

Evans City Borough Council Meeting

February 5, 2018

Council President, Lee Dyer called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Councilman McKinney
Councilman Dyer

Councilwoman Parenti
Councilwoman Natali

Councilwoman Armstrong

As well as:

Mayor Zinkhann
Norman Nelson

Sean Gallagher (Solicitor)
Aaron Walker (FD)

John Rogers (EDCO)
Joe Weltner (WSA)

Public Session: Rita Reifenstein asked Council about the crossings and the speed limits, if any action had been taken on any of the items that Penn Dot had spoken about at previous meetings. Councilman Dyer didn't believe that the state would be changing the speed limits whatsoever. The Borough is working with the Church about the blinking lights on East Main St and getting them back in working order so that they can be put back to use. Mr. Nelson has also determined where the crosswalks need to be re-marked and that will be done when the weather permits such activity.

Diana Zoelle – She has been a resident of the Borough in the past, and will be moving back into town and would be interested in working with Council on writing Grants or volunteering in any way she can.

Councilman McKinney made a motion to approve the January 2, 2018 Reorganization Meeting Minutes as presented. Councilwoman Shelley seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Councilman McKinney made a motion to approve payment of the bills as presented. Councilwoman Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Water/Sewer Authority – Joe Weltner from the Authority is here tonight to report on the EDCO Park water usage. Last year they consumed about 98,000 gallons which would have cost \$2,286.00 if they would have been charged however, they have agreed to donate that to the functioning of the pool. He also stated that as long as the consumption is not tremendously exceeded this year they will continue that moving forward.

Diane Zoelle had questions about the water treatment plant and if anything that was done was to alleviate the flood water problems. Joe Weltner explained that the Water/Sewer Authority is proactively attempting to stop infiltration of drain water into the system that would increase costs because of having to treat anything that enters the system. They are not directly involved in flood water prevention.

Rita Reifenstein asked if he could compare the amount of water that the EDCO Pool consumed last year compared to previous years. Mr. Weltner explained that he didn't have that data with him, but it would be readily available at the WSA.

EDCO Park – John Rogers spoke in regards to the agreement and his confidence that it would be agreed to be signed at the next Park meeting in February. He also announced that the 9th Annual Chili Open will be February 24, 2018 and

announced that last year there was approximately \$12,000.00 raised for the pool. He hopes to see a lot of support again this year.

Fire Department – Aaron Walker presented the reports to Council along with a contact list for the new officers for 2018. There were 14 calls alone on the 14th of January when the flooding was occurring and he had a special thanks to the Butler County Water Rescue that was staged at Evans City's Fire Department until late in the evening that day. Standard Actions For Emergency Responders (SAFER group) is a group effort between Evans City, Callery, Adams Area, Cranberry and Harmony Fire Departments train together so that when departments have to work with each other things go as smoothly as possible.

Public Works – Report was given to Council. DEP sent a letter regarding the second Dam and the lack of inspections being done on the dam. HRG did some research and found paperwork that states that the Dam no longer needs to be inspected. Street Committee meeting will be February 22, 2018 at 9 am.

Councilman Dyer announced that a few weeks ago he was granted permission by Council to negotiate and sign an agreement with Premier Power Solutions for gas and electric rates for the next 36 months for gas rates with an approximate 20% savings and 30 months for the electric rates with an approximate 40% savings.

Solicitors Report – Nothing to report.

Mayor Report – He has noticed soliciting going on in town and when he questioned someone they said there were no signs upon entering town to say they needed a permit. Public works will get costs on replacing the old signs and posting signs where there are none.

Mayor Zinkhann also inquired about Council exempting a few metered parking spots for a large funeral that will be held in town tomorrow. Pat Boylan has "funeral signs" that he can place over the meters so that other residents don't occupy the spaces. Councilman McKinney made a motion to approve the exemption between 10am – 12pm. Councilwoman Parenti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Police Calls for service were a total of 209 for both municipalities with 87 calls in Evans City Borough and 122 calls in the Borough of Seven Fields.

Code Enforcement reported to Councilman Dyer that numerous letters were sent out regarding uncleaned sidewalks throughout the borough.

Councilman McKinney made a motion to approve the proposal from Cypher & Cypher to perform the 2017 Financial Audit. Councilwoman Armstrong made a motion to second the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Zinkhann attended the School Board Meeting and there was no decision made on the architect for the School project. There has been no decision made on whether or not they will be renovating or rebuilding or where it will take place.

Councilwoman Natali attended the Council of Government's meeting last month; Mike Mattis from PennDot would like to attend a meeting and will be in contact in the near future. He is new to his position and would like to meet with the municipalities.

HRG submitted a retainer proposal, however Councilman Dyer commented that they were exploring other options and would be reporting back to Council in the near future. The Borough is not currently committed to a contract with HRG and we are free to explore other engineer services in order to potentially save the Borough costs.

Councilman Dyer announced that a meeting was held at a Councilmembers home with three members of council present in order to discuss the status of the pending Union Contract with Public Works and to review and submit paperwork. Councilman McKinney made a motion to ratify the meeting held on January 15, 2018 for approximately 45 minutes with three members of council present. Councilwoman Armstrong seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mayor Zinkhann heard that the American will no longer be able to support the Memorial Day Ceremonies held at the Evans City Cemetery. Mayor Zinkhann is willing to help anyone that will step up to the plate to keep the Memorial Day Ceremony at the Evans City Cemetery. Smith Gealey inquired on what type of help he is looking for. He will get with Mayor Zinkhann and Councilman McKinney to see what he can do to assist in keeping this function going in the future.

Councilman McKinney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:43 p.m. Councilwoman Parenti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully,

Nadine Grabe
Borough Secretary