

Evans City Borough Council Meeting

September 4, 2018

Council President, Lee Dyer called the special meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Members in attendance were as follows:

Councilwoman Parenti
Councilwoman Armstrong

Councilman Dyer
Councilman Otto

Councilwoman Natali

As well as: Mayor Zinkhann
John Rodgers (EDCO)

Sean Gallagher (Solicitor)

Aaron Walker (FD)

Council President, Lee Dyer announced that some members of Council will be exiting early to attend the School Board Meeting this evening. Council Vice President Kim Armstrong will be finishing the meeting when Mr. Dyer leaves for this meeting.

The Borough received a letter from FEMA explaining that the Borough's Ordinance as amended on April 2, 2018 has brought the ordinance into compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program as required for Butler County's updated Flood Insurance Rate map.

There had recently been some questions about grass clippings being blown into the streets, with the Storm Water Management, one of the sections states items that can be discharged into the streets, such as firefighting discharge, air conditioning condensate, and lawn watering and similar types of items. Grass and weeds being discharged into the streets is a violation of Storm the Water Management Ordinance 152.61B, and could hold a fine of up to \$300.00 per day.

Discussions have been held in the past in regards to offering a benefit to the Volunteers from the Fire Department. Mr. Dyer asked the Solicitor to prepare an ordinance that Council could review at an upcoming meeting.

Oktoberfest, Police Detail will cost an estimated \$630.00 for additional officers in order to shut down Main Street on Saturday for the Parade and on Sunday for the Car Show. Seven Fields has paid for Police expenses for special events held in their Borough and Mr. Dyer would like Evans City to do the same moving forward.

Public Session: Dave Spithaler wanted to have an update on snow removal on May Lane. There is also a sign there that says 10 ton weight limit and watch children, neither of these signs can be seen because of the weeds as well as if you meet another car on this road someone is driving through the weeds on the side of the road. He would like to see something done by Public Works to rectify these issues. Mr. Dyer has tried to get in touch with Mr. Rape, but they have not been able to connect as of yet. He will report back as soon as they have a chance to talk.

Edna Spithaler suggested that Evans City Borough do all of May Lane and also do all of Margaret Avenue and just be a good neighbor. Then Forward Township wouldn't have to even come to either of the roads to plow.

Steven Chappel from Graftix Business solutions, Inc., has reviewed our outdated computer equipment and has submitted a proposal to upgrade our computers as well as security levels that we do not currently have. Part of the proposal includes a firewall and an updated router for better security. Council will review the proposal as well as another that the Council received over the next few days and someone will be in touch with Mr. Chappel.

Councilwoman Armstrong made a motion to accept the minutes as presented for the August 6, 2018 Special Meeting. Councilwoman Natali seconded the motion. Motion carried.

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Councilwoman Armstrong made a motion to approve payment of the bills with the addition of the bill for Poster Compliance in the amount of \$80.00 added to the list. Councilwoman Natali seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Daniel Cox, EMC reported that Connoquenessing Borough Solicitor had just within the past hour provided Connoquenessing Borough Council with some minor changes to be reviewed at their meeting this evening and they are planning to pass the Ordinance at next month's meeting. Evans City Borough had advertised to pass the Ordinance at this evening's meeting, however in light of the minor changes that Connoquenessing Borough may be making, Councilwoman Armstrong made a motion to give Council President the power to instruct the solicitor to re-advertise for passage at the next Council Meeting once the changes have been agreed upon. Councilwoman Parenti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

A draft version of the resolution limiting the public comment period for Council Meetings to 5 minutes was distributed to Council and will be voted on at an upcoming meeting.

EDCO Park Financial reports were given to Council. The Pre-Construction meeting for the Bath house project will be held on September 11, 2018. Tickets are available for the Purses & Pistols being held on November 11, 2018.

Fire Department – Report given to council. Aaron Walked thanked EDCO Park for the use of their pool to the swift water rescue training that the department recently had. Upcoming fundraisers for the Fire Department, September 9th will be a car show held at the Forward Township Building, the pancake breakfast fundraiser will be Saturday of Oktoberfest for \$5.00 per person.

Penn Dot will be milling and paving South Washington Street after the catch basins are replaced by First, Second and Third Street. The Lower Dam is ready for inspection. The Borough is looking to pave further down on North Washington Street; Public Works is waiting to hear back from Contractor in regards to that. Public Works Report was given to Council Members.

Police Report – 207 incident calls in Seven Fields with 107 calls in Evans City Borough. Councilwoman Natali questioned since Mr. Smith hasn't attended our meetings quarterly, should the commission members be informing the Council of the ongoing? Councilman Dyer explained that it is the duty of the Mayor to report to Council. With the department being short staffed with the recent injury of the Chief and the resignation of Officer Loesch, how will the schedule be covered? Councilman Dyer again explained that it is the duty of the Mayor to report to Council.

Councilwoman Natali made a motion to approve the 2019 Non Uniformed MMO in the amount of \$8,892.00. Councilwoman Parenti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Finance Committee – The committee is planning to present the draft Budget at the October Council Meeting.

Human Resources – The committee met with the Public Works Committee and the Secretary and reviewed the revised handbook.

Water/Sewer – The Callery member, Eric Battykiefer, has resigned and copied the Borough so they were aware of the vacancy. Once the Water/Sewer Authority decides who the replacement will be they will be presenting their recommendation at a future meeting.

Councilwoman Natali wanted to make sure it was put on record that the items that were inappropriately sold from the water plant because no offer for bid was made and these items were not sold to another municipality, the Council needs to look at the process that was done on this transaction and take the proper steps to rectify.

Councilwoman Natali made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. Councilwoman Parenti seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nadine Grabe
Borough Secretary