

BOROUGH OF WEST EASTON  
COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 21, 2018

***APPROVED***

The second monthly meeting of the Council of the Borough of West Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Council President Paul James in Council Chambers of the West Easton Municipal Building, 237 Seventh Street, West Easton, Pennsylvania.

Roll was taken and Council President noted there was a quorum. Council President Paul James, Council members Matthew Dees, Pete Mammana, Desiree Lake and Jeff Breidinger, Jr. were present. Robert Lewis and Henry Nodoline were absent. Nathaniel Kober, Junior Council member was present. Mayor, Dan DePaul; Brian Panella of Goudsouzian & Associates substituted for Steve Goudzousian; and Borough Senior Clerk, David Gehman were present. Members of the public in attendance: Bonnie Mammana, Trude Hargraves and Leon Stull.

Council President Paul James opened the sealed bids for the 2018 Road Resurfacing Project. The road work consists of the remaining streets to be resurfaced. Asphalt Maintenance Solutions LLC bid was \$93,993.09 and Asphalt Paving Systems bid was \$87351.18.

Council person Ms. Lake asked if the insurance and bond were provided with each bid.

Upon motion by Mr. Mammana, seconded by Mr. Dees; Council awarded the road work contract to Asphalt Paving Systems in the amount of \$87,351.18. No discussion. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Upon motion by Mr. Mammana, seconded by Mr. Dees; Council approved checks #16541 through #16556 from the General Fund Account. No discussion. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Upon motion by Mr. Breidinger, seconded by Ms. Lake; Council approved check # 2057 from the Sewer Fund Account. No discussion. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Upon motion by Mr. Mammana, seconded by Mr. Dees; Council approved the minutes with correction.

Discussion – Councilman Dees asked to amend the last paragraph on the first page to include that he advised Ms. Kutz that the issue would be discussed in Executive Session.

Councilman Mammana asked to have a correction made to page 4 in the paragraph about the Utilities Committee. He stated the correct spelling for “Arrow” is with no “w (Arro).” Motion passed 5 – 0.

**Engineer’s Report – None**

**Public Comment – None**

**Mayor’s Report –**

Mayor DePaul stated that Councilman Mammana and he attended the most recent Mitigation meeting. The next meeting will be on June 21 at 3:00 p.m. at the Best Western.

Mayor DePaul made Council aware of two bills currently under consideration in the Pennsylvania State House. HB1619 – is a bill charging \$25/per capita for State Police covering their municipality. The other, HB43 – is a bill under consideration by the Transportation Committee allowing municipalities to use radar to enforce speed limits.

Finally, the Mayor stated that along with the Grant Committee a proposal was being developed to create a passive park at the World War Monuments.

**Solicitor’s report –**

Attorney Brian Panella reported that there were no major updates but he had items for Executive session.

**Office Report –**

Mr. Gehman also had updates on several properties in the Borough to be discussed in Executive session.

**President’s Report –**

President James apologized for missing the Council meeting on May 14, 2018.

**Policies – None**

**Resolutions – None**

**Ordinance – None**

**Round Table –**

Councilman Dees raised the issue of having the basketball nets taken a couple of weeks before the sidewalk project starts and then put back up once the concrete sets to eliminate the possibility of a problem during the construction of the sidewalks.

Mr. Dees also stated that he was against the use of radar to enforce speed limits until recently when someone passed him in front of the Borough's municipal building.

Councilman Mammana reported that at Tenth and Ridge two cars met at the intersection. The driver in the car coming down Ridge Street got out of his car and confronted the driver coming up Ridge Street.

Mr. Gehman reported that the office was getting calls from parents from Wilson and West Easton that the restrooms were not unlocked for games being held at Gross Park. Mr. Gehman also let Council know that a set of keys were given to Councilman Mammana in the event the bathrooms were locked when his grandson played.

Council President James said he has spoken to Scott Palinkas of Wilson Recreation Board and the issue has now been resolved. Keys were given to all the T-Ball coaches.

### **Committee Reports –**

**Finance Committee** – Council President James stated that he was available for the Committee to meet on Tuesday, May 29 at 6:30 pm. One of the topics of discussion will be the Sewer CD.

**Highway/Property Committee** – No report

**Public Safety/Personnel Committee** – Committee chair, Desiree Lake, said the Committee will meet on Tuesday, May 22 at 5:30 pm for Personnel and 6:00 pm for Public Safety.

**Legal/Newsletter/Computer Committee** – No report

**Utilities Committee** – Committee chair, Pete Mammana, scheduled the next meeting for Tuesday, May 29 at 6:00 pm

**Recreation Committee** – Committee chair, Jeff Breidinger, scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, May 29 at 5:30 pm

**Grants Committee** – Committee chair, Mr. Dees, stated that on May 16<sup>th</sup> he met with Councilman Jeff Breidinger, and Mayor DePaul in regards to the grants. The Grant Committee recommended pursuing a CIPP grant for the War Monuments area. A letter of intent is due by June 8<sup>th</sup> while the grant paperwork is due by July 18<sup>th</sup>. Part of the grant would be used to survey the area to see what exactly is Borough property.

Upon motion by Mr. Dees, seconded by Mr. Breidinger; for Council to approved filing a notice of intent to apply for the CIPP grant.

Discussion – Ms. Lake asked if the monies from the grant could not be put to better use, such as police cars. Mr. Dees replied that grant monies for police and public

safety are usually easier to obtain through other grants made available. There is also no available facility to keep police cars covered, while awaiting the new Public Works Building. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Councilman Dees stated the desire of the Grants Committee was to use a portion of the Northampton Gaming Commission Grant toward a park pavilion.

Mayor DePaul was in the process of obtaining quotes for an open air pavilion at Gross Park.

Mr. Dees asked if the Borough had received the \$31,440 from the disbanding of the Northampton Gaming Commission. Mr. Gehman responded the Borough has not received the monies.

Mr. Dees reminded Council that the monies had restrictions placed on the use. The monies needed to be spent for public safety, open space or infrastructure projects. Ms. Lake asked for a list what the Gaming Commission grant could be used for.

#### **Old Business – None**

#### **New Business –**

Mr. Gehman reminded everyone that Monday, May 28th at 9:00 am would be the annual Memorial Day Remembrance at the War Monument and that this year would be something special.

#### **Public Comment -**

**Trude Hargraves of Second Street** – Ms. Hargraves asked when the decision had to be given on the Conditional Use hearing that was held on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Council President James told her that the Council had 45 days to issue its decision.

#### **Entered Executive Session – 7:10 p.m.**

#### **Exited Executive Session – 8:02 p.m.**

Council President James stated that Council spoke about ongoing litigation and no decisions were made

Upon motion by Mr. Dees, seconded by Ms. Lake; Council agreed to adjourn. Motion passed 5 – 0.

Meeting adjourned 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
David W. Gehman, Borough Senior Clerk