

**BOROUGH OF EAST WASHINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING
April 14, 2008
MINUTES**

Council of the Borough of East Washington met in Regular Session on Monday, April 14, 2008, 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
- Jeffrey D. Bull
- Marilyn A. Posner
- Kelley L. Dickson
- Robert G. Dickson
- James D. Ealy
- Cary Jones, Solicitor
- Heather Walsh, Borough Secretary
- James A. Helicke, Code Enforcement Officer
- Mark Connors, Constable

Also present: Bill Adams, Borough Resident.

Absent: Joanne K. Coyle, Borough Council Vice-President.

Council President Blake E. McCandless called the Council Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., which was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Robert G. Dickson and seconded by Marilyn A. Posner to approve the Minutes of the March 10, 2008, Borough of East Washington Council Meeting.

Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion made by Robert G. Dickson and seconded by Kelley L. Dickson to approve the current bills for payment.

Jeffrey D. Bull stated that a bill from Breese Construction was added to the list to be paid at this meeting. The Breese bill is in the amount of \$1,200.00 and is for installation of the two new front doors at the Borough building.

Vote: Five (5) Ayes. One (1) Abstention by Jeff Bull. Motion to approve current bills was carried.

COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE MEMBERS

Bill Adams, Borough resident, stated that he is attending the meeting as a spectator only.

SECRETARY REPORT

Borough Secretary Heather Walsh distributed the financial reports.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

Jeffrey D. Bull stated that the Borough Street Department truck was inspected. Mr. Bull stated that, as part of the agility agreement the Borough has with PennDOT, Road Department employee Ron Miles takes care of the Park-n-Ride on East Beau Street. This area currently needs to be weeded, and Mr. Bull suggested contacting the Borough Park & Shade Tree Commission to plant some flowers there.

Robert G. Dickson is on the Park and Shade Tree Commission and he stated that he will contact the members.

Blake E. McCandless asked if the road at the top of Stone Alley will be repaired.

Mr. Bull stated that the problem with the road on Stone Alley is caused by a spring and Mr. Miles will use his equipment to repair the road.

Blake E. McCandless asked about the timeframe for purchasing the pick-up truck for use by the Borough Street Department.

Mr. Bull stated that when the new police car arrives, the old Ford police car will be stripped of lights and markings and will be used as a third vehicle for the police, street department, and code enforcement.

Marilyn A. Posner inquired about fixing the potholes in the Borough.

Mr. Bull stated that when the hot mix has started to be produced by the asphalt companies, the potholes will start to be repaired.

Marilyn A. Posner asked about repairs to E. Wheeling Street at Christman Avenue.

Mr. Bull stated that PA American Water Company will redo the road at that intersection.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Code Enforcement Officer James A. Helicke stated that he contacted PA American Water Company about finishing North Avenue where they were working. Progress is expected soon.

Mr. Helicke stated that the repairs were made to 29 Aylesworth Avenue. A hearing had been set for June on their citation. Mr. Helicke expects to ask District Justice Al Spence for a minimal fine in this case.

Mr. Helicke stated that he has recently issued three citations for trash on North Avenue. He explained that usually he begins by sending a warning letter giving the property owner a week to clean it up, and then issues a citation after that time period.

Mr. Helicke stated that a minister that lives in the Borough, Aaron Johnson, will host an out-of-town group that wants to help any residents who might need work at their homes. Borough Solicitor Cary Jones stated that there would be some liability for the Borough should it recommend anyone to do work for residents.

Blake E. McCandless stated that the Borough could offer to put the word out to contact Mr. Johnson if they are interested.

Marilyn A. Posner suggested an advertisement in the newspaper and a posting on the Borough Web site.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Chief of Police, Robert W. Redlinger, stated that he, Mayor Pacilla, and Blake E. McCandless have discussed usage of the unmarked car in efforts to slow traffic that is speeding on Borough streets.

Chief Redlinger stated that there will be another Click-It-or-Ticket by the Borough police May 17-31, 2008.

Chief Redlinger stated that he has discussed with the Mayor and Mr. McCandless his suggestion of having some young men help complete the yellow curb painting in the Borough for about a month in the summer.

Jeffrey D. Bull stated that the Borough road department should complete the curb painting.

Chief Redlinger stated that he would like the Borough to purchase several signs for Borough streets. He gave the list of signs needed to Jeff Bull.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Marilyn A. Posner stated that Jim Helicke has provided waste hauling information for multi-unit buildings with five or more units. She thinks that Borough Council should consider changing the limit of units permitted for dumpster use.

Mrs. Posner stated that a Borough resident has complained to her about a 4:30 a.m. dumpster pickup.

Blake E. McCandless asked Jim Helicke to send letters to all of the waste haulers who provide dumpster service in the Borough notifying them that emptying dumpsters should not begin until 7 a.m. because of the excessive noise caused by emptying dumpsters.

James D. Ealy stated that the committee to look into the traffic issues on South Wade met for a brief meeting. Mr. Ealy is looking into getting a traffic study conducted by the Economy League or another group willing to do the work at a low cost.

Jeffrey D. Bull stated that he is considering getting some prisoners to clean the creek bed.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Borough Mayor Mark A. Pacilla - No report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Borough Solicitor Cary Jones stated that Council should review the recent changes in the Right-to-Know Act.

NEW BUSINESS

Washington & Jefferson College Resolution for Banner

Motion was made by Jeffrey D. Bull and seconded by Robert G. Dickson for the Borough to adopt a resolution permitting Washington & Jefferson College to hang a banner congratulating graduates on East Beau Street for the period of one week in May.

Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution in Support of Changes to Gaming Revenue Distribution

Motion was made Robert Dickson and seconded by Jeffrey D. Bull to have the Borough Solicitor draft a Resolution in support of changes to distributing gaming revenues in Washington County.

Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

Adoption of Signature Resolution for Department of Natural Resources Grant Application

Motion was made by Robert G. Dickson and seconded by Kelley L. Dickson to Adopt a Resolution to approve the Signature of Borough Secretary, Heather Walsh, to the DCNR Grant Application.

Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried unanimously.

2007 Audit

Copies of the 2007 Audit of the Borough of East Washington completed by Martin Ware, CPA, were distributed to the members of Council, the Mayor, and the Borough Solicitor. This Audit will be advertised in the Observer-Reporter.

ADJOURNMENT

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

**THE NEXT MEETING OF COUNCIL
OF THE BOROUGH OF EAST WASHINGTON
WILL BE ON MONDAY, MAY 12, 2008, AT 6:00 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Walsh,
Borough Secretary