the month via a Zoom meeting. Council agreed that if she and Michael from DCED are available, the best date would be after the Agenda Setting Meeting.

c. Santa Caravan

Surrounding communities are planning another caravan for Santa to ride around the streets. We can get on the list if the borough wants to participate.

d. On-Street Parking

Once meters are removed, the poles will remain to allow for flags and other decorations. Current ordinances must be reviewed for parking rules before new rules may be added.

e. Christmas Decorating

The Lion's Club will be hanging wreaths and lights after Thanksgiving. Mayor Zinkhann asked council if the Public Works Crew could set up the Christmas tree from Dambaugh's.

VI. Official Actions

a. Motion to Consider Bids for Garage Heater

Bids were received by Braund Climate Control in the amount of \$3650.00 and Kohl Heating Services for \$3862.00 plus \$495 if the use of a lift is needed. Brad Rubinosky motioned to award the bid to Braund Climate Control contingent on whether the cost of a lift and warranty are included, second by Rob Reppert. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.

b. Motion to Consider Approving Halloween Parade on October 28th at 6:30

Motion to approve made by Patty Tumminello-Murphy, second by Brad Rubinosky. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.

c. Motion after Executive Session to require all employees to submit a negative Covid test in order to return to work after exhibiting symptoms of Covid or calling in sick for any reason.

Motion to approve by Brad Rubinosky, second by Diana Zoelle. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.

VII. Reports:

a. Code Enforcement:

Jason Sarver submitted a report which is on file.

b. Finance:

The budget was reviewed and will be open for discussion until the November meeting.

c. Human Resources:

Emergency Contact forms have been reviewed for employees and council to submit for filing. Will move to executive session at the end of the meeting.

d. Streets/Public Works:

Marking Tape for parking is scheduled to be delivered Wednesday.

e. Mayor:

Requested an update on the CSX issue. Nothing new has been received in the office. He also reported on a police man-power shortage. They are looking to increase starting wages.

f. President:

- *Library: There is a planning survey online that is open for anyone to complete. The librarian has resigned and they are looking for a replacement. The Keystone grant application has begun.*
- *During the County Municipal Outreach Meeting the commissioners reported that the hospital had 45 Covid patients at its peak. The Delta Variant has a 98% distribution rate. The hospital is short staffed.*
- *There is also a bus driver shortage.*

g. Secretary:

Report on file.

VIII. New Business

- a. Cheri Deener sent a letter to the Elementary School's Art Teacher to help with crosswalk painting.
- b. Patty Tumminello-Murphy asked about the shed at the water plant. The public works department will repair it and use for storage.
- c. Rob Reppert asked about requiring Occupancy Permits for apartments. Cheri will talk to Jason Sarver regarding rental inspections. She is also proposing that the ECWSA and Borough share resources for properties and emergency response.
- d. Dean Zinkhann is working on a memorial for First Responders at NexTier Bank's drive through

IX. Executive Session

Brad Rubinosky motioned to adjourn to Executive session at 8:12pm, second by Patty-Tumminello-Murphy.

Regular meeting recommenced at 8:32pm with motion listed above.

X. Adjournment

Patty-Tumminello-Murphy motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:35pm, second by Mr. Reppert. All in favor. Motion carried.

Elizabeth Crowley
Secretary-Treasurer