EAST PITTSBURGH COUNCIL MINUTES December 17, 2019

The December 17, 2019 meeting of the East Pittsburgh Borough Council was called to order by Dennis Simon at 7:01 p.m. at the Senior Citizen Center located on Grandview Avenue.

None

Ms. Hartford took the roll:

Present: Absent:

Dennis Simon, Council President Mary Carol Kennedy, Council Vice-President Paul Borkowski, Council Member Joe Esposto, Council Member Stacy Simon, Council Member

Other:

Seth Abrams, Borough Administrator Nick Evashavick, Solicitor Dave Gilliland, Engineer Denise Hartford, Secretary Lou Payne, Mayor

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments

ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Gilliland reported that the CITF funded projects for paving and demolition bid opening will occur at the TCV COG on 1/7/20. Demolition bids for the emergency demolition on Grandview Ave will occur on 12/23/19.

Mr. Gilliland also reported that the manhole repair work is on hold until final permitting can be obtained by Union RR. He explained this is normal, and no action is needed by the Borough.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Kennedy made a motion to approve the minutes from the November 19, 2019 meeting as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Esposto. Motion passed unanimously.

MOTION TO PAY BILLS

Mr. Esposto made the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$162,583.43. Seconded by Mr. Borkowski. Motion passed unanimously.

FIRE MARSHAL REPORT – the report is on file.

PUBLIC WORKS – The Borough continues to be pleased with the work of the current crew.

<u>POLICE</u> – Mr. Payne thanked the PSP for their continued presence and for joining the borough for the Children's Holiday Party on December 9th. Mr. Simon noted that the initial report from DCED on the regionalization was given to the TCV COG. There are additional questions that will be sent to the Boroughs.

SOLICITOR REPORT

Mr. Evashavik stated that the Ordinances and Service agreement that have been drafter for the merger of East Pittsburgh, Rankin and Braddock Boroughs to designate Rivers Edge VFD as the official fire company are to be voted on this evening.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Payne reported on the Children's Holiday Party. He also reminded those present that the food pantry will take place on December 20th from 1:30-2:30 pm.

The Mayor and Pat Lanigan have volunteered to co-chair a committee to celebrate the Borough's 125th anniversary in 2020. Mr. Abrams will be submitting for recognition through PSAB.

Mr. Payne also requested that the new chairs of the public safety committee meet with the manager, River's Edge VFD and himself sometime in January to review any current concerns.

<u>MANAGER'S REPORT</u> – The activities report is on file. Mr. Abrams noted that he is updating the Borough website and has created a Facebook page for the borough – it can be found within Facebook @eastpittsburghboro. Council approved Mr. Abrams to serve as the delegate for the Tri-COG Landbank.

<u>COMMUNICATIONS</u> - Mr. Simon indicated that the Borough will again provide sponsorship to the TCV COG.in addition to the included communications Mr. Abrams handed out a handout about the basketball league final ceremony and the ALOM annual dinner on 12/12.

OLD BUSINESS None

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Motion to appoint David Miller as the Emergency Management Coordinator and Seth Abrams as the Deputy Emergency Management Coordinator for the Borough
 - i. Motion: Ms. Kennedy Second: Mr. Borkowski Motion Passes unanimously
- b. Motion to Adopt the 2020 Budget as presented at the November 2019 meeting
 - i. Motion: Mr. Borkowski Second: Mr. Esposto Motion Passes Unanimously
- c. Motion to retain the PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE at 13.45 mill
 - i. Motion: Mr. Esposto Second: Mr. Borkowski Motion Passes Unanimously

- d. Resolution to dispose of records in accordance with the State Municipal Records Manual
 - i. Motion: Ms. Kennedy Second: Mr. Esposto Motion Passes unanimously
- e. Public Hearing for the ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE RECOUPMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE EXPENSES INCURRED IN PROVIDING FOR SAFETY, TRANSPORTATION AND REMIDIATION DUE TO AN EMERGENCY, ACCISENT OR SOME OTHER EVENT GIVING RISE TO THE NEED FOR POLICE, FIRE AND EMERGENCY SERVICES
 - i. No public comments
 - ii. Motion to approve the Ordinance: Ms. Kennedy Second: Ms. Simon Motion Passes Unanimously
- f. Public Hearing for the AMENDING OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROVDE PENALTIES FOR FALSE ALARMS
 - i. No public comments
 - ii. Motion to approve the Ordinance: Ms. Kennedy Second: Ms. Simon Motion Passes Unanimously
- g. Public Hearing for the ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING EAST PITTSBURGH BOROUGH TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH BRADDOCK AND RANKIN BOROUGHS GOVERNING THE PROVISION OF FIRE PREVENTION AND PROTECTION SERVCES FROM THE RIVERS EDGE VOLUNTEER FIRE DPEARTMENT.
 - i. No public comments
 - ii. Motion to approve the Ordinance: Ms. Kennedy Second: Mr. Borkowski Motion Passes 4-1, with Mr. Esposto objecting.

COMMITTEE ACTIONS

- 1. Ms. Kennedy spoke about the feral cats in the Borough. She and others working on feeding and Trap, Neuter & Release programs. Assistance was requested in getting the word out about the proper care of feral cats to properly control and reduce the population. Mr. Abrams will post information on the Borough website and Facebook page. If needed, a flyer will be created to hand out door to door in the affected areas.
- 2. Mr. Simon announced that Mayor Payne is the 2020 delegate to the Allegheny League of Municipalities. Mr. Abrams announced that Ms. Simon has volunteered to be the delegate to the TCV COG.
- 3. Mayor Payne thanked Joe Esposto for his dedication on Council and for the work as the Public Works co-chair, which included answering calls in the middle of the night. Mr. Simon was thanked for his 30 years of service with notation that there will be a hole that cannot be easily filled by his retirement.

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Mr. Esposto made a motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Seth Abrams Borough Manager