

MINUTES FOR REGULAR MEETING
EAST STROUDSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL
TUESDAY MAY 19, 2020 -7:15 p.m.

To meet the requirements established by the Office of Open records for virtual meetings, this meeting was recorded with audio and video via Publicinput.com/Webex from the initial announcement of the meeting till its end with the exception of executive session, if any, which shall not be recorded.

VIRTUALLY PRESENT : Solicitor John C. Prevoznik, Roger DeLarco, Carrie Panepinto, Bill Reese, Mayor Martinelli, Manager Brian Bond, Sonia Wolbert, Don Cross, Borough Engineer Russ Scott, Maury Molin, Finance Director Ken Konz, Public Works Director Brian Ace, and Zoning Officer Marv Walton.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Executive Session

Executive Session was held prior to the start of the regular meeting. Plan easement acquisition regarding the Eagle Valley Project, two personnel matters regarding the recycling center were discussed and no decisions were made.

May 5, 2020 Minutes

A motion was made by Ms. Wolbert and seconded by Ms. Panepinto, to approve the May 5, 2020 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments – Agenda Items

None.

SROSRC

Ms. Wolbert reported the organization is preparing a contingency plan for the summer and will make a decision about the pool based on the Governor's orders at the first meeting in June.

Police Report

Chief Lyon reported that violent crimes have decreased during the pandemic, but domestic violence calls have increased. Mr. Bond asked the Chief to let the patrol officers know the artists will be painting a mural on the fence at Veterans Park beginning Thursday, May 21.

East Stroudsburg Community Alliance

A request from ECA was received to establish a Crystal Street Outdoor Dining Task Force with Sonia Wolbert being the Chair Person. Council President William Reese appointed the following to the Crystal Street Outdoor Dining Task Force: Sonia Wolbert Chair, Terri Jacket, Debbie Kuchinski, Troy Nauman and Bill Reese. The task force will return to council with recommendations.

Engineer's Report

The Engineer's Report was distributed.

Brown Street Waterline Replacement

Mr. Scott reported the recommendation to authorize RKR Hess to advertise for bids after PennDot has issued the highway occupancy permit and confirmation of Ridgeway Bridge replacement timeline.

A motion was made by Mr. Cross and seconded by Mr. Molin table the motion until we approach the start of the project. The motion carried unanimously.

PennDot Realignment Exit 308 Project

Mr. Cross asked the status of the PennDot's Exit 308 project. Mr. Scott advised the project is delayed because of COVID-19, and is expected to go out for bid at then end of July, 2020. Mr. Prevoznik asked about the easements to be procured.

A motion was made by Mr. Cross and seconded by Mr. Molin to allow Mr. Prevoznik to work with RKR Hess and the Borough Manager to finalize the easement acquisition required by the PennDot Realignment Project (Interstate 51/308 Exit) Project. The motion carried unanimously.

Well Number 3 Emergency Generator

Mr. Scott recommended to authorize the advertisement for bids in May 2020 for the Emergency Generator for Well #3.

A motion was made by Mr. Molin and seconded by Ms. Wolbert to authorize the advertisement for bids in May 2020 for the Emergency Generator for Well #3. The motion carried unanimously.

Public Comments – New Business

A resident who attended the meeting virtually sent her concern, which Mr. Bond read aloud. She stated she lives in an apartment building in the Borough and another resident smokes close to windows and doors, and the smoke enters her apartment window. She started a petition and asked what, if anything, the Borough can do. Mr. Molin added that the apartment is in his ward, and the manager of the building was contacted. Mr. Prevoznik stated this is a private property matter and the Borough has no involvement. This is a landlord and/or attorney issue.

Reports:

Brian Ace:

The DPW report was distributed.

Fire Chiefs Report:

The Fire Chiefs Report was distributed. Mr. Bond advised the Borough needs to know everything involved with the proposed Eagle Scout project at the Fire Station and any benefit to the community.

Marv Walton:

Mr. Walton advised there are no reports from April due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Also, Governor Wolf set forth his own limited guidelines regarding real estate. Since the Borough performs resale inspections for properties that change ownership, Mr. Walton recommends authorization to allow limited inspections.

A motion was made by Mr. Molin and seconded by Mr. Cross to authorize Borough officials to begin resale inspections, and the order will be reaffirmed as part of the policy to be adopted by council at the next meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Ken Konz:

The Borough Financial statements for April 2020 were previously distributed. Mr. Konz added that additional analysis was requested and he has completed this task and the information was provided to Mr. Bond.

Mayor Armand Martinelli:

No Report.

Sonia Wolbert:

No Report.

Don Cross:

No Report.

Maury Molin:

Mr. Molin asked if mulch can be delivered to planters along Crystal Street, and if DPW is scheduled to water the planters as they did last season. Also, Mr. Molin noted the names/plaques never appeared on the adopted planters. Mr. Bond advised his will contact the maintenance department regarding the watering of the planters. The delivery of mulch has already began, the bronze plaques are not in yet.

Roger DeLarco:

No Report.

Carrie Panepinto:

No Report.

Solicitor John Prevoznik

Mr. Prevoznik reported he is working with Mr. Scott and Mr. Bond on the EBU study, and an ordinance should be ready by next meeting.

Manager's Report

Mr. Bond requested authorization to set the Spring Cleanup dates as Friday, June 19 and Saturday, June 20, 2020 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm each day. The cleanup will be staged at the back of the Recycling Center, and a fee schedule will be presented for authorization at the June 2 meeting.

A motion was made by Mr. Molin and seconded by Ms. Wolbert to set the Spring Cleanup dates as Friday, June 19 and Saturday, June 20, 2020 from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm each day, contingent upon establishing a fee schedule for cleanup. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. DeLarco asked if old garbage cans are being accepted at the Recycling Center. Mr. Bond advised the center is continuing to take old garbage cans and that information has been posted on our website.

Bill Reese:

No Report.

Bills Payable

A motion was made by Mr. DeLarco and seconded by Mr. Cross to ratify bills payable through May 19, 2020. The motion carried unanimously.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. Panepinto and seconded by Mr. DeLarco at 7:55 p.m. to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING: Tuesday, June 2, 2020 @ 7:15 p.m.