

**BOROUGH OF EAST WASHINGTON
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
October 15, 2007**

MINUTES

Council of the Borough of East Washington met in Regular Session on Monday, October 15, 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
Jeffrey D. Bull
Marilyn A. Posner
Kelley L. Dickson
Milton J. Schuler
Cary Jones, Solicitor for the Borough of East Washington
James A. Helicke, Code Enforcement Officer
Heather Walsh, Borough Secretary
Mark Connors, Constable

Also Present: James Craig, Borough Resident

Absent: Robert G. Dickson; Mark Pacilla, Mayor; 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 Jeffrey D. Bull and seconded by Marilyn A. Posner to approve the Minutes of the September 17, 2007, Borough of East Washington Council Meeting.

Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion made by Milton J. Schuler and seconded by Joanne K. Coyle to approve the current bills for payment.

Joanne K. Coyle inquired about the bill from Famous Supply for the purchase of windows for the Borough building.

Jeffrey D. Bull stated that the windows should be in on Friday and the check would be ready to pay for them. The check has been drafted and will be held until delivery.

Blake E. McCandless asked about the cost of the labor.

Mr. Bull stated he does not yet have that amount, but it will cost about half the cost of the total cost of the windows.

Vote: Four (4) Ayes. One (1) Abstention. Motion to approve current bills was carried.

REMARKS FROM AUDIENCE

James Craig, 443 East Beau Street, stated that he is getting some repairs to the side of his property along Chambers Alley. He brought some pictures to show the area. Mr. Craig would like to see this curb area fixed in order to keep water from running into his home.

Jeffrey D. Bull arranged to meet with Mr. Craig and review the area.

Ms. Bushmire, 180 North Avenue, stated that her neighbor, a tenant of a rental property, has been collecting and keeping large amounts of garbage, and he regularly looks through all of the neighbors' garbage.

Code Enforcer, James A. Helicke, stated that he contacted the property owner, and the owner is trying to evict the tenant. Mr. Helicke stated that he would contact the owner again.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Borough Secretary Heather Walsh distributed the profit and loss reports and the balance sheet from the Quickbooks software. The profit and loss shows income and expenditures for the year.

Pensions – Allocation of Excess Interest

The Borough has received notice from the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System Board of a 2007 award of excess interest for both the Police Pension and the Non-Uniform Pension funds. This is based upon the 2006 investment performance. The amount of award for the Police Fund is \$36,858.36, and the amount for the Non-Uniform is \$4,765.76. Council will decide where to allocate the excess interest for these two funds.

Motion was made by Jeffrey D. Bull and seconded by Milton J. Schuler to allocate the excess interest awards from the Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement Board for both the Police Pension Fund and the Non-Uniform Pension Fund to the respective Municipal Accounts.

Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

Jeffrey D. Bull stated that the milling and paving on Borough streets and alleys is to start as soon as possible this week.

Mr. Bull stated that the leaf pickup machine is ready to go and will be utilized immediately after the milling and paving work is done.

Motion was made by Marilyn A. Posner and seconded by Milton J. Schuler to hire a part-time temporary person to assist the street department in leaf pickup. The Borough will reimburse the wages for this person to Bull International.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried unanimously

Council Member Kelley L. Dickson entered the meeting at this time.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Borough Code Enforcer James A. Helicke stated that he is to attend a Magistrate's Hearing on October 30, 2007, for the non-payment of the regulated rental license fee by Lobos, the owner of Jefferson Village Apartments.

Mr. Helicke suggested the Borough erect notices in the Borough stating that signs placed on utility poles and the like are not permitted in the Borough. There are local municipalities that do this already.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

No report.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Joanne K. Coyle stated that only one bid has been received for a pavilion at the playground. This item will be tabled until spring.

Marilyn A. Posner stated that she has information that the dog-barking problem between two neighbors is improving.

Blake E. McCandless stated that he is scheduled to meet with District Judge Albert Spence regarding the Borough's animal noise ordinance on October 23, 2007. Mr. McCandless will have a report on this at the next Council meeting.

Waste Hauler Bid Specifications

Marilyn A. Posner stated that she met again with Borough Solicitor Cary Jones regarding completion of the bid specifications for a single waste hauler and recyclable material collector in the Borough. The specifications are completed and ready to be advertised.

Motion was made by Jeffrey D. Bull and seconded by Kelley L. Dickson to advertise the waste hauler bid specifications with the deadline for bids to be November 12, 2007, at noon (12:00 p.m.). The bids will be opened at the Borough office at noon (12:00 p.m.) at that time, copies of the bids will be given to all members of Council and the Mayor for review. The acceptance of a bid and the awarding of a contract will be on the agenda for the next regular Council meeting on November 19, 2007. Upon acceptance of a waste hauler's bid, Council would enact an Ordinance designating the Borough as a single hauler municipality.

Vote: All ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

Jeffrey D. Bull – No report.

Milton J. Schuler – No report.

Kelley L. Dickson – No report.

Blake E. McCandless stated the Borough is in need of a new Treasurer.

MAYOR'S REPORT

No report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Borough Solicitor Cary Jones stated that the New Loan Agreement for the Borough of East Washington has been completed and forwarded to the Pennsylvania Infrastructure Bank.

Stop Sign Intersection at East Lane

Solicitor Cary Jones stated that the temporary resolution designating a stop sign intersection at East Lane and East Wheeling Street has been advertised, and the ninety-day trial period is over by the November 19, 2007, Regular Council Meeting; therefore, at the November 19, 2007, meeting, the intersection would need to be permanently established by ordinance.

Motion was made by Jeffrey D. Bull and seconded by Milton J. Schuler to advertise for the proposed adoption of an Ordinance at the November 19, 2007, Regular Council Meeting, that would permanently establish a Stop Sign Intersection on East Lane at both sides of where it intersects with East Wheeling Street in the Borough of East Washington.

Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

Trick or Treat 2007

Motion was made by Marilyn A. Posner and seconded by Joanne K. Coyle to set Halloween Trick-or-Treat for Wednesday, October 31, 2007, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. within the Borough of East Washington.

Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Borough Solicitor Cary Jones stated that the Ordinance Prohibiting Exotic Animals within the Borough of East Washington has been advertised and is ready for adoption by Council.

Motion was made by Jeffrey D. Bull and seconded by Kelley L. Dickson to adopt an Ordinance Prohibiting Exotic Animals within the Borough of East Washington.

Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

2008 Budget

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

Council decided to hold a Budget Discussion Meeting on Monday, November 12, 2007, at 6:00 p.m. All departments should have their budget proposals completed by then, and the department heads should be prepared for review and discussion at the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

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

**THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING IS
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2007, AT 6:00 P.M.
FOR BUDGET DISCUSSIONS
AND COPIES OF WASTE HAULERS' BIDS**

**THE NEXT REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING IS
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2007, AT 6:00 P.M.**

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Walsh, Borough Secretary