

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL**

DATE AND TIME:	January 26, 2023	6:00 p.m.
LOCATION:	Community Center	6051 Pine Street
ATTENDANCE:	Council Members:	Debra Miller, President John Schick, Vice-President Adam Gochnauer, Pro Tem John Herr Lauren Houck Randy Rannels Sandra Valdez
	Mayor:	James Malone (Absent)
	Borough Manager:	Karen St. Clair
	Supervisor:	Kevin Martin

Meeting was called to order: 6:00 p.m.

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Visitors: Lisa Murray, Tammy Moseman, Josh Roberts, J. Michael Roten, Susan Ruslevage, and Collin Fox
Josh Roberts was recording the meeting.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. **Tammy Moseman** said some of her neighbors still have questions about the sidewalk replacement. They are wondering if it is just a small divot in the pad can they repair it themselves? It was pointed out that when you cut a small section, it creates more joints, and they can sometimes wear out. Mr. Schick said they have been out there many times to answer questions and have lessened the number of areas to be replaced as much as possible, and what is marked now is what needs replaced. At this point if anyone feels they have a good case they should contact the borough office to speak with the zoning officer about their questions or concerns. Collin Fox, zoning officer said he has been assisting residents with questions about the sidewalk repairs and has even issued some permits for Lemon Street sidewalks. Ms. Moseman will let her neighbors know to contact the zoning officer at the office.

II. AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY:

1. Lisa Murray 1680 Stevens Street: Airbnb Request

Lisa Murray said she and her husband own the property at 1680 Stevens Street. She stated they previously had an in-law apartment for her parents in her home. She stated they have been using that space as an Airbnb since 2019. They only have 1 - 2 people stay at a time and they haven't had any issues. She received a letter from the borough informing her she was out of compliance because of running an Airbnb in a R-1 district. She said her neighbors do not have a problem with this and there have been no complaints filed. She would like to continue to run the Airbnb because she is retired, and this is supplementing their income. She has met with Collin Fox, the zoning officer about this and also attended a zoning hearing mtg regarding a home occupation. After the meeting she spoke with ZH board members, and they told her they did not think the idea of Airbnb in an R-1 district would go over well. She does not want to spend \$750.00 on a zoning hearing if it will not get approved. Mr. Murray explained she came to this meeting to find out what she can do to change this and hear Council's thoughts and concerns. She said that Airbnb's are gaining popularity and she would like to see a change made to allow for them in residential areas.

Amy Leonard, borough solicitor, explained that Council does not have jurisdiction to give her approval for her to continue to violate the zoning ordinance. Ms. Leonard said if she wants to continue with this use, her only option

is to go to ZHB and request a variance of the ordinance. Ms. Leonard said she can ask Council to consider changing the ordinance or address short term rentals, but it would be up to Council to decide if they want to look into this further and consider a zoning amendment. Ms. Leonard explained that her use falls under a Bed & Breakfast use and it is not permitted in the R-1, R-2, and R-3 districts; it is only permitted in commercial districts. Ms. Leonard said what she is looking for is for council to amend the ordinance and allow that type of use in other zoning districts. Mr. Schick said if you allow for this you would be increasing the density in the single-family R-1 district to a higher density area which could end up turning into an R-2 district and this would take away from the traditional style R-1 district.

John Schick said in 2015 the zoning ordinance was updated and the process took 2 ½ years. During the process, there was a lot of discussion about Airbnb's, and it was agreed that it fell under the umbrella of bed and breakfast. Adam Gochnauer pointed out that the ordinance was looked at and updated for this at that time. It is a lengthy process to update the zoning ordinance and would require review by EP planning commission, legal counsel, LC planning commission, borough engineer and public meetings and it is costly. For her to get a variance right now, she would have to follow the procedures and go to the zoning hearing board. Mr. Schick pointed out that a lot of these rentals are flying under the radar because they don't have to register with the county or state and properties are being bought just for this use. Hotels pay a lot of taxes to allow for this. Collin Fox said that the ordinance could be made specific for this use and tailored for the borough. John Schick told Ms. Murray the process to ask for a change of policy is to submit a letter to Manager St. Clair requesting Council direct Planning Commission to review the ordinance. Amy Leonard said if a change is made to the ordinance, it should require a special exception at a zoning hearing to avoid creating a situation where a whole block becomes Airbnb; special exception would not guarantee an approval. Any change made to an ordinance even one line requires the whole process has to be followed to update the ordinance.

Adam Gochnauer said if you do this for one you will have to do this for everyone and not all experiences with this have gone well. He pointed out that during past discussions while updating the ordinance, residents were concerned with larger amounts of people staying in bigger homes and partying. Mr. Gochnauer said that unfortunately you have to have ordinances to protect the good people in cases when things don't go well, and not all experiences have gone as well with this as it has for the Murrays. He said this is nothing against the Murrays, but we do have to follow what is in the books the same for everyone.

John Herr said that at times Airbnb's companies can come in and buy up properties for this use and that then it raises property values to the point it effects affordability in the community.

Debra Miller asked if there are any other uses that would be allowed for her, such as a church sponsored housing? Amy Leonard said she would have to look into this and said this might then be considered a multi-family dwelling.

Susan Rusleveage owns the adjacent property of this Airbnb, and she has had no issues with them having an Airbnb or with the people who have stayed there. She pointed out that some of them have been medical professionals who are here for temporary work. She said it might be good to look at what other municipalities are doing.

2. Review Stormwater Ordinance

Collin Fox, Zoning Officer - Stormwater Ordinance is being updated as a requirement of the 2022/2023 MS4 permit from DEP. For residents, there are not many changes. One change is residents will no longer be allowed to discharge de-chlorinated pool water into the stormwater inlet. DEP recommends treating pool water to dechlorinate it and then discharge/ infiltrate water onto your own property in the grassy area.

As always, car washing with cleaning agents must be done on grassy areas. Car washing facilities are still the safest option for stormwater.

The other items of change are more for development and re-development. The classic requirements for sw permits and sw exemption are the same. Amy Leonard explained that this ordinance is a repeal and replace. This is on the agenda under action items for advertisement.

3. Jeff Moseman/Jennifer Guzejko: DCNR Grant Park Updates

As directed by Council at the last meeting, pricing was received for items in the grant. The most recent cost opinion is: \$273,245.26 which includes replacing existing curbing and sidewalk in front of community park, concession stand and park bathroom remodel with new 6" lateral, ADA walkways, ADA path to the park, and a

sidewalk leading up to bathroom. Additional ADA parking will be added in parking lot – approx. cost 3,500.00. The concession stand items still need added in for the grant.

Council reviewed different options of playground equipment and went with the items that would hold up well and would be less likely to be damaged if vandalized:

- Burke Nucleus NU-2858 – play set \$88,001.00
- Merry Go-All \$9,407.00
- We-Go-Spring (ADA) \$20,000.00 (plus path and installation costs)
- Lady Bug Spring Rider (ADA) \$1,180.00
- Swing Along Seat for parent and child to swing together \$1,137.00 (it was pointed out that there is already one ADA swing at the park now)

Including MS4 items and using recycled items are a requirement of the grant. Recycled park benches and rain gardens with education will be added to cover this.

As a reminder it was pointed out that the recent pickleball grant the borough submitted was not awarded. Council was in agreeance to keep the pickleball with additional parking out of this grant application because there were already several approved for this at other parks, and this could hinder the grant being awarded. The grant is an all or nothing, changes cannot be made. Some municipalities have received complaints about the sound of pickleball courts that are located near homes, and this is part of the reason grants are not being approved for this item.

Public meetings will need to be held prior to submitting the grant application. April 5th is the deadline to submit - all the information must be included with the final plan and no changes can be made after submission. Decision will be made late Fall 2023; grant monies will come in Spring 2024. We will need all in-kind commitments, including monetary and service time, before grant is submitted. A sponsor board will be added to the concession stand for in-kind services. The grant is a 50/50 split; a total of \$500,000.00 was budgeted for including funds received from TOA for fees in lieu of are in park and open space, and a surplus in general.

Concession stand will be made smaller because the larger equipment is not needed. This space will include a refrigerator, stove and will be state certified.

Need to look into cost of wood mulch, rubber mulch, rubber paving and add into grant. Concession stand equipment and toilets/sinks need added into the grant.

4. Review quotes/plans for Office Renovations

Mike Roten with the Fire Department said they are working on moving some things around at the fire department to make space for the new offices. Kevin Martin reviewed the plans for new offices at the fire department with Council. There will be 7 office areas (including one for the police), 2 ADA bathrooms, IT closet and a storage space. The space being used for borough offices will be approximately 1700 sq. ft. All borough offices will be secured and will be accessed with key fob door locks. There is a shared meeting room for the borough and FD's use.

Three proposals were submitted with preliminary bids (timeline for all was approximately 3 months):
Simeral in the amount of \$239,990.00 (changes have been made so this is no longer accurate) and some of the pricing is not included.

Speedwell Construction – \$260,498.26 (with possible alternates added in)

Professional Design and Construction – \$300,000.00 - this company did the work on the original building.

Mr. Martin said after reviewing all the quotes they are all very close. John Schick said it might be a good idea to have a not to exceed amount. He was told the cost should not exceed \$300,000.00. Mr. Roten said the fire company did give approval to move forward when they met last. The quotes are preliminary and some items in the plans still need to be fine-tuned, but this is just to give council a general idea. The agreement with the fire company is that the borough will re-imburse them.

5. Kevin Martin/Jeff Moseman: Pine Street – making it one (1) way

In October, Council asked Jeff Moseman and Kevin Martin to take a look at the section of Pine Street between State St and New St, to see if there is a need to make it one-way. Kevin Martin and Jeff Moseman presented images of approaching intersection from all directions and discussed with Council possibly making Pine Street one way only heading south. It was pointed out that changing the street to one-way will eliminate people having to wait because only one car can get through there at a time, but it will not make it easier for the emergency vehicles, snowplow, and street sweeper. It does not appear that there is enough off-street parking to allow for parking on only one side. A traffic engineering study would need to be completed to justify the traffic change.

Once a decision has been made about this, an Ordinance will need to be drafted to implement this change. This should be decided before the street gets done. A letter would need to be sent prior to any changes.

Public works would like to be able to post this area to allow for street sweeping one day each month for no parking for 2 hours, in hopes of gaining compliance – a letter would be sent to residents. It was pointed out that this could cause resistance.

John Herr will talk to his neighbors on Pine Street to gauge how they feel about all of this.

6. Discussion with how to move forward with the Borough office, PW Building and 6060 Rental

It was agreed by all Councilmembers to move forward with selling the three properties separately as is. The borough will still have an easement at 6060 Main Street which means after it sells the new owner would own the property, but the borough owns and maintains the area with the stormwater facilities.

If properties were demolished and used for parking the properties would be worth less and there would be an expense for demolition and maintenance of lots. The land at 6040 Main alone is assessed at \$55,000.00 with the house it is assessed at \$165,000.00. It was agreed it is more profitable to sell the properties separately with the buildings and the profit can be used to pay for the move to the new offices. Selling could also create a greater tax base. The properties can be sold by public auction or sealed bids. Manager St. Clair will look into getting appraisals on the three properties.

7. Review Accounts Payable

No additions to the regular bills.

8. Review 4Q 2022 Financials

Manager St. Clair reviewed the 4Q 2022 Financials for Water, General and Trash with councilmembers. Auditors will be in the office the week of February 13.

9. Misc. Items

Manager St. Clair

Good's Disposal Service is documenting what residents are putting out – if it is over or if it is not out – it is put on a list and submitted to the borough office weekly. Residents are allowed 3-32 gallons bags/cans each week (a total of 96 gallons). Each extra bag or container of 32 gal. needs a tag - a 96 gal. container would need 3 tags. Becky with NLCRPD is asking East Petersburg Borough and the 2 other municipalities they cover if they would be willing to contribute \$2,000.00 towards the chief's retirement party. It was discussed that when the previous borough manager retired it was a potluck and no tax dollars were used, so this would not be appropriate use of funds.

Debra Miller

Received a call from a resident who asked why there is not a marked crosswalk at Lemon and Larch Street. It was pointed out that there is already a marked crosswalk nearby at Edgemont & Lemon Street which is only one short block away. Kevin Martin, PW Supervisor said he did talk to this resident 2 years prior about this same thing.

10. Fire Company Financials & 2022 Fire Report – for review only

II. ACTION ITEMS:

1. *It was moved and seconded (A. Gochnauer / J. Herr) with unanimous approval by the board to approve the October 27, 2022, Borough Committee meeting minutes*

2. *It was moved and seconded by (J. Schick / S. Valdez) with unanimous approval by the board to Table the PA Classics: Soccer Tournaments for 2023*

Amy Leonard, Solicitor is going to review this and check if the context pertaining to indemnify and hold us harmless is correctly worded. This will be put on the Council agenda.

3. *It was moved and seconded by (A. Gochnauer / S. Valdez) with unanimous approval by the board to approve New Office Renovation plans and to Approve Re-imbusement to East Petersburg Fire Company in accordance with the Proposal submitted by Contractor*
4. *It was moved and seconded by (J. Schick / R. Rannels) with unanimous approval by the board to advertise Ordinance 323: Stormwater Management*
5. *It was moved and seconded by (J. Schick / A. Gochnauer) with unanimous approval by the board to approve Resolution 858, giving Manager St. Clair and Debra Miller authority to sign ARLE grant contract*
6. *It was moved and seconded by (R. Rannels / A. Gochnauer) with unanimous approval by the board to approve Resolution 859, giving Manager St. Clair authority to sign the Bioswale Meadows Project Agreement*

III. **Extra Items: Issues arising in the last 24 hours:** None

IV. **Committee Meeting Adjournment:** 9:35 p.m.

VI. **Executive Session for legal matters:** 9:35 p.m. – 10:12 p.m.

VII. **Council back in Session:** 10:12 p.m. – 10:13 p.m.

1. *It was moved and seconded by (A. Gochnauer / S. Valdez) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve Letter of Interest to become a Charter Member of the NLCRPD Commission*

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 7, 2022, Council Meeting & Thursday, February 23, 2023, Committee Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Strayer, Recording Secretary

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Moment of Silence / Pledge to Flag

Visitors: Michael Bingham, Amy Leonard, Tammy & Jeff Moseman, Jennifer MacNeill, Natalia Latsios, Josh Roberts, Cortney Pokrop, Kristin Troop, Erin Matthews, James Swarr, Megan Shank, Lori Ann Lockard, Dereck & Alyssa Duffy, Amy LaPorte, Luis Rivera, Samuel Maurer IV, Susan Roslevege, Sarah Mayheim, Brad Raush
Josh Roberts and Jimmy Swarr were both recording the meeting.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Josh Roberts said Lancaster County now has pulse point which is an app you can download and if someone has a cardiac arrest at a public place it will alert those who have signed up that are CPR able or have access to AED.

Josh Roberts asked if the borough receives a report from the fire commission. Mr. Roberts said he has been checking EH website and has not seen that they reorganized yet. Tammy Moseman said she heard that the commission meetings were being held with the chief meetings. Adam Gochnauer said he does have this on his list to address with them and he would like to receive a report each month from an EP representative on the fire commission.

II. AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY:

1. Cortney Pokrop – Propose change for ordinance for backyard hens

Cortney Pokrop said she would like backyard hens to be reconsidered and the term chicken be taken out of livestock in the existing zoning ordinance, to allow residents to be more self-sufficient by having hens. She said there is an upfront cost that takes years to get back, so this is not for saving money initially. She said some of the benefits of keeping hens are: they eat scraps, bugs and ticks and then put the fertilizer back in the garden to complete the circle of self-sufficient living, and it decreases some of the worry about food shortages. She is proposing to allow (4) four hens per household, no roosters, and the hens must be in a coupe with a run, in backyards only, with fresh food/water & a clean coupe must be kept at all times. The hens only need 4 sq. ft.; 4 hens would require 40 sq. ft. Ms. Pokrop said the state of PA does not include chicken in livestock, they are categorized as poultry, but this could include quail and pigeons, therefore it is best to just use the term chicken. She said chickens are not noisy (only roosters are), chickens in minimal amounts do not contribute to disease (larger populations do). Several municipalities in Lancaster and York county do allow chickens. She shared an ordinance for chickens with council from another municipality that she thought covers everything very well. Ms. Pokrop started a Facebook page in support of hens and there are approximately 80 members.

A resident said she raised peeps as pets at her home to adulthood and then found out she was not allowed to have them and gave them to a friend who had a farm. She did not have any complaints from neighbors about them.

A resident said she was a former chicken owner, and she said the benefit she liked most was giving the scraps to the chickens. She said people who take care of their property will take care of the chickens.

Natalia Latsios, a property owner in the borough who is currently renovating a home on Lemon St. said she thinks it would be beneficial to have chickens because it would get people outdoors more and save on food waste.

Mr. Santiago, a resident of the borough, has a family of eight and is planning on homeschooling. He would like to use chickens as part of the schooling curriculum along with his garden. Having chickens would also benefit his family by raising their own food.

Samuel Maurer IV, a resident of the borough, said he was previously the zoning officer for Manheim Twp., and he used to get complaints about people having chickens and the smell being bad, due to people not cleaning the manure. Mr. Maurer pointed out that chickens are allowed in East Petersburg Borough on properties that have 5 acres or more. Ms. Pokrop said maybe it could be put in the ordinance that people with recent property maintenance violations could not have chickens to eliminate possible issues.

Tammy Moseman, a resident of the borough, asked who is going to monitor the possible violations and asked if feral cats would be predators for chickens. Ms. Pokrop said the coup and run would safely secure the chickens. Ms. Moseman said she would like more information on the diseases chickens can carry to be shared with residents especially for those who have health issues.

A resident said they had chickens and cats, and never saw a cat go after a chicken. He also said the state of PA classifies chickens as domesticated animals, along with pigs. He said there was a court case in Fayette County in regard to someone keeping chickens and the ordinance saw chickens as livestock. Michael Bingham, Zoning Officer, said he is familiar with this case, and it was because of the language in the ordinance that did not specify chickens as poultry, but East Petersburg's ordinance does. This resident said they want to follow the rules and have the borough give direction and allow them to do it legally.

Michael Bingham, Zoning Officer, said he did have chickens growing up on a 5-acre farmette and they are a lot of work and they do smell, and they need cleaned after every week and most people do not, so you end up getting inches of manure that you have to take care of. The waste from chickens is known to carry bird flu, salmonella, bacteriosis, e-coli, and histoplasmosis which is spread through the air. He said that if you do not have roosters and only keep hens sometimes one of the hens will take the dominate role and act as the rooster and crow. He said if you remove chicken from livestock and we allow chickens then what will be next. The line has to be drawn somewhere and it was previously drawn at chickens. The cost to re-write the zoning ordinance could exceed 20,000.00. He stated it would have to be submitted for the entire borough to review, and although there are 80 people in support of chickens, we have multiple thousands of people who live in East Petersburg Borough. If we allow chickens who would be responsible to regulate them and check on them. That's likely to be the zoning officer. This is a tremendous amount of work when you already have a full load to begin with, and this would cost taxpayers a significant amount of money. Mr. Bingham said compost can be a great way to not waste leftover table foods. Mr. Bingham stated if you want to have a farmette or 5 acres, a township is where you would want to be. He received a call from someone asking to have a small horse, because it was the size of a dog. Many of these animals including cows are classified as domesticated, it just means they have been breeding them over many years. He has received many complaints even in municipalities where they are allowed to have them. Many people do not want to live next to a barn animal. He said there are a few properties in the borough that do meet the 5-acre criteria. He said chickens do get out and run into other properties at times and said he does not feel chickens are a good fit for a borough. If they were allowed, there would be setbacks and regulations, and this would all need to be monitored.

Amy Leonard, Borough Solicitor, said it is up to council if they want to consider an amendment to the borough, but this would not be quick. Someone would need to draft the amendment, it would go to PC, LCPC, public hearing(s) for input, and this could take 6 months or longer.

Lauren Houck said the committee meetings are when we discuss things, and we need to hear from our solicitor and zoning officer and hear the pros and cons. We are a small tax base, and we need to be aware of the cost of paying someone to regulate and check up on these things. She asked if there was a reason Ms. Pokrop chose to

give an example from Hanover rather than one in Lancaster County. Ms. Pokrop said Hanover's Ordinance covered it the best and after you read it, there is not a lot you can have questions about.

Adam Gochnauer told Ms. Pokrop her packet was very well done and said that this came before council many years ago, prior to most of the members who are currently on the board. It was discussed at that time, and there were complaints with people in the borough who had chickens because they were loud, and they did stink. He said they probably weren't taken care of as they should have been. There were more people against it at that meeting and it was decided to keep it the same. Someone also requested keeping an alpaca. He pointed out ordinances cannot be changed every time someone wants something new, and we need to know where to draw the line and make a decision for everyone in the community. Mr. Gochnauer said it was discussed that something like this could be added as a referendum so the entire borough could have a say. The referendum would be done before we consider any changes.

Debra Miller asked if chickens would be ok to leave outside in the colder months? She was told that chickens can remain outside in colder weather, they just need a heat source to keep drinking water from freezing.

John Schick said the people who are showing interest in this are not the ones you normally need to worry about. There is a lot of monitoring and enforcement for property maintenance that would need to go into this, and it would have to be done by an official. The line has to be drawn somewhere for the use of borough resources. He said she could go to the zoning hearing board and show a hardship.

Sandra Valdez thanked Courtney Pokrop for the information and agrees that this would be an additional use of tax funds because of the cost to monitor this due to the effects to neighbors this may cause. She feels the only way to justify the additional costs would be that this is something everyone wants, but you have to be careful with the expenses, so taxes do not need increased.

Debra Miller, Randy Rannels and Mayor Malone also agreed the referendum would be a great idea.

Amy Leonard and Manager St. Clair said they will look into what is needed for the referendum.

2. Kristin Troop – Events Committee

Kristin Troop said that the Music in the Park will be expanding to July 15 (music TBD), August 5 (Uptown Band), and September 2 (Blues Fest). They would like to have a beer garden at the August 5, and September 2 - Music in the Park events. Uptown Band on August 5 will be sponsored by Gochnauer's Appliance.

The beer garden's will have fenced in area and RAMP certified people checking I.D.'s. A distillery vendor would like to pass out samples and sell bottles at the Car Show. They cannot have a beer garden at the car show because there would not be enough room with all the cars. Adam Gochnauer said he would prefer the alcohol be kept to the beer garden so it can be regulated. Randy Rannels pointed out that the rule at the park is that you cannot bring alcohol and if the distillery sold alcohol someone could easily open it up. This will be put on the March 7th agenda for a motion.

3. Megan Makers Market: Would like to have an event on June 10th with 100 plus vendors

Megan Shenk owner of Shenk Shop holds Maker Markets with handmade items made by crafters and artisans. They have a wide variety and will have approx. 100 vendors at the event. They will have 3-5 food trucks. They have volunteers from Hempfield High School service their events throughout the year to fulfill their local service hours. She projects 1,500 – 2,000 people will be in attendance for the E.P. event. There will be live music. There is no cost to the borough, and she would pay a fee to use the space at the park. She will take care of the porta potties, trash, marketing, parking, traffic control and emergency planning. The vendors would use the grass park space. She will contact churches, schools, and businesses to plan for overflow parking. This year they are planning to have markets at: Hempfield High School, Maytown Historical Society, Columbia Market House, Mountville Ballfield, Elizabethtown Fairgrounds, Columbia River Park, and Marietta. If it rains, they will reschedule, or it will be a rain or shine event. This will be put on the March 7th agenda for a vote.

4. Pine Street Update – submitted to Manager St. Clair by John Herr

John Herr could not be at the meeting. He gave Karen St. Clair an update on how the residents on Pine Street feel about making changes to the traffic pattern on Pine Street to solve traffic issues due to: fire vehicles

answering calls, traffic congestion, commuters avoiding the 72 and 722 light, difficulties achieving street sweeping because of parked cars.

Residents on Pine St. agreed that the concerns are valid and answered the following questions asked by Mr. Herr:

Making Pine Street one-way heading south – 10 said yes and 2 said no.

Alternate side parking for 2 hours; once each side, each month for street sweeping - 9 said yes and 2 said no.

Next month, he will have more information after he talks to more residents.

5. Borough office sign for new location

The fire department wanted to know if we would be interested in sharing the cost of a sign with them when we move to the new offices, and what kind of sign would we want. Council would like to see pricing and did not think a digital sign would get seen on Pine St. so the cost would not be justified unless it was very cheap. If the fire department wants the digital sign and we don't, the cost could be negotiated so we are only paying for the part of the sign we will need. It was pointed out that the Events Committee does post their events on the digital billboard on Main St.

6. Karen St. Clair: General Fund surplus of funds & update on the pool season

Manager St. Clair explained that during COVID in 2020 and 2021 there were projects that were budgeted for and a lot of those were put on hold, and there were no planned transfers of surplus funds into the capital reserves during this time period. Currently we have approx. 638,862.00 in surplus and would like transfer 500,000.00 - 600,000.00 into capital reserves until it gets used for the projects. This will be put on the March 7th agenda for a vote.

Pool Season Rates and events were reviewed. It is the 10-year anniversary of HARC managing the pool. HARC would like to have a celebration event on Memorial Day Weekend, including food trucks as well as member only appreciation weekend. Council said closing the pool to the public on the busiest holiday weekends will eliminate the revenue for walk-in's and it might alienate the public. It was pointed out that having days for members only could increase membership sales, but these days should not be on the holiday weekends when members would like to bring guests. It was pointed out that it might be better to limit swimming to members only at the indoor pool or just pick another day.

Discounted rate before April 29th – individual membership for a resident is 185.00; non-resident is 209.00, after April 29th individual membership for resident is 205.00; non-resident is 229.00. The savings is 20.00 prior to April 29th.

7. Review Account Payables

No additions to the regular bills.

8. Misc. Items

Manager St. Clair

MEP meeting was held for the new offices. The company that was hired for the offices at the FD is currently only working on our project. They will be doing a final walk through soon and we will have a better timeline.

Working on appraisals of 6040-6050-6060 Main Street.

Audit went well; report will be here in April.

Adam Gochnauer

He will have a few things he will be dealing with over the next few months that he will be coming to council with. The fire department is one of them. He does not have the figures yet, but there will be some big expenses coming up for the street sweeper including the filter which has been budgeted for. Now that we have a 7-year history to review, we can see what the cost is for all of this, and we can evaluate where things stand with the rates.

Lauren Houck said the last sweeper we had could not be run during the winter months and pointed out some places are paying the same amount for fines as we have paid to purchase the sweeper. Adam Gochnauer said that it has made money every year except last year when we had to do maintenance on it, and then we broke even. After this year, the big stuff has been replaced and we can start to budget for the next 7-years. Originally the sweeper was bought for MS4 and then we came up with the idea to market the sweepings and it has been a great project and we look forward to continuing with it.

Mr. Gochnauer said that the Northern Lancaster County Regional Police Commission meeting will be held here in East Petersburg at the Community Center on March 9, at 7:00 p.m. He said this meeting gives the community a chance to come and ask questions.

Debra Miller

Years ago, there was a walking tour of East Petersburg Borough, and this has been put on the website. Sam Maurer said there was once a garden tour of the borough and there is a booklet at the historical society on this. There is an opening on the LASA board, if anyone is interested, they can contact Manager St. Clair.

John Schick

Public Works has put up new stop signs that are reflective at night and new speed limit signs will be next.

Sandra Valdez

Asked if we received the traffic study back from NLCRPD for Main Street. Manager St. Clair said she did not receive it yet and she will check on this at their next meeting.

James Malone

Attended PA State Mayors Association Meeting. Radar Coalition is starting the whole process over again. Write your congressperson, state house representative, and try to tell them we could really use this.

The Black Caucus is currently opposed to it and has been engaged with them for two years now. The only variation in the new bill is that the income from tickets cannot be more than 1% of your total. He said that everyone is fine with this; they just want the tool to control speeding. He said that everyone needs to be considerate of others on the roads and not speed. Homelessness was also discussed at the LCMA Meeting.

Debra Miller said Mike Sterla mentioned red light cameras and asked if this is something that could work in the borough. John Schick said Philadelphia uses red light cameras on Roosevelt Blvd. and this is where the ARLE Grant money comes from. He said that you have to be a first-class township and it is 100,000.00 per intersection to equip and you need an organization to collect the fines.

9. Fire Company Financials – for review only

II. ACTION ITEMS:

1. *It was moved and seconded (J. Schick /L. Houck) with unanimous approval by the board to approve the January 26, 2023, Borough Committee meeting minutes*

III. Extra Items: Issues arising in the last 24 hours: None

IV. Committee Meeting Adjournment: 7:55 p.m.

VI. Executive Session for legal & personnel matters: Not needed

Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 7, 2022, Council Meeting & Thursday, March 23, 2023, Committee Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Strayer, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

DATE AND TIME:	March 23, 2023	6:00 p.m.
LOCATION:	Community Center	6051 Pine Street
ATTENDANCE:	Council Members:	Debra Miller, President John Schick, Vice-President Adam Gochnauer, Pro Tem (Absent) John Herr Lauren Houck (Absent) Randy Rannels Sandra Valdez Mayor: James Malone Borough Manager: Karen St. Clair Assistant Treasurer: Jennifer Guzejko Special Project Supervisor: Jeff Moseman

Meeting was called to order: 6:00 p.m.

Moment of Silence / Pledge to Flag

Visitors: Tammy Moseman, Lynne Morrison, Courtney Pokrop, Josh Roberts, Jim Swarr, and Samuel Maurer IV
Jim Swarr and Josh Roberts were both recording the meeting.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. Lynn Morrison said she has lived on Northfield Drive for more than 20 years. Her home backs up to the bike path and beyond that is a big field that is a floodplain. She enjoys sitting out back and watching the birds. At times she has planted flowers near the bike path on the borough's property to help maintain the area. She said a few years ago they sprayed and killed everything along the edge for maintenance. Earlier this week they put big white stones in this area. The maintenance person on-site told her this was being done as a solution to maintain this area because it is hard to get equipment in there, and also to deter dumping. Ms. Morrison showed pictures of the rocks to Council and said she would have liked to have been notified about this and would like them to consider a better solution. She said it looks like she lives on a swale and feels it is degrading to her property. Jeff Moseman said this has always been a troublesome area along the pathway to maintain and every season they are digging hoses, lawn mowers, and all kinds of trash out of the brush. The trash quickly gets hidden in the brush and there was only a mower length away from the neighboring properties. They tried to come up with a solution to allow them to get machinery in there and at least mow 1 or 2 passes through this area without having to encounter trash and branches. Last year, they trimmed a lot of the large trees that were leaning over the trailway. They discussed putting the rock in, and also discussed covering it with dirt and planting grasses, but it is almost too steep and could cause MS4 issues while soil is bare until the grass grows in. The rocks provide a barrier, and he does agree that it will not stop the dumping, but it will be more prominent. Manager St. Clair said she will go out there and take a look at this. Ms. St. Clair said she did see pictures and was in support of what they wanted to do because of the problems they have had there year after year. Ms. Morrison asked if there have been any other complaints. Manager St. Clair said she has not received any other complaints about the rocks.

II. AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY:

1. **Backyard hens: council to continue discussion on how they would like to proceed.**

Debra Miller said she has seen more information on this and found out that backyard hens can be susceptible to Avian Flu. She said if it weren't for all the flocks of chickens in the county that have been decimated due to the outbreak of Avian Flu, she might have a different opinion about it. Ms. Pokrop said it is less likely with smaller flocks.

John Schick said he is down the middle on this. He said that the cost is substantial for this, and he feels it will be a unique crowd, but on the flip side the smell of the manure can be bad. He said sometimes people start out with good intention and then people get tired of doing it, or it starts to cost too much, and then the novelty wears off. He explained we have ordinances for a reason and there is criteria in there for a special exception which requires proving a hardship. Ms. Pokrop said that the ordinance would require people to take care of the manure. John Schick said this would then become a policing item for the borough and he would probably lean more toward not going with it because even though it is good people with good intentions, the minority few can ruin it for everyone else.

Sandra Valdez said you hope with the ordinance that people will follow it, but this then puts the burden on those who need to ensure that the residents are following the ordinance, therefore she leans towards not doing it.

Randy Rannels said he is not opposed to it and would like to get a feel from the whole community as to how everyone feels about it. If we did something like this, he would like to see the cost to the borough be offset by an annual permit fee with an inspection every six months and if they don't pass, we could possibly make it that they have to get rid of them.

John Herr said he lived across from chickens until they were told they could not have them. Emotionally he thinks they are great. Before voting for them he would like to know that the majority of the borough feels the same way because it will end up costing every taxpayer money to enforce this for the benefit of a few people. He likes the idea of a permit that would help defray the cost. It was pointed out that Manheim Township charges 1,000.00 plus just to get a permit. Mr. Herr said we have some properties that have been problems for many years and if one of these would get chickens, we could always levy fines, but other than that if they pay them, our hands are tied.

Debra Miller said the borough solicitor reviewed adding this on for a vote during the election and found out it is very costly, and this type of referendum is non-binding. Mayor Malone said the board of elections does not favor putting something on the ballot unless it is a binding vote. Ms. Pokrop said she does not feel it would be a successful vote in favor of chickens because it is a small group that wants them, but that is also why she feels the chickens would not be a big problem because she doesn't feel a lot of people will have them. Tammy Moseman said she likes the idea of self-sufficiency, but her main concern is the health of her family, and her dog barking at chickens nearby. Ms. Moseman pointed out there are already cats roaming in the area and she feels they will end up having roaming chickens. Debra Miller said she has a hard time justifying 20,000.00 to change an ordinance. John Schick said the cost is the same whether it is one change or numerous changes. This will be put on the April 4th agenda for a vote.

2. Jeff Moseman/Jennifer Guzejko – review final costs for Playground/Park Restroom Upgrades (DCNR)

Jeff Moseman said there are copies of the proposed plans and probable costs for council and the residents to take a look at. All of the suggestions and comments have been taken into consideration and they are working with ARRO to finalize the plan and get costs so the grant can be submitted. Mr. Moseman reviewed the plans and pointed out what is being proposed and explained that right now it is a more generalized plan with proposed costs in order to compile a cost estimate so the grant can be submitted. If the grant is received the work would not take place until mid-2024 and there will be inflation costs that we cannot account for. It is a 50/50 match so there will be costs for the borough. Items included in this proposal are: Parking lot and curbing at the front of the park with an 18-inch beauty strip, 2-3 additional ADA parking spots in parking lot, pathway between the parking lot and sidewalk, pathway up to bathrooms and concession stand, updated concession stand / bathrooms with energy saving light fixtures, ADA facilities, water saving fixtures, double sinks will be added in for each bathroom, baby changing station has not been included yet. Mr. Moseman pointed out that no other items can be added in after the grant is submitted.

It was discussed what might be needed at the concession stand to get this up to code and cover all the needs. Manager St. Clair said it is best to add in what is needed now. John Schick said electric stoves would get rid of the need for a hood. Randy Rannels pointed out some items will be needed to pass inspection such as a three-bay sink, slop sink, and hand wash sink. The refrigerators we have should be ok. We will also need to convert from gas to electricity for the stove. Extra electrical outlets will be needed to allow for crockpots. The panel will need to be updated to 200 AMP. Randy Rannels said the window may need closed off to allow for the sinks.

Cameras are set at a multi angle position and can be reset when the new park equipment is installed. Environmentally friendly features have been considered for this grant and include impervious pavement for the path, swing set made partly from recycled materials, and recycled rubber material (which is a pervious surface) beneath the playset. John Schick said there is a lot of path with pervious pavement proposed and asked if there were any savings with putting bituminous paving and offsetting drainage by putting in rain gardens. Samuel

Maurer asked if sidewalk could be installed to State St. He was told this extends beyond the borough property. Jennifer Guzejko said the total current cost is a little over 600,000.00 of which we have to come up with a 50% match. The borough has over 140,000.00 in parks and open space to use and the rest will come from the surplus in reserves. The application is due by April 4, 2023. Manager St. Clair and Council thanked Jeff and Jennifer for their work on the grant.

3. John Herr: Pine Street update

John Herr reported that the majority of residents he spoke with in the 5900 block of Pine Street were for the change of making the street one-way heading south. Most properties on this street do not have off-street parking, therefore parking on both sides provides a place for residents to park. Changing the street to one-way would make it easier for people driving through because it is only wide enough for one car to pass at a time. This will also make it easier for the fire trucks heading out to a call. It was discussed that making this street one way has come up many times over the years because pulling out and crossing there is dangerous. Public works has had trouble plowing on this block as well. This time it was brought up that if changes need to be made, it should be done now, due to the water main replacement project coming up on Pine Street.

4. Review quotes for new office signs

Quote from Signarama for electronic sign and some directional signs: 29,681.23

Quote from Signarama for PVC sign and directional signs: 6,791.00

Kevin received a quote for a PVC sign and directional signs in the amount of 904.00 and public works can install them. John Schick said he would like to know what material the sign is made of - Manager St. Clair said she will find out. Manager St. Clair reached out to other sign companies but has not received the information yet. The fire company did say they will split the cost of the sign with us.

5. Review property information for 6040/6050/6060 Main Street

Manager St. Clair received 3 quotes for appraising these three properties. She did go ahead and get property value amounts from realtors, even though we cannot go that route, it was just for comparison. The property value amounts were all similar to the three following appraisals received: Angela Tracy 7,500.00, CCAG 5,800.00, Skladany Valuation 5,400.00.

Her recommendation is to go with Skladany Valuation. He took the time to research the properties and he was highly recommended.

6. Reviewed Account Payables 03/23/2023

7. Misc. Items

Manager St. Clair

Jimmy Swarr submitted a letter of interest and statement of financial interest form, to be on the zoning hearing board. This will be on the agenda next week.

Drug Task Force (DTF) has requested contribution in the amount of 4,573.00. We have not participated in the past few years, but things seem to be straightened out now. Manager St. Clair said most of the municipalities are now paying it. Council said they would be ok with it if LT. Kilgore thinks it is ok. Manager St. Clair will check with LT. Kilgore about this.

Scott Liggins submitted a letter along with the proposal from Kohl Bros. for the pumps that he spoke with Council about last month. The current ship dates are 14-16 weeks. After it arrives, it will take 1-2 weeks of site work. The warranty is a standard warranty for one year with the exception of the VFD (variable frequency drive) which carries the option for a 5-year warranty. This was priced through co-stars including freight, labor, and equipment, not to exceed 82,950.00 each. Currently to get full output 2 pumps have to be run, so when a pump goes down or maintenance is needed, we have to use city water and pay for it. What is being proposed is to have a single pump handle the full output with the other being used as a back-up to allow us to handle full output at all times. We will alternate use of each to keep the hours the same on both. Currently with one pump down, we are using 100,000 – 180,000 gallons per day from the city interconnect to make up for the half we cannot meet. The water from the city interconnect will have to be paid for. The pumps were not budgeted for in 2023, but we have money in reserves to pay for this type of emergency. This will not affect residents' costs.

John Herr said the sign at the attorney's office makes it hard to see when you pull out at Pine and Main St. The sign was permitted through zoning. John Schick said that there needs to be a 15 ft. triangle site distance, and this has been looked into in the past. John Herr said he realizes this was approved, but he would just like to ask them to appeal to their good faith and ask them nicely to correct this. Manager St. Clair said she will take a look at the permit.

Debra Miller said she has been in contact with the Master Gardener Program coordinator at Penn State Extension regarding holding a compost workshop in East Petersburg Borough. The Borough will not be expensed, and the Master Gardeners will be donating their time to explain various forms of composting, including worm composting. It was suggested we would have a greater turnout if the workshop was made available to anyone in the surrounding area with residents having first priority. Everyone should pre-register due to a set limit of 70 people. The compost workshop will tentatively be held on Saturday, April 29 from 10:00 – 12:00 p.m.

8. Fire Company Financials – for review only

II. ACTION ITEMS:

1. *It was moved and seconded (S. Valdez / R. Rannels) with unanimous approval by the board to approve the February 23, 2023, Borough Committee meeting minutes*
2. *It was moved and seconded (R. Rannels / J. Schick) with unanimous approval by the board to approve Final costs for the park/trail upgrades for the grant through DCNR, including a bay sink, handwash sink, slop sink, and changing the work gas to electric*
3. *It was moved and seconded (J. Schick / S. Valdez) with unanimous approval by the board to approve Resolution 861, authorizing ARRO Consulting, Inc. to submit the application for the playground/park restroom upgrades to the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (DCNR) contingent on the updated cost and items being included*

III. Extra Items: Issues arising in the last 24 hours:

1. *It was moved and seconded (S. Valdez / R. Rannels) to approve the purchase of 2 pumps from Kohl Brothers not to exceed 82,950.00 each*

IV. Committee Meeting Adjournment: 7:33 p.m.

VI. Executive Session for legal & personnel matters: Not needed

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 4, 2023, Council Meeting & Thursday, April 27, 2023, Committee Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Strayer, Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE EAST PETERSBURG BOROUGH COUNCIL

DATE AND TIME:	April 27, 2023	6:00 p.m.
LOCATION:	Community Center	6051 Pine Street
ATTENDANCE:	Council Members:	Debra Miller, President John Schick, Vice-President Adam Gochnauer, Pro Tem John Herr Lauren Houck Randy Rannels Sandra Valdez (Absent)
	Mayor:	James Malone
	Borough Manager:	Karen St. Clair

Meeting was called to order: 6:00 p.m.

Moment of Silence / Pledge to Flag

Visitors: John Strayer, Phillip Teise, Samuel Maurer IV, Jennifer Schwartz, Bob Schwartz, Chris Dreisbach, Bobby Dwight, Joe McDonald, Scott Yuill, Josh Houck, James Swarr, Josh Roberts, Dave Gantz, and Tammy & Jeff Moseman

James Swarr and Josh Roberts were both recording the meeting.

Debra Miller asked that everyone in attendance wait to be recognized before making comments or questions.

I. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

1. James Swarr said there is a rash of car break-ins going on in the borough and he has spoken to the Mayor about this because he is the liaison between the borough and the police. Mr. Swarr physically stopped someone from coming into his driveway on his property. He saw him go into the neighbor's car and the one across the street. Mr. Swarr called the police, and they came out and have been patrolling the area near his home. The streetlight was out on Carpenter St., and he has recently found out how to report this. Debra Miller pointed out that unfortunately this is happening everywhere this time of year. John Schick said there were cars broken into in a nearby municipality in the middle of the afternoon to steal purses while these people were walking their dogs. Adam Gochnauer said a few meetings ago there were people complaining about speeding and he said this was brought up with the police at the commission that he attends, along with Manager St. Clair. The police have been looking out for this more. Mr. Gochnauer said he is doing the right thing by letting them know and they can take this to the police and look into this further. James Swarr asked if something could be put on the website.

James Swarr asked for follow-up on a complaint about Miriam Circle regarding a possible group home. Manager St. Clair will check on the status of this.

2. Samuel Maurer IV, president of the East Petersburg Historical Society said he has started a campaign to raise funds to purchase the property on Main Street. Adam Gochnauer said he is not the only one that has been asking about this property. Manager St. Clair can put his information in the interested file and when it is decided when the buildings will be sold, she can reach out to him along with the other interested parties.
3. John Strayer said the street sweeper has been sweeping his street on Fridays when there are multiple yard waste bags in the street for pick-up, therefore most of the street is not being cleaned. Jeff Moseman explained that weather is a factor as well as staffing. It was pointed out that the sweeper is used to sweep out of the borough also. The regular scheduled days are Wednesday and Thursday and if they cannot get to it on these days, they end up having to sweep on Friday. Lauren Houck said recently Good's put her yard waste bags in the street and then come back through to collect them.

II. AGENDA ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION ONLY:

1. Team Member: EP Pool Snack Bar

Chris Dreisbach co-owner of Full-Service Concessions Group, Dough Head Concessions, and Honeybee Café said they also have 2 food trucks, tent table, stand at Columbia Market, and provide concessions at the Field of Screams. He explained last year Adamstown pool was struggling with the concessions, and Joe, one of the co-owners built a custom menu for Adamstown pool. It was so successful, they had people coming just for the concessions. This led them to believe that other municipalities might be struggling as well, and they reached out to other areas to offer their services. Adam Gochnauer asked if their group has an agreement with HARC. Mr. Dreisbach said they do not have an agreement. They have only had discussions about this. Adam Gochnauer asked if they are planning on just having hours the same as pool hours. Mr. Dreisbach said they are open to whatever the needs are of the borough, but this is just to operate out of the concession stand for now. Adam said the pool is for members only, so non-members would not be able to go in and out. Mr. Dreisbach said that there are two usable windows at the pool concession area, and one of these windows can be accessed without entering the pool area. They are willing to cover the baseball games/ hockey games near the pool. They can bring in the food truck if that is preferred. Mr. Dreisbach said if there was rent it would not be worth doing it for them because it is only for 3 months. The margin is somewhat low, but the plus side is they are building a following and community support. Mr. Gochnauer said the borough owns the equipment in the concession area and asked if they would be using this. Mr. Dreisbach said they are hoping to use what is there and bring in supplemental equipment. Mr. Gochnauer said there would also be an increase in utilities used as well. He pointed out that if concessions end up being a losing proposition and they are paying extra expenses that are not reflected in the agreement, it could make the pool look worse than it actually is. Mr. Gochnauer said that he just wants to be transparent with the taxpayers if this turns into a profit. Mr. Dreisbach said he does understand. Debra Miller asked who will staff the concessions. Mr. Dreisbach said they like to supplement their staff by hiring local teens within the community. Mr. Gochnauer said they are only here to get our blessing tonight because we own the property. Any agreement for this would be between HARC and the concession company. Amy Leonard said that if HARC would contract with them, then we would look at our agreement with HARC and see what needs to be done at that point. Mr. Dreisbach said they have seen the space and he does feel this space could be ready for the beginning of the season. The menu would be similar to the one at Adamstown pool.

2. Bob & Jennifer Schwartz – Basketball hoop in ROW

Jennifer Swartz read the letter to Council that she and Bob Schwartz sent to Collin Fox:

"We are writing this letter to formally request an exemption or variance request regarding the East Petersburg Borough's letter demanding that we remove our basketball hoop, located in the side yard of our property at 6461 Cherry Street: East Petersburg. As you know, we have gone back and forth with you many times over the past several months. We believe that our request is reasonable, given our location (Cherry Street is not a thoroughfare) as well as our many concerns should we have to remove the hoop. Our primary concern is the safety and well-being of our children as well as the rest of the children in our neighborhood – who truly have become an extension of our family. If we must remove our hoop, these children will be put in harms way: from crossing a deadly street to passing homes where Megan's Law offenders live to violence and bullying at the East Petersburg Park. When we were looking for a home in 2020, we prayed that God would lead us to the perfect home and that home would be "that house" where all our children and their friends and the neighborhood kids gathered. After looking at 33 houses, we found it at 6461 Cherry Street: East Petersburg. Our door has been open for playdates, babysitting, dinners, and even overnight stays when a neighbor needed someone to watch her kids while she went to the hospital. And when our daughter developed a love of basketball, we didn't think twice about putting up a basketball hoop and welcoming everyone to use it. Jennifer was a basketball coach for many years and has worked with several of the neighborhood kids to teach them basketball fundamentals. We have even come home to find strangers playing basketball on our hoop. We are not telling you this to brag, but to convey to you that we have a heart for this neighborhood-especially the kids. We now understand that there is a law from 1989 stating that permanent basketball hoops are not allowed in the East Petersburg Borough. When we put ours in, we were not aware of this. Again, we did it with all good intentions in mind. However, as we stated above, we are requesting an exemption or variance. Much has changed since 1989. We do not have the time to list everything, but we have listed several points of concern on the fact sheet accompanying this letter as well as some overall facts regarding this situation. Again, please know that we are not fighting this to cause you problems. We believe, and we teach our children, that some things are worth fighting for. Mr. Fox, we believe that the safety of our children-as well as the 12 (soon to be 15) others who live in our neighborhood-is worth fighting for. We appreciate your time, and we pray for you to have wisdom and discernment in this decision. Should we need anything else or need to follow a certain guideline to filing our exemption or variance, please let us know so that we can start that process. Sincerely, Bob & Jennifer Schwartz

Debra Miller said she remembers in 2020 working on Ordinance 311 for Streets & Sidewalks, and the first draft was very restrictive and did not allow for playing ball on a dead-end street or skateboarding. At that time, it was during covid, and families were limited to only exercising outdoors. Councilmembers were unhappy with the draft and compromised on temporary structures to be removed after play/use where safely possible, such as dead-end streets or cul-de-sacs, and could not prevent lawful transit in the cartway. She said this is why she sees many basketball hoops on wheels because they move it back into the driveway after use. We also allow in Ord. 311 for structures to be erected on homeowner's properties, but not in the right of way. Ms. Miller explained that Council does not handle zoning variances, and this is done through the zoning committee and to get something in front of the zoning hearing board the fee is \$750.00. She said Council is not able to help because it needs to go through zoning. Jennifer Schwartz said it is unrealistic to ask people to move them in and out of the driveway, and she sees them blown over when it storms. Mr. Schick said the pole is currently in the 50 ft. public right of way and said only mailboxes are allowed in the public right of way. Mr. Schwartz said that is why they are here so it can be discussed. Mr. Schwartz said he feels there is no good reason to move the basketball court and it is important to keep it there to keep the kids safe. Amy Leonard said that it is the law, so it is not something that can be compromised. John Schick said it could be taken to the zoning hearing board to ask for a variance. Mr. Schick also suggested he move the hoop to his driveway. Mrs. Schwartz said there is not enough room in the driveway to have the full legal length of a court.

Michael Bingham said the Ordinance the Schwartz's referred to in the letter is actually adopted in 2020 (not 1989). Mr. Bingham said at the time there was a permanent basketball hoop in a cul-de-sac, which was a much less traveled area. There were concerns with children playing in the street; if someone gets hit and the borough allowed that structure to be there, then the borough becomes liable. Mr. Bingham explained that if they go to the zoning hearing board for this, they will need to prove a legal hardship, and said they honestly do not have one, and it would most likely be turned down.

Adam Gochnauer said he thinks the part about the street sweeper in the first letter should not have been put in and that this is what has caused confusion. He said it should have only said this is not legal to have the basketball net because you do not own that property. Mrs. Schwartz said it was confusing because they addressed the street sweeper concerns, then months went by, and they received another letter changing the problem with the hoop.

Amy Leonard pointed out that the recent letter Mr. Fox sent them on April 14, cites Ordinance 311, and says it shall be unlawful for any person(s) to park, place, or cause to be parked or placed any obstruction as defined herein (which means ord. 311) within any rights of way in East Petersburg Borough, Lancaster County PA. The placement of permanent basketball hoops, soccer and or hockey nets or goals skateboard ramps and all other permanent obstructions over, in, or on public rights-of-way is strictly prohibited, regardless of when such structures were erected. Ms. Leonard said if they go to the zoning hearing board, they will have to point out a provision of the zoning ordinance. She said Ordinance 311 was passed by Council so ZHB could not help with this.

Mr. Bingham said there were numerous violations cited in the letter and the part about a permanent structure requiring a permit would have to go to the ZHB. He explained because it is in the public right of way it would not be permitted.

Manager St. Clair said that it was her understanding that when they were in the office with Collin Fox, they were informed that they needed to go to the ZHB, and at that time they requested a meeting with the borough manager. Mr. Schwartz said Mr. Fox suggested they meet with her and then Council.

Mr. Schwartz said he realizes they made a mistake by putting the pole up without checking with the borough, but feels it is really not a problem. He said his neighbor was sent a letter and it said he had to plant trees. Mr. Bingham said it is because he has an RV and screening is required

Dave Gantz said he has lived on Cherry Street for two years now and feels there are people here who want to build community and council should work with these individuals. The park has great events, but no safe way to get there. He would like to see bicycle lanes, paint markings, signs, humps, and blinking signal lights that say - watch for pedestrians. He was told at the last meeting that upgrades are planned, so he feels that council should say once they have the upgrades done, the basketball hoop needs removed at that time. This would show council is working with the community. He would like to ride his bike to local places safely.

John Schick said the reason we have a 50 ft. right of way is so we can put traffic signs in these areas. He said that the law is that all poles for traffic signs, etc. must be breakaway and the basketball hoop is a solid pole; it is

not breakaway. If someone hits a breakaway pole it breaks, but a solid pole does not. This creates more of a liability. That is why prior approval is required for any pole for signs or signals.

Mrs. Schwartz said they would just like a little bit of grace until 2025 when the upgrades are finished. Council said they cannot do this because it is a liability.

Tammy Moseman said she spoke to council about a very important financial issue for Lemon Street residents. Lemon Street as a group came to council and they heard us, and they listened to us and worked with us. It is not that council does not want to work with you, they do, but there are rules they must follow. She said it is frustrating to hear them say that council is not hearing you, but they are, and they do.

Josh Roberts said if someone hits the pole and is injured, the borough could be sued, and he does not want to see this happen. If the borough would be sued into oblivion, we could be forced to merge with someplace like Hempfield where we have 0 voice. At least we have a voice here with these 7 people on council. He said not everybody agrees with you on this.

3. Bio-swale Project – Kinsley request to assign contract to Aquatic Resource Restoration Company

Manager St. Clair said the grant was awarded and Kinsley won the bid and Kinsley would like to assign the work to Aquatic Recourse Restoration Company. Michael Bingham explained that Kinsley owns a large portion of Aquatic Recourse Restoration Company. Amy Leonard said the way the contract is written you can only sub out 50% of the work, so she had to red flag this, and they will now need to have a Consent to Assign agreement. This agreement says Kinsley will remain the responsible party for every provision of the contract.

4. Amy Leonard: Airbnb discussion. Defining Short Term Rentals, Regulations? Inspections? Licensing?

Amy Leonard said that legally she does not think Airbnb is a dead issue. It is very common, and most municipalities do not have this provision. If we don't have an ordinance, then we can't regulate it. She has looked at the zoning ordinance and met with Manager St. Clair and Mr. Bingham about this. The borough currently only allows bed and breakfast uses, which are traditionally owner occupied and only a room is being rented and there are no cooking facilities included. Bed and Breakfast use is only allowed in commercial districts in the borough. She strongly suggests looking at defining short-term rentals and regulating them in a similar manner to Bed and Breakfast. If someone applies for a zoning permit, it has to be addressed under, uses not provided for or specifically regulated. This means they can have that use in any zoning district, as long as they can meet special exception criteria. This could turn into a lot of zoning hearings, and this process is costly. John Schick asked if we are covered under LIMC for uses. Michael Bingham said even if it is covered under LIMC, it still needs to be covered under zoning. John Schick asked if someone rents out a pool or barn what it would fall under. Amy Leonard said it would fall under event venues. Ms. Leonard said she has been to zoning hearing after zoning hearing in other municipalities where it is not regulated. She would rather be proactive about it. She would like to put together an amendment for council to look at and review at an upcoming meeting. Council can then decide what is appropriate re: inspections, licensing, restrictions, and limitations. Amy Leonard said if people are going to operate Airbnb's they should be following all local, county and state requirements. She pointed out that people sometimes buy up properties to use just for this use and there is nobody there on site to oversee what is happening. She said the goal shouldn't be to completely change your housing stock in the borough to accommodate transient guests. Michael Bingham pointed out that currently Bed and Breakfast is only allowed in the NC district. Lauren Houck said Lititz currently requires fees and if the owner of the Airbnb goes out of town, the owner will have to notify the borough of this. She feels something like this could be extensive for the borough staff. John Schick said that hotels pay tax to provide for these types of things. Council agreed to have something put together to review. Tammy Moseman said that someone on Lemon St. is going to submit a zoning hearing application for this. Amy Leonard said if something else needs amended this is the time.

5. Karen/Amy: 6060 Easement for Stormwater management

Manager St. Clair said now that it has been decided that we want to sell the building, we need to look at moving forward with an easement for the stormwater facilities that were installed in 2021. Amy Leonard said there was a draft put together for the easement in 2021 because we wanted to guarantee that if the borough only sold 6060, they would be able to still park there and also to ensure the borough could access the stormwater facilities for maintenance. Now that the borough is moving the offices, they no longer need to use the area for parking. We will now need to change the drafted easement to reflect that we need to continue to have access to allow for maintenance of the stormwater facilities. This easement would ensure that a structure could not be placed in this area, nor could it be paved. It was agreed that it would be best to remove the stone parking area and plant grass before it is sold.

6. Karen/Amy: 6040/6050/6060 – Appraiser's Note and Appraisals

Manager St. Clair received an appraisal for all three properties. The Appraisal pointed out that 6050 Main St. property does not have plumbing and does not have stairs on the inside to get to the second floor and therefore suggested it might be a good idea to sell 6040 and 6050 together as one. Randal Kline with Kline Kreider and Good, was highly recommended for Auctioning services. Manager St. Clair will meet with him mid-May and will need to know if Council would like to sell 6040 and 6050 together. Council agreed they would like 6040 and 6050 to be sold as one. Manager St. Clair will have more information on this at the June committee meeting.

7. Karen: Office moving quotes

Two quotes were received from moving companies. Groff and Sons came in lower, and they came recommended. This will be put on the agenda for the Council meeting.

8. Karen: ARLE grant project: 72/Miller and 72/Enterprise

We received a grant for both of these intersections, but ARRO who is our borough engineer does not have a traffic engineer. An RFP was put together for this project and EH put this out to bid for their traffic engineer to bid it as well. Rettew came in as lowest bidder, therefore it is on the agenda for a vote this evening.

9. Karen: Revision of Employment Policies; SOP revisions and Hours of Operation

Hours of Operation - was updated to reflect the new office hours 7:30-4:00 with office remaining open during lunch. Public works and water departments hours are 7:00-3:30 m-f with department on-call following the office hours.

Chain of Command – Borough Foreman was changed to say Supervisor or Department Supervisor or Immediate Supervisor. The first sentence will be removed because it could cause confusion about who to report to.

10. Karen: 1Q23 review

Manager St. Clair reviewed the first quarter financials with Councilmembers.

Brushes will need to be budgeted for the sweeper every 5 years. Randy Rannels asked how much it costs to operate the sweeper while putting money away for the sweepers. Manager St. Clair said she does not have this information with her, but she will get this to him. Adam Gochbauer said they do look at how much it costs per hour and set the rates accordingly. He said the numbers are only getting better. We have exceeded the hopes of sweeping the borough at no cost.

11. Review Account Payables 04/27/2023

12. Misc. Items

Manager St. Clair

- Capital Blue Cross issued a credit to us in the amount of 2,203.00 because our claims came in lower than expected. This will be credited to our invoice.
- Hempfield Church of the Brethren wants to have a community ice cream social event on May 19, 2023, from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. at Constitution Square. She will submit insurance certificate for this. This will be put on the next Council meeting agenda for a vote.
- East Petersburg Events Committee granted permission to Wee Care Day School for a pre-K graduation at the amphitheater on May 19, with a rain date of May 24.
- Manager St. Clair will be on vacation May 3 through May 8.

John Herr attended the LCSWMA meeting. He pointed out that the average cost per municipality in Lancaster county for refuse is \$172.00. They are projecting a small increase in the rate the haulers have to pay. Manager St. Clair said we should be ok for next year with what we have.

Debra Miller and John Schick attended the LC Borough Association meeting. It was discussed at the meeting that they are pushing hard for the Radar Bill and trying to get PennDOT to take responsibility for stormwater on their roadways. OSHA regulations were also discussed.

Adam Gochbauer said there are some things coming up that he is working on.

13. Fire Company Financials – for review only

II. ACTION ITEMS:

1. *It was moved and seconded (R. Rannels /J. Schick) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve the March 23, 2023, Borough Committee meeting minutes.*

2. *It was moved and seconded (A. Gochnauer/J. Herr) with unanimous approval by the board, to approve Consent Agreement to Kinsley Construction assigning Bio-swale Project to Aquatic Resource Restoration Company.*
3. *It was moved and seconded (A. Gochnauer/J. Herr) with 5-0 vote by the board, to approve Rettew to perform Traffic Engineering Services in the amount of \$20,450.00 as outlined in the ARLE grant project proposal for 72/Miller and 72/Enterprises. John Schick abstained due to his employment with Rettew.*
4. *It was moved and seconded (A. Gochnauer/R. Rannels) with unanimous approval by the board to approve final payment to Doli Construction in the amount of \$32,934.00 for the Lemon Street Water Main Replacement project.*

III. **Extra Items: Issues arising in the last 24 hours:** None.

IV. **Committee Meeting Adjournment:** 8:13 p.m.

VI. **Executive Session for legal & personnel matters:** Not needed

Next Meeting: Tuesday, May 2, 2023, Council Meeting & Thursday, May 25, 2023, Committee Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,
Kim Strayer, Recording Secretary