

**BOROUGH OF EAST WASHINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING
February 19, 2007**

MINUTES

Council of the Borough of East Washington met in Regular Session on Monday, February 19, 2007, at 6:00 p.m., with the following Members and Borough Officials present:

Mark Pacilla, Mayor of the Borough of East Washington
Blake E. McCandless, Borough Council President
Joanne K. Coyle, Borough Council Vice-President
Jeffrey D. Bull
Marilyn A. Posner
Robert G. Dickson
Milton J. Schuler
Kelley L. Dickson
Cary Jones, Solicitor for the Borough of East Washington
Heather Walsh, Borough Secretary

Absent: Robert W. Redlinger, Chief of Police of the Borough of East Washington;
James A. Helicke, Code Enforcement Officer of the Borough of East Washington

Also present: Christie Campbell, Observer-Reporter; James Stollar.

Council President, Blake E. McCandless, called the Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Jeffrey D. Bull and seconded by Milton J. Schuler to approve the Minutes of the January 8, 2007, Borough of East Washington Council Meeting.

Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion made by Joanne K. Coyle and seconded by Marilyn A. Posner to approve the current bills for payment.

Vote: Six (6) Ayes. One (1) Abstention (Bull). Motion carried.

REMARKS FROM AUDIENCE

James Stollar, new owner of a rental property at 145 LeMoyne Ave, stated that he received a bill for the regulated rental license for the current year, when the previous owner of the property has already paid it. This matter has gone to the Magistrate for collection. Mr. Stollar would like Borough Council to revise the ordinance because he feels that it is now possibly charging people twice in the same year for the same property.

Council President Blake E. McCandless stated that Mr. Stollar should pay the rental license fee to the Borough at this time to be in line with the current ordinance. Mr. McCandless stated that he would have the matter dismissed from the Magistrate.

Robert G. Dickson stated that he would get a complete copy of the regulated dwelling unit ordinance to Mr. Stollar.

Mayor Mark A. Pacilla stated that there should be a better procedure to get the rental unit information to new rental property owners.

SECRETARY REPORT

Borough Secretary Heather Walsh distributed the financial reports. The reports consist of current bank balances, and the most recent income and expenditures.

Mrs. Walsh stated that Council President and Borough Mayor have signed for the Wesbanco Corner Lot Loan to be automatically deducted from the Borough General Fund two times per month, \$516.50 each time. This will save the Borough over \$500.00 over the next five years remaining on the loan.

Mrs. Walsh stated that new Borough maps were sent to the Borough office from PennDOT. The Road Department Supervisor, Ron Miles, would like to add some alleys to the map for clarification, and the Borough Secretary will get copies of the map from Quality Quick.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

Jeffrey D. Bull stated that the Borough Street Department has been working overtime due to the snow and ice.

Mayor Mark Pacilla stated that the Borough Street Department did an exemplary job.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Borough Police Chief, Robert W. Redlinger, was not present at the meeting.

Borough Mayor, Mark A. Pacilla, stated that the Ford Crown Victoria Police Car was in a minor accident and is to be repaired as soon as possible.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Borough Code Enforcement Officer, James A. Helicke, was not present at the meeting.

Borough Council President, Blake E. McCandless, remarked that there were many sidewalks in the Borough that were not cleared after the last snowfall.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Milton J. Schuler – No report.

Marilyn A. Posner stated that the Solid Waste Management and Recycling Committee is moving forward with meetings and reading through other municipalities' contracts. She stated that it is important to include everything the Borough would want in its contract in the bid specifications. Some of the items to be considered are using the lowest "responsible" bidder, the collection of alley properties, the day of the week that garbage would be collected, and the length of the contract. Also, the manner of billing needs to be decided. The Borough Solicitor will have input as to the legal issues.

Borough Solicitor Cary Jones stated that the ordinance would have to be modified every year due to any extra fuel surcharges.

Kelley L. Dickson – No report.

Robert G. Dickson stated that he also feels the Street Department did an excellent job clearing the Borough streets of ice and snow.

Jeffrey D. Bull - No report.

Joanne K. Coyle stated that she is working with Borough Police Chief Robert W. Redlinger on a grant

Borough Council President Blake McCandless asked that Christie Campbell from the Observer-Reporter put a request in the briefs section of the newspaper for residents to keep up with the clearing of their sidewalks of snow and ice.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Borough of East Washington Mayor, Mark A. Pacilla, stated that it would be in the best interest of the Borough residents to have a single waste hauler. A single hauler contract would lower costs for residents and provide better service.

Borough Council inquired as to the timetable for single hauler waste collection in the Borough.

Borough Solicitor Cary Jones stated that the ordinance would be made up of the contract, and the current recycling ordinance could be drawn upon for specifications. There would need to be time to properly advertise the ordinance.

Mayor Pacilla stated that Mrs. Posner has a good example of an informational brochure that could be sent to residents.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

No report. The Solicitor exited before the end of the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Council Vice-President Joanne K. Coyle inquired as to the status of the parking permits for Penn Street.

Borough Secretary, Heather Walsh, stated that the stickers and signs have been received, and the Street Department will put the signs up as soon as possible. The residents were advised to get their permits when they see that the signs are up. A grace period would be allowed.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion was made by Robert G. Dickson and seconded by Kelley L. Dickson to appoint the following committees:

The supervisors for the Borough Street Department are Jeffrey D. Bull and Milton J. Schuler.

The supervisors for the Code Enforcement Department are Robert G. Dickson and Blake E. McCandless.

The supervisors for the Treasurer and Budget are Kelley L. Dickson and Marilyn A. Posner.

The supervisors for the Municipal Building and the Borough Secretary are Joanne K. Coyle and Milton J. Schuler.

The supervisors for the Borough Police Department are Mayor Mark A. Pacilla and Jeffrey D. Bull.

Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

Council President Blake E. McCandless stated that the PennDOT Outreach meeting is coming up on March 8, 2007.

Council President Blake E. McCandless stated that the PSAB Spring Legislative Conference is on March 18-20, 2007. Mr. McCandless and Mayor Mark A. Pacilla will attend the conference.

Council President Blake E. McCandless stated that he has requested that Code Enforcement Officer James A. Helicke provide a list of the rental properties in the Borough, the names of their owners, and the date of the last inspection. Mr. McCandless would like to create a spreadsheet with this information. This will provide guidance towards having more continuity of inspections.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Robert G. Dickson and seconded by Kelley L. Dickson to adjourn the meeting.

**THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST WASHINGTON
IS ON MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2007, AT 6:00 PM**

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Walsh,
Borough Secretary