

BOROUGH OF WEST EASTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
April 14, 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, and Borough Manager Joan Heebner were present. Members of the public in attendance: Leon Stull, James Jankowich, and Jamie Horinko (arrived at 6:15pm).

Robert Eyer, Esquire, expected guest, did not attend the meeting.

-Upon motion by Mr. Adams, 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. Adams; Council approved the Deposits for March 2025. No discussion. Motion passed 6-0.

-Upon motion by Mr. Mammana, seconded by Ms. Jones Brown; Council approved the Minutes from the March 10, 2025, Council Meeting. No discussion. Motion passed 6-0.

-Upon motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Mammana; Council approved the Treasurer's Report for March 2025. No discussion. Motion passed 6-0.

Public Comment (Agenda Items) – None

Engineer's Report – Ms. Heebner shared that the Sewer Main Rehab Project is almost complete.

Office Report – Ms. Heebner reminded everyone that the Ladies Auxiliary is holding an Egg Hunt for the children and grandchildren of the Borough; it is being held this Saturday, April 19th, at noon, at Gross Park.

Sewer Report – Mr. James reported that their last meeting was a busy meeting. The EAJSA wants to replace the main under the Delaware River; they are working with the owners.

Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Steward clarified with Mr. James that there was nothing the Borough needs to do about the EAJSA's tabling of bids.

Council President's Report – Mr. James shared that he and Ms. Sharon Paige-Lisenbee participated in the West Easton Scholarship selection committee. There were two applicants for the one award; it was a tough decision, but a decision was made. The name is not released at this time.

Police Chief's Report – Chief Mahady wondered if Laurel Hill had turned over their roads to the Borough yet. It was believed that they have not, but we will look into it to be sure. He had calls about parking problems up there, but if they are not our roads yet, the private owners will be handling those problems for now.

Mayor's Report – Mayor DePaul spoke about conditions at the Laurel Hill townhomes. He had someone concerned that their fire alarm (hard-wired) kept going off. Ms. Heebner let him know the person came down to the office to let her know it was taken care of. The Mayor wondered when Laurel Hill was going to take care of the mounds of dirt, and who was collecting their trash. The thought is that the final landscaping will take place when the project is completed. The borough's hauler picks up the trash; they are billed by the borough.

Council Round Table – None

Committee Reports -

Business and Finance Committee – None

Property and Roads Committee – Mr. Adams stated that the patches in the roads seem to be holding steady. He spoke of two poles strapped together, one leaning; he is concerned if the one should fall.

Public Safety and Personnel Committee – Ms. Paige-Lisenbee shared that PennDOT has put a grate over the large dip on Glendon Hill Road that she has been in touch with them about. She has a concern with the many trees that have been cut down but left on the banks on Glendon Hill Road; she wonders about possible mud slides and the damage they could do as some are huge. She asked the mayor about Lehigh Drive and he said he has not looked into it and it is not our problem.

Legal and Technology Committee – Mr. Bolash discussed the possible changes to our handicap parking ordinance. Solicitor Steward will work on updating it. Meeting set for April 28th at 6pm.

(Ms. Jones Brown left the meeting at 6:45pm.)

Utilities and Fire Committee – Meeting set for April 29th, 1pm, at Borough Hall.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Ms. Paige-Lisenbee read notes from Ms. Jones Brown: She reminded everyone about Earth Day clean-up; thanked Ms. Heebner for all she does; thanked Mr. Decker for installing the new home plate at Gross Park before the T-ball season started.

Grants and Public Relations Committee – None

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Public Comment (Open) – Leon Stull said we still have a problem with the water running out over the spouting at the end of the front of the building. He said you can see where it washes the mulch away from the garden. He wonders if it is clogged. He reminded everyone that corner of the building has had trouble in the past. Mr. Stull asked about opening up the pavilion. Mr. James said the possibility was still being discussed. Mr. Stull said that has been the answer for two years now. He asked where can people sit to watch their kids play in the park. Ms. Heebner reminded him there was a whole new playground setup with several new benches. Mr. Stull said where can they sit that they are not in direct sun. Chief Mahady said he has talked to Palmer and Wilson, and they think we are foolish if we open the pavilion at this time. They are having lots of trouble with theirs. Ms. Heebner reminded Mr. Stull that when the pavilion was open years ago, there was graffiti on the table tops every morning; the public works helper had to spend every morning scrubbing off the tabletops. Mr. Stull insisted that was not true, and once again said that the tabletops at Walt Disney World are covered in graffiti and they do not close their park.

-Jamie Horinko said that he sees some improvement with the businesses at 601 East since he expressed his concerns at the last meeting. He is concerned that there are a lot of children being dropped off/picked up at times and is concerned they will be hurt or worse by one of the trucks that are loading or unloading. Mr. James said he and Ms. Heebner had a very good meeting with the owner, Mr. Greenbaum, who has always been very receptive to hearing our concerns. Someone wondered if placing cones around the area when the trucks were there at the same time as the children would help.

-Jim Jankowich mentioned the telephone poles on 10th Street. His understanding is that the cable companies did not take their wires off the pole, so the electric company will not change out the pole, thus the one leaning against the other.

Executive Session – None

Upon motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Mammana, no discussion, Council voted to adjourn the meeting by a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Joan Heebner, Secretary/Manager
