

**BOROUGH OF EAST WASHINGTON
COUNCIL MEETING December 12, 2011
MINUTES**

Council of the Borough of East Washington met in Regular Session on Monday, December 12, 2011, at 6:00 p.m., with the following Members and Borough Officials present:

Blake E. McCandless, Borough Council President
Joanne K. Coyle, Council Vice-President
Jeffrey D. Bull, Council
Robert G. Dickson, Council
Kelley L. Dickson, Council
Billy C. Josay, Council
Marilyn A. Posner, Council
Mark Pacilla, Borough Mayor
Cary Jones, Borough Solicitor
Mark H. Griffith, Borough Police Officer in Charge
Heather Walsh, Borough Secretary
Mark Connors, Constable
Michael E. Behrens, Borough Code Enforcement and Zoning Officer

Audience Members: Mary Taufer, Borough Resident; Brandi Rosselli, Mackin Engineering; Joyce Ellis, Lemoyne Multicultural Community Center; Robert Gregg, Borough Resident; Kathy Landock, Court Reporter; Stan Myers, Borough Resident and Borough Planning Commission Member.

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

PUBLIC HEARING

Washington East Washington Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan

Motion was made by Marilyn A. Posner and seconded by Kelley L. Dickson to approve and adopt the Washington - East Washington Multi-Municipal Comprehensive Plan.

Vote: Six (6) Ayes; One (1) Nay – R. Dickson. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion was made by Kelley L. Dickson and seconded by Joanne K. Coyle to approve the October 10, 2011, Council Meeting Minutes.

Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kelley L. Dickson and seconded by Jeffrey D. Bull to approve the November 14, 2011, Council Meeting Minutes.

Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Motion was made by Kelley L. Dickson and seconded by Robert G. Dickson to approve the current monthly bills with the following bill additions: Upbeat Inc. for dog waste bags in the amount of \$181.00 and, Doug Bartoe for line relocation in the amount of \$292.50.

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

REPORTS FROM AUDIENCE MEMBERS

Council President Blake E. McCandless invited audience members to make comments or ask questions with a time limit of a maximum of five (5) minutes per person.

Joyce Ellis, Director of the Lemoyne Multicultural Community Center, addressed Council regarding the needs of the Center's playground. She also discussed some new security measures being taken at the Center.

Robert Gregg, Borough Resident, asked about obtaining grants for rehabilitation of buildings in the historical district and Council provided him with some information.

Mary Tauffer, Borough Resident, asked about the employees' pension plans funded by the Borough, and Council replied that the Borough pension plans are fully funded and in good financial condition.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Borough Secretary distributed the current financial statements.

STREET DEPARTMENT REPORT

Councilman Jeffrey D. Bull stated that he recommends that the Borough Street Department purchase a snow plow through the PA State Costars Program.

Motion was made by Robert G. Dickson and seconded by Marilyn A. Posner to purchase a snow plow for the Borough in the amount of \$4,168.00.

Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. Bull stated that there have been issues with the salt spreader on the old truck. Mr. Bull stated that leaf collection is about 80 percent complete and the roof on the borough building porch should be completed very soon.

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

Borough Officer in Charge Mark H. Griffith stated that all three police vehicles are back in service. The bill for the repairs to the oldest car was \$3,900.00.

Officer Griffith has been in contact with Melvin Phillips of Canton Township to assist in organizing an East Washington Borough Crime Watch Group.

CODE ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Borough Code Enforcement Officer Michael E. Behrens submitted his report.

COUNCIL REPORTS

Billy C. Josay – No report.

Marilyn A. Posner – No report.

Kelley L. Dickson – No report.

Robert G. Dickson – No report.

Jeffrey D. Bull – No report.

Joanne K. Coyle – No report.

Blake E. McCandless thanked Robert Dickson and Billy Josay for their service on the Borough of East Washington's Board of Council.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Mark A. Pacilla commended Officer in Charge Mark H. Griffith and Borough Detective Michael Manfredi for their excellent service conducting their duties with the East Washington Borough Police Department.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Borough Solicitor Cary Jones informed Council that there will be changes to the bidding threshold amounts beginning on January 1, 2012.

NEW BUSINESS

2012 Tax Levy Ordinance

Motion was made by Robert G. Dickson and seconded by Joanne K. Coyle to adopt the 2012 Tax Levy Ordinance setting the East Washington Borough Real Estate Taxes at 28 mils.

Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

Borough Council Reorganization Meeting

Borough Council set their 2012 bi-annual Reorganization Meeting for Tuesday, January 3, 2012, at 6:00 p.m., with the Borough Council Regular Monthly Meeting immediately following.

2011 Audit

Motion was made by Robert G. Dickson and seconded by Kelley L. Dickson to contract the services of Palermo/Kissinger to conduct an Audit of the Borough's finances for the calendar year 2011.

Vote: All Ayes. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Borough Council held an Executive Session.

ADJOURNMENT

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

**THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL OF THE
BOROUGH OF EAST WASHINGTON IS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2012, IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING THE REORGANIZATION MEETING**

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Walsh,
Borough Secretary