

BOROUGH OF WEST EASTON
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
May 12, 2025
UNAPPROVED

The regular monthly meeting of the Council of the Borough of West Easton, Northampton County, Pennsylvania, was called to order at 6:02pm 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, Kenny Decker, Jr., and Sharon Paige-Lisenbee were present. Solicitor Stephanie J. Steward, from Goudsouzian & Associates, Mayor Dan DePaul, and Borough Manager Joan Heebner were present. Member of the public in attendance: Leon Stull.

A motion was made by Mr. Mammana, seconded by Ms. Jones Brown, to add an additional Public Comment to the beginning of the agenda. Some discussion was had. Motion passed 7-0.

Public Comment (Open) – Robert Eyer, Esquire, introduced himself to everyone and spoke about his 33 years of legal history in Northampton County, having worked in every area of the law. He is currently the first assistant to the DA, and is running for Judge of Court of Common Pleas.

-Mr. Stull asked if the spout at the front of the building had been fixed. Ms. Heebner said that Dane Thatcher has checked it a few times, including today. Mr. Stull said he drove by last week when it was raining and the rain was running out over the spout. He said Chief Mahady had checked the spout and it was filled with dirt and mud.

-Upon motion by Ms. Jones Brown, seconded by Mr. Adams; Council approved expenditures as presented. No discussion. Motion passed 7-0.

-Upon motion by Mr. Mammana, seconded by Ms. Jones Brown; Council approved the Deposits for April 2025. No discussion. Motion passed 7-0.

-Upon motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Ms. Jones Brown; Council approved the Minutes from the April 14, 2025, Council Meeting. No discussion. Motion passed 7-0.

-Upon motion by Mr. Mammana, seconded by Ms. Jones Brown; Council approved the Treasurer's Report for April 2025. No discussion. Motion passed 7-0.

Public Comment (Agenda Items) – None

Engineer's Report – None

Office Report – Ms. Heebner, on behalf of Dane Thatcher and Joe Lippincott, thanked Ms. Jones Brown and Ms. Paige-Lisenbee for their employee appreciation luncheon. They served a nice array of food and it was very much appreciated. She also reminded everyone there would be a Memorial Day Service at 9am on Monday, May 26th. Representative Freeman, Mayor DePaul, and Council President Paul James will be the speakers.

Sewer Report – Mr. James reported the EAJSA continues to work on a project to connect a line under the Delaware River; it will be a very costly project. The EPA is working on guidelines for PFAS. They tested our area and did not find any. They did find some bad areas in New Jersey. The southside area has a lot of foam which is wreaking havoc with the machinery. They are thinking that someone may be operating a laundromat out of their home.

Solicitor's Report – Solicitor Steward said she had nothing at this time, but would need a quick executive session.

Council President's Report – Mr. James reminded everyone to vote in the primaries, May 20th. He mentioned that he will be attending the PSAB conference at the beginning of June. He asked if anyone had anything they would like him to look into; Ms. Jones Brown mentioned fireworks; Ms. Heebner mentioned newspaper ads still being required of municipalities.

Police Chief's Report – Chief Mahady was absent due to a previous engagement.

Mayor's Report – Mayor DePaul mentioned we need to keep an eye on the 9th Street Park; there are reports of people being there at 4am.

Council Round Table – Ms. Jones Brown informed everyone that the summer reading program at the Library starts in June; there will be raffle tickets for each book checked out and gift baskets as prizes. She thanked Ms. Heebner for the newsletter and was glad that she was able to contribute a brief article on school safety.

-Mr. Bolash asked about the possibility of having a spring clean up after winter to get rid of the dead leaves, etc., that accumulated over the winter. Ms. Heebner will check with public works on what that would entail.

Committee Reports -

Business and Finance Committee – None

Property and Roads Committee – Mr. Adams noted that the gator bags were on the trees but they don't have water in them yet.

Public Safety and Personnel Committee – Ms. Paige-Lisenbee would like to have a meeting to discuss hiring office help since our last attempt did not provide anyone that was interested. A meeting will be set for some time in June.

Legal and Technology Committee – Mr. Bolash thanked Solicitor Steward for her work on the fence and handicap parking ordinances. He feels they are more in line with other municipalities. Solicitor Steward said that ordinances that pertain to zoning must be reviewed by the LVPC. Mr. Bolash made a motion, seconded by Mr. Adams, to have the fence ordinance sent to the LVPC. No additional discussion. Motion passed 7-0. A discussion on codification and reviewing what has already been gone over was had. Mr. James will take the large book home to look over it.

Utilities and Fire Committee – Meeting set for May 22nd, 5:30pm, at Borough Hall.

Parks and Recreation Committee – Ms. Jones Brown was grateful for the small but mighty cleanup crew that turned out May 3rd. They collected three large bags of trash. Ms. Jones Brown provided snacks which had a few young children offering to help pick up trash. She thanked all the helpers: Robin Strawn, Pete Mammana, Mason, Kristen Anne, Gabriella, Ellianna, Bob Adams, Connie Adams, Morgan, Jordan, Danny, and Joseph.

-She is planning a Walk the Parks event for June 4th, with a rain date of June 5th at 6pm. The plan is to meet at Monument Park, then go to Gross Park, and finally up to Niko Park on 9th Street.

Grants and Public Relations Committee – None

Unfinished Business – None

New Business – None

Public Comment (Open) – None

Executive Session – 7:04pm – 7:22pm. Legal matters were discussed; no decisions were made.

Upon motion by Mr. Adams, seconded by Ms. Jones Brown, no discussion, Council voted to adjourn the meeting by a vote of 7-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:23pm.

Respectfully submitted by:
Joan Heebner, Secretary/Manager
