

**BOROUGH OF EAST WASHINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
September 17, 2007**

MINUTES

Council of the Borough of East Washington met in Regular Session on Monday, September 17, 2007, at 6:00 p.m., with the following Members and Borough Officials present:

Blake E. McCandless, Borough Council President
Joanne K. Coyle, Borough Council Vice-President
Robert G. Dickson
Jeffrey D. Bull
Marilyn A. Posner
Stephen Marriner and Cary Jones, Solicitors for the Borough of East Washington
James A. Helicke, Code Enforcement Officer
Heather Walsh, Borough Secretary
Mark Connors, Constable

Also present: Christie Campbell of Observer-Reporter

Absent: Mark Pacilla, Mayor; Kelley L. Dickson; Milton J. Schuler;
Police Chief Robert W. Redlinger

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Marilyn A. Posner and seconded by Robert G. Dickson to approve the Minutes of the August 20, 2007, Borough of East Washington Council Meeting.

Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion made by Jeffrey D. Bull and seconded by Joanne K. Coyle to approve the current bills for payment.

Vote: All Ayes. Motion to approve current bills carried unanimously.

SECRETARY REPORT

Borough Secretary Heather Walsh distributed financial reports. The reports consist of a spreadsheet of current expenditures and income compared to the 2007 Budget and a current balance sheet.

Pensions – Minimum Municipal Obligation for 2008

Heather Walsh stated that the 2008 figures for the Pensions are:
Police Pension Fund - \$48,264.52; Non-Uniform Pension Fund - \$2,318.69.

These amounts are due to be paid in December 2008. The Borough receives approximately \$12,825.00 per year in pension aid from the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank Loan

Heather Walsh stated that the loan application in the amount of \$150,000.00, from the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank, for the purpose of purchasing the materials to complete milling and paving roads in the Borough, should be approved this day. The loan agreement papers are to arrive at the Borough this week.

Blake E. McCandless stated that the resolution and loan papers should be completed and returned immediately.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

Jeffrey D. Bull stated that he is awaiting the final agreement forms for the Borough roadwork to come from PennDOT. He stated that the police department would distribute flyers to notify the affected residents in advance of the road work. The police department will handle road closures and traffic rerouting.

Mr. Bull stated that it appears that only the flat alleys can use the millings. The other alleys in need will have to be repaired in a different way.

Mr. Bull stated that, after the roads are done, they should be seal coated and chipped. The Borough has a contract with Russell Brothers to do that. Canton, South Strabane and Nottingham townships are in line to help with the milling.

Mr. Bull stated that he would get the final square footages and the final list of the roads and alleys.

Motion was made by Robert G. Dickson and seconded by Marilyn A. Posner to allocate any extra funds needed beyond the approved loan amount to complete the road work from the remaining budget balance available in the Street Department Funds. The Street Department Funds would then be replenished, if needed, at the next Council meeting.

Vote taken: All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeffrey D. Bull stated that Ray Marker, the part-time road crew helper, has left his position with the Borough to take another job.

Mr. Bull stated that the Road Department has purchased an air compressor.

Mr. Bull stated that the curb on Elmhurst Drive would be repaired.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

No report.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Borough Code Enforcer James A. Helicke stated that the garage under rehabilitation construction on North Wade Avenue has been completed.

Mr. Helicke stated that two citations have been issued for a property on Aylesworth Avenue.

Mr. Helicke stated that he has issued five citations for non-payment of the 2007 regulated rental license. One has since been paid.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Joanne K. Coyle stated that she contacted three companies to submit bids for a pavilion at the Thayer Street Playground. Only one bid came in. The bid is from Wrangler Enterprises and it is in the amount of \$17,900.00.

Hiring Part-Time Police Officers

Joanne K. Coyle stated that Mayor Mark Pacilla and Chief Robert Redlinger recommend for hire Stephen McWreath and Jonathan Miller as part-time police officers.

Motion was made by Robert G. Dickson and seconded by Jeffrey D. Bull to hire Stephen McWreath and Jonathan Miller as part-time police officers for the Borough of East Washington.

Vote taken: All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

Marilyn A. Posner stated that a Borough resident has contacted her about the Borough animal noise ordinance and their neighbor's barking dogs. The resident would like more to be done by the police department to curtail the problem.

Council agreed that the ordinance specifies a penalty of \$100.00 for violation of the animal noise ordinance, and that the police department should issue citations for violations of the animal noise ordinance.

Jeffrey D. Bull – No report.

Robert G. Dickson – No report.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Borough Solicitor Cary Jones – No report.

ACTION ITEMS

Waste Hauler Bid Specifications

Marilyn A. Posner recently sent to Council copies of the proposed bid specifications for a possible contract for a single waste hauler to collect solid waste and recyclables from all Borough residents.

At this time, Council held a discussion on the bid specifications and made some minor changes. Items discussed were definition of units, pick-ups on alleys, and performance bonds required from Haulers. The number of rental units in the Borough needs to be determined, as well as the requirements for participation. Mrs. Posner and Borough Solicitor Cary Jones will meet again and finalize the specifications.

OLD BUSINESS

Borough Solicitor Cary Jones stated that he would meet with Robert G. Dickson regarding the Zoning Ordinance Book revisions.

Ordinance to Adopt PennDOT Specifications

Motion was made by Jeffrey D. Bull and seconded by Joanne K. Coyle to Adopt an Ordinance for the Borough to adopt PennDOT Publication 408 for Excavation, Backfilling and Restoration Specifications.

Vote taken: Four (4) Ayes; One (1) Nay. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Council President Blake E. McCandless reported that Council should start thinking about the 2008 Budget.

Blake E. McCandless stated that the Borough's Animal Control Officer has suggested that the Borough adopt an Ordinance Prohibiting Exotic Animals within the Borough. Mr. McCandless produced a copy of an ordinance from a neighboring township.

Motion was made by Jeffrey D. Bull and seconded by Marilyn A. Posner to adopt an Ordinance Prohibiting Exotic Animals within the Borough according to the attached example, but including the prohibition of horses and mules. Cary Jones will draft the ordinance to the Borough's specifications.

Vote taken: All Ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Robert G. Dickson and seconded by Joanne K. Coyle to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

**THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IS
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2007 AT 6:00 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Walsh, Borough Secretary