

BOROUGH OF WEST EASTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2025
APPROVED

The regular monthly meeting of the Council of the Borough of West Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, was called to order at 6:00pm by Council President Paul James in Council Chambers of the West Easton Municipal Building, 237 Seventh Street, West Easton, Pennsylvania.

Roll was taken; Council President Paul James, noted there was a quorum. Council members – Janie Jones Brown, Robert Adams, Pete Mammana, David Bolash, and Sharon Paige-Lisenbee were present. Kenny Decker, Jr., was absent. Solicitor Stephanie J. Steward, from Goudsouzian & Associates, Mayor Dan DePaul, Police Chief Robert Mahady (arrived at 6:06pm), and Borough Manager Joan Heebner were present. Members of the public in attendance: Drew Zavada, Aiesha Brown (and 2 children), Leon Stull, and James Jankowich.

-Upon motion by Mr. Bolash, seconded by Ms. Jones Brown; Council approved expenditures as presented. No discussion. Motion passed 6-0.

-Upon motion by Ms. Jones Brown, seconded by Mr. Bolash; Council approved the Deposits for January 2025. No discussion. Motion passed 6-0.

-Upon motion by Mr. Mammana, seconded by Mr. Bolash; Council approved the Minutes from the January 13, 2025, Council Meeting. No discussion. Motion passed 6-0.

-Upon motion by Mr. Bolash, seconded by Ms. Jones Brown; Council approved the Treasurer's Report for January 2025. No discussion. Motion passed 6-0.

-Upon motion by Mr. Mammana, seconded by Ms. Paige-Lisenbee; Council approved the Treasurer's 2024 End of Year Report. No discussion. Motions passed 6-0.

Public Comment (Agenda Items) – None

Engineer's Report – Ms. Heebner reminded everyone that work is scheduled to begin on the Sewer Main Rehab Project on February 17th. The plan is to clean, video and measure the lines, and to come back approximately March 10th to reline whatever problem areas they find.

Office Report – Ms. Heebner shared that the City of Easton is going for a C2P2 DCNR grant. They requested and received a letter of support from us. Their hope is to ultimately connect to Glendon Hill Road and the D&L Trail.

Sewer Report – Mr. James reported that the EAJSA had reelected the same board. They are trying to get a grant for repairs as the original bids came in way too high.

Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Steward shared that she is currently working with the Legal Committee on some ordinances.

Council President's Report – Ms. Jones Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Bolash, to adopt Resolution No. 2025 – 05: Adopt Lehigh Valley 2024 Hazard Mitigation Plan Update. No discussion. Motion passed 6-0.

-Ms. Jones Brown made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mammana, to approve Council President Paul James attending the 2025 PSAB Conference, and being our voting delegate, estimated cost \$1094. No discussion. Motion passed 6-0.

-Mr. James thanked Public Works for their work during the recent snow events.

Police Chief's Report – Chief Mahady stated that he would like to also attend the 2025 PSAB Conference but has to work out the dates. He will let us know in the near future. Council thought that was a good idea.

Mayor's Report – Mayor DePaul plans on working on the Lehigh Drive situation. A very recent news article states that work is now being put off until 2026.

Council Round Table – None

Committee Reports -

Business and Finance Committee – None

Property and Roads Committee – Mr. Adams stated that the roads are stable and clear. He set up a meeting for March 17th, 4pm, at Borough Hall parking lot to check out the roads in the Borough.

Public Safety and Personnel Committee – Ms. Paige-Lisenbee shared that she has reached out to Christopher Repsher of PennDOT, and he agrees that the grate on Glendon Hill Road is a problem. He said he will look into it.

Legal and Technology Committee – Mr. Bolash made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones Brown to have the solicitor look into legal matters involving a few of our ordinances, including fences and handicap parking spots. Some discussion took place. Motion passed 6-0.

Utilities and Fire Committee – Meeting set for February 20th, 4pm.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Ms. Jones Brown said she was looking forward to spring and having the T-ball fencing repaired.

Grants and Public Relations Committee – None

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Public Comment (Open) – Aiesha Brown shared her concerns about her Laurel Hill townhouse and the heating problems she, and according to her, some of her neighbors are having. She feels the property managers are not dealing with the problem. She stated that she had to set her thermostat to 78 degrees just to get it somewhat warm and then had a heating bill of over \$700. She has a heat pump; she called out a HVAC company on her own and was told that the system is not appropriate for the home. She was told that unfortunately since the building received a clean CO there was nothing council could do about it, frustrating as that was, that it was between her and the owners/landlord. Mayor DePaul suggested she look into infrared heaters, that he has one that he uses all the time, and it makes a big difference for very little cost.

-Leon Stull was upset with public works supervisor Dane Thatcher, stating that he is sure that Dane purposely dug up his alleyway with the plow during the last snow/ice event. He said that the plow was down 3-4” and there was no reason to go in his yard. He stated that he wants the Borough to fix it and insisted that Mr. Thatcher be suspended at least a day without pay. Ms. Heebner told him that was not going to happen. Mr. James stated that everyone does their best during storms, that he is sure nothing was done intentionally. Mr. Stull insisted that it was done intentionally, that he should know how to plow correctly by now. He was told it could have been the new public works employee; Mr. Stull did not care. He insists that the borough either replace the soil and seed in his alleyway in the spring, or black top it where the damage is.

Executive Session – None

Upon motion by Mr. Mammana, seconded Ms. Jones Brown, no discussion, Council voted to adjourn the meeting by a vote of 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 6:54pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Joan Heebner, Secretary/Manager
