

**BOROUGH OF WEST EASTON**  
**COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 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 (arrived at 6:06pm), 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 after start of meeting), and Borough Manager Joan Heebner were present. Members of the public in attendance: Trude Hargraves, James Jankowich, and (later in the meeting) Jamie Horinko.

-Upon motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Mammana; Council approved expenditures as presented. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0.

-Upon motion by Ms. Sharon Paige-Lisenbee, seconded by Mr. Bolash; Council approved the Deposits for February 2025. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0.

-Upon motion by Mr. Bolash, seconded by Mr. Mammana; Council approved the Minutes from the February 10, 2025, Council Meeting. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0.

-Upon motion by Mr. Mammana, seconded by Mr. Bolash; Council approved the Treasurer's Report for February 2025. No discussion. Motion passed 5-0.

**Public Comment (Agenda Items)** – None

**Engineer's Report** – Ms. Heebner updated Council on a few of the projects in the Borough: the Laurel Hill Project – scheduled to start on the final four homes; 1550 Lehigh Drive – no work being done at this time; Atiyeh site - no action at this time. Mr. James shared updates on the 2024 Sewer Main Rehabilitation Project which is ongoing. The project mainly involves: sewer line cleaning, televised inspections, lining, and lateral and drop connection reinstatement (approximately 40 locations each).

**Office Report** – Mr. Bolash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Adams, to allow the Wilson Baseball and Softball Association the use of the field at Gross Park for their T-ball games, from March 15 – November 1, 2025. No discussion. Motion passed 6-0. Mr. Mammana made a motion, seconded by Ms. Jones Brown, to grant permission to the Wilson Baseball and Softball Association to install a cement pad behind the backstop and a storage container for balls and bats, etc., at their cost. Some discussion was had. Motion passed 6-0.

**Sewer Report** – Mr. James reported that the EAJSA had returned a two-million-dollar grant as the cost of the proposed project would have been 7.4 million dollars. The project is being tabled for now.

**Solicitor's Report** – Solicitor Steward reminded everyone that March 11<sup>th</sup> was the last day for filing petitions if they are running in the 2025 election.

**Council President's Report** – Mr. James reiterated that March 11<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for filing a petition if you are planning to run for office. He shared that Carl Pierson has retired as the Borough treasurer and mentioned what a great job he has done all these years.

**Police Chief's Report** – Chief Mahady had not yet arrived at the meeting. Ms. Heebner shared that Chief Mahady would like to attend the PSAB conference/training in June at an approximate total cost of \$1000, and that Officer Al Smith would like to attend a Chief of Police conference in Lancaster, with the approximate cost of \$1000. Ms. Heebner said the money had been budgeted for these events. Mr. Bolash made a motion to approve Chief Mahady attending the June PSAB conference, at the approximate cost of \$1000, seconded by Ms. Jones Brown. No discussion. Motion passed 6-0. Mr. Mammana made a motion to approve Officer Smith attending the Chief of Police conference at an approximate cost of \$1000, seconded by Mr. Bolash. No discussion. Motion passed 6-0.

**Mayor's Report** – Mayor DePaul said he had talked to the new District Attorney about money. The police department will be drawing up a letter with a list of what they need.

**Council Round Table** – Ms. Jones Brown shared she had attended a teacher conference, a part of which dealt with school shootings. The number one takeaway is communication; if you hear something, say something. It is also recommended to keep weapons secure and develop a comprehensive plan with research.

#### **Committee Reports -**

**Business and Finance Committee** – None

**Property and Roads Committee** – Parts of Ridge Street need risers; Lehigh Drive is still closed in parts. Mr. Adams has set up a meeting for March 17<sup>th</sup>, 4pm, meet at Borough Hall parking lot to check out the roads in the Borough.

**Public Safety and Personnel Committee** – Ms. Paige-Lisenbee shared that she continues to reach out to Christopher Repsher of PennDOT about the grate on Glendon Hill Road.

**Legal and Technology Committee** – Meeting set for March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm at Borough Hall.

**Utilities and Fire Committee** – None

**Parks and Recreation Committee** – Ms. Jones Brown said she hopes the backstop will be fixed at Gross Park soon. She's been in touch with Arbor Fence. She plans to have a clean-up day May 3<sup>rd</sup>, meeting at Gross Park at 11am.

**Grants and Public Relations Committee** – None

**Unfinished Business** – None

**New Business** – None

**Public Comment (Open)** – James Jankovich talked about a bad accident on Main Street and wondered about adding lines to the intersection. He had talked to Tanner from Laurel Hill and understood that they were willing to clear the land below Laurel Hill for free, so that we could put in a park or something in the future. Mr. James and Ms. Heebner explained that while it sounded like a good idea, that would then put that part of the project on the borough, and once you move land you need to get the Conservation District involved. He wondered if the borough could make sellers add separate sewer lines when the older homes are sold. Many homes in the Borough share a sewer line.

-Trude Hargraves said that on a windy day the trash haulers did not put her lid in/on the trash can and the lid blew away. She has priced a new can and they are very expensive. From now on she is going to put the trash out without a lid. She feels that should have been common sense.

-Jamie Jurinko stated that DeltaWash continues to have trucks making non-stop deliveries during the night, with idling trucks outside his home throughout the night. Both Chief Mahady and Ms. Heebner stated they did not think it was DeltaWash as they (DeltaWash) had appeared to change their hours to prevent annoying neighbors. Chief Mahady said he had already come down at 2am to see if there was anything going on and there was not. Mr. Jurinko also stated that there were non-stop cars, and lint from the dryers 24/7. He said the roof of the building is covered in lint, and his car is often covered in lint. He does not feel that this business qualifies as Light Industrial.

**Executive Session** – None

Upon motion by Mr. Adams, seconded Mr. Mammana, no discussion, Council voted to adjourn the meeting by a vote of 6-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:06pm.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Joan Heebner, Secretary/Manager

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