

**EAST PITTSBURGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
July 21, 2020**

The July 21, 2020 meeting of the East Pittsburgh Borough Council was called to order by Mary Carol Kennedy at 7:02 p.m. via video teleconference.

Mr. Abrams took the roll:

Present:

Absent:

Mary Carol Kennedy, Council President  
Paul Borkowski, Council Member  
Earnest Frazier, Council Member  
Jonathan Reyes, Council Member

Stacy Simon, Council Vice-President

Other:

Seth Abrams, Borough Manager  
Nick Evashavik, Solicitor  
Dave Gilliland, Engineer  
Denise Hartford, Secretary  
Lou Payne, Mayor

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

**Ms. Lamara Patrick**, 407 Bessemer Ave. Ms. Patrick spoke to advocate for increased enforcement and reduced speeds on Bessemer Ave. Ms. Patrick also spoke about concerns with residents on Main St placing their trash in the street or other areas where it becomes litter. The Borough Manager will address this concern through the Code Enforcement Officer.

**ENGINEERS REPORT**

Mr. Gilliland's report is on file. Dye testing of the storm water from the Linden Mall showed that the water is already diverted from the sanitary sewers, therefore this project is not eligible for an ALCOSAN GROW grant. Other sources of funding will be sought out.

Paving of the roads is scheduled to begin on August 4<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Reyes made the motion to approve the June 2020 Council Minutes. It was seconded by Mr. Frazier. Roll call vote was unanimous in favor. Motion passed.

**MOTION TO PAY BILLS**

Mr. Reyes made the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 64,674.31. Seconded by Mr. Frazier. Motion passed unanimously by roll call.

**FIRE MARSHAL REPORT** – the report is on file.

**PUBLIC WORKS** – No report

**POLICE** – no report

**Zoning Hearing Board -** The ZHB met on 20 July 2020 to consider a special exception request to allow Eastend Child Care and Learning Center to open a child/day care center at 814 Linden Ave. This facility currently operates in a rented building on the 400 block of Bessemer Ave.

The ZHB granted the special exception with a vote of 4-0. One member was absent.

**SOLICITOR REPORT**

Mr. Evashavik reported that he represented the Borough in a property assessment appeal by the owner of 526 Franklin. The property owner was not present and the appeal was denied.

**MAYOR'S REPORT**

Mayor Payne reported that the Community Center will be closed with the exception of the election in November. He suggested trying to utilize the American Legion and requested Mr. Abrams to contact the County Elections Office to determine the reimbursement rate and the process for making the change prior to the 2021 primary election. Because the borough is not eligible for the ALCOSAN GROW grant, the Mayor asked if public works could provide some concrete patching of if the concrete contractor doing the steps could add this work. Mr. Abrams stated he would check with public works.

**MANAGER'S REPORT** – The activities report is on file.

Finances remain in a stable position. Details are in the report.

Mr. Abrams reported that a public works employee has resigned. The advertisement was placed on the borough web site and on Facebook.

Ms. Kennedy asked Mr. Abrams to find and review the plan for a complete-sidewalks. Mr. Abrams will reach out to Braddock Borough for a copy of the report.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – on file

**OLD BUSINESS** - none

**NEW BUSINESS** –

1. Mr. Reyes made a motion to approve the application to DCED for a Blight Remediation Planning Grant in the amount of \$25,000. Ms. Borkowski seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

2. Mr. Frazier made a motion to approve the destruction of records in accordance with the Municipal Records Manual. Mr. Reyes seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.
3. Mr. Reyes made a motion to adopt the Employee Handbook of the Borough of East Pittsburgh. Mr. Borkowski seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

**Discussion-**

Council expectation of a regional police force. Mr. Abrams explained that at the last regional police force meeting the group was tasked with gathering information from their respective Council's to determine what was expected from the workgroup, what they wanted to see in a new police force and how much could be budgeted for such a force.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Reyes made a motion to adjourn at 9:02 pm. Mr. Borkowski seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Seth Abrams', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

Seth Abrams  
Borough Manager