

**Evans City Borough Council Minutes**  
**September 8, 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  
Dean Zinkhann, Mayor

Others Present:

Elizabeth Crowley, Secretary  
Bonnie Brimmeier, Solicitor  
Tom Smith, ECSF Regional PD  
Jason Sarver, Code Enforcement

Council Members Not Present:

Diana Zoelle

**III. Public Comment**

Linda Scheidemantle of 209 Margaret Ave brought concerns of a vehicle being parked on the road where there is no parking permitted. This causes a hardship for her as there's not enough room for her school bus to pass safely. There are also concerns of speeding along that road.

**IV. Consent Agenda**

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

**V. Discussion**

a. ARPA grant

*Cheri Deener attended a webinar given by DCED with a lot of information regarding the use of ARPA monies. They will be distributing a recording of the meeting for those who were unable to attend.*

b. STMP Grant

*Signatories arrived today. They will need to be signed by the Council President and the Secretary.*

c. Trick-or-Treat 2021

*A poll of residents was conducted to see when everyone would prefer to have Trick-or-Treat. The poll results came back tied. Brad Rubinosky motioned to hold Trick-or-Treat on Sunday, October 31 from 5-7pm. Second by Rob Reppert. Vote: 3 in favor; 1 opposed.*

d. Crosswalk Painting

*Painting should commence next spring.*

**VI. Official Actions**

a. Motion to Consider Evans City Library to apply for funding through the Keystone Grant for Public Library Facilities.

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

b. Motion to Consider Approving International Property Maintenance Code Ordinance #573

- Motion to approve made by Rob Reppert, second by Brad Rubinosky. Roll Call Vote as follows: Cheri Deener-Kohan, Yes; Brad Rubinosky, Yes; Rob Reppert, Yes; Patty Tumminello, No. Motion carried.*
- c. Motion to Consider Repository bid of Tax Parcel 400-S1-B100-0000  
*Patty Tumminello-Murphy motioned to accept, second by Rob Reppert. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.*
  - d. Motion to Consider request to change ECWSA bylaws and pass Resolution to allow 6th Authority Board Member from Callery.  
*Patty Tumminello-Murphy motioned to accept, second by Brad Rubinosky. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.*
  - e. Motion to consider determination of the 2022 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the Employee's Pension Plan.  
*Beth Crowley presented the amounts of the 2022 MMO to council. Rob Reppert motioned to approve, second by Patty Tumminello-Murphy. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.*
  - f. Motion to Consider Diana Zoelle's resignation from Police commission and appoint Patty Tumminello-Murphy to commission.  
*Brad Rubinosky motioned to approve resignation and appointment, second by Rob Reppert. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.*
  - g. Motion to Consider PSAB training class "Winter Maintenance Basics and Best Practices" for Public Works crew, costing \$100/participant.  
*Rob Reppert motioned to approve, second by Brad Rubinosky. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.*
  - h. Motion to Consider ratifying the hire of a Part-time Public Works Employee.  
*Rob Reppert motioned to approve, second by Brad Rubinosky. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.*

## **VII. Reports:**

- a. ECSF Regional Police:  
*Tom Smith presented the 2021 budget from January-June. The 2022 budget is almost complete and any increase will be assumed by the capital reserve fund. Collective bargaining will begin as the contract is up at the end of 2022. They have applied for grant funding for body cameras. He responded to questions regarding the loss of newly hired part-time officers. The hiring of police officers is a very competitive market and our resources are small.*
- b. Code Enforcement:  
*Jason Sarver commented on the IPMC Ordinance and submitted a report that is on file.*
- c. Human Resources:  
*Will meet in executive session.*
- d. Streets:  
*2-hour parking parameters will be discussed in a committee meeting at the end of the month.*
- e. Mayor:  
*Brought concerns of where the flags will be placed when the parking meters are removed.*
- f. Solicitor:  
*Nothing new to report*
- g. President:

- *Spoke to Solicitor Lope regarding additional flagmen for ECWSA projects for better traffic control*
  - *Reported that poll workers are needed for the upcoming election*
  - *The Patty Nelson 5K will be held on 9/11/2021*
  - *The library has sent out fundraising letters*
  - *Butler County COG will have its next meeting in October*
  - *National Night Out was well attended and it was a good time. Planning on making it an annual event.*
  - *The storm in August caused the traffic lights to go out. The issue will be addressed*
  - *Linwood, Stewart, Center, and Elizabeth paving has been completed*
  - *Census figures have been released, showing Butler County has an increase of population.*
  - *Budget is currently being worked on.*
  - *Solicitor Rushford has been working on the case against the railroad. Jason Sarver submitted a letter for our side.*
- h. Secretary:  
*Beth will call Gary Nicklas to see about removing the electric meter on Rt. 68. Motion to amend the agenda to include allowing the cost of up to \$125 to take out the meter by Rob Reppert, second by Patty Tumminello-Murphy. Vote: all in favor. Motion carried.*

### **VIII. Adjournment**

Mr. Rubinosky motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:36pm, second by Mr. Reppert. Motion carried.

Elizabeth Crowley  
 Secretary-Treasurer