

**EAST PITTSBURGH COUNCIL
MINUTES
June 15, 2021**

The June 15,2021 meeting of the East Pittsburgh Borough Council was called to order by Paul Borkowski at 7:02 p.m.

Mr. Abrams took the roll:

Present:

Absent:

Stacy Simon, Council Vice-President (via teleconference)

Paul Borkowski, Council Member

Mary Carol Kennedy, Council President

Earnest Frazier, Council Member

Jonathan Reyes, Council Member (via teleconference)

Other:

Absent:

Markus Adams, Mayor

Seth Abrams, Borough Manager

Nick Evashavik, Solicitor (via teleconference)

Dave Gilliland, Engineer

Denise Hartford, Secretary

David Miller, Code Officer (via teleconference)

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Tamara Boyd, From Manna on High. Ms. Boyd announced that the basketball program will begin on June 26th and will run through August from 11 am to 1 pm at the basketball courts at Quarry Field. Ms. Boyd requested contact information for the State Troopers to invite them to participate with the youth in some events.

Vince Bordogna, Bessemer Ave. Mr. Bordogna voiced concern over dogs barking at all hours of the night. Letters have been sent to 110 Bessemer, the home with the dogs. Mr. Bordogna asked for more to be done to curb the dogs. Mr. Abrams stated that both animal control and a humane officer have been contacted to evaluate the situation and take appropriate action. Mr. Bordogna asked that the borough begin enforcing the two-animal limit per section 172 of the Borough Code. Mr. Abrams and Mr. Miller are not aware of this section of the Code ever being enforced. Mr. Evashavik indicated that the borough could issue a ticket/citation based on a verbal complaint as long as the complainant serves as a witness in front of the magistrate. Mayor Adams asked if he is permitted to issue citations. Mr. Evashavik that the mayor cannot issue citations unless he is an authorized official. Mr. Bordogna was instructed to contact the borough with specifics the next time the dogs are barking so that a citation can be issued.

ENGINEERS REPORT

Mr. Gilliland's report is on file.

Mr. Borkowski asked Mr. Gilliland if a property owner is responsible for the maintenance of sidewalks abutting their property. Mr. Gilliland indicated that property owners are indeed responsible. Mr. Borkowski and Mr. Adams noted that the sidewalk on the Grandview side of the property located at 549 Bessemer Ave. It was recommended that the borough send notice to the property owner to fix the sidewalk. Mr. Abrams recommended that Council give the borough time to evaluate the condition of the sidewalk and to come up with potential solutions if required.

Mr. Reyes made a motion to accept the engineers report. Ms. Simon seconded. Motion carried.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE MEETING MINUTES

Mr. Frazier made a motion to accept the May 25, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Reyes. Motion carried.

Mr. Reyes made a motion to accept the Agenda meeting minutes from June 8, 2021 Seconded by Mr. Frazier. Motion carried.

MOTION TO PAY BILLS

Mr. Reyes made the motion to pay the bills in the amount of \$ 119,862.54. Seconded by Ms. Simon. Motion carried.

FIRE MARSHAL REPORT – Mr. Miller’s report is on file.

Motion to accept report by Mr. Reyes and seconded by Mr. Frazier. Motion carried.

PUBLIC WORKS – DPW staff are working 6-2 during the summer. The truck is back in service.

SOLICITOR REPORT – Mr. Evashavik reviewed the Falls Run (ALCOSAN) transfer agreement and does not foresee any issues.

Motion to accept solicitor’s report by Mr. Frazier. Motion was seconded by Mr. Reyes. Motion carried.

ZONING HEARING BOARD - No meeting.

MAYOR’S REPORT – No report.

MANAGER’S REPORT – The report is on file and was discussed at the agenda meeting on the June 8th.

Motion to approve the Manager’s report made by Mr. Reyes and seconded by Ms. Simon. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

NEW BUSINESS –

- Mr. Frazier made a motion to ratify the telephone vote to approve the application for grant funds of up to \$1,000,000 from the CDBG-CV funds from ACED. Motion was seconded by Mr. Reyes. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION-

Mr. Reyes met with Cletus Lee, who won the nomination for Mayor of North Braddock. Mr. Lee is planning to host a community event and would like members of East Pittsburgh Council to attend. Date and time are TBD.

Mr. Adams noted that the basketball hoop in Bryan Alley is becoming a nuisance. Mr. Abrams will work to resolve the issue. Mr. Adams also noted that there are people using the Sunnyside Parklet after curfew. He would like to be able to have it locked at night. Mr. Abrams noted that the Borough does not have the capacity to handle this. Messrs. Borkowski, Adams and Reyes will take responsibility for locking and unlocking the gate on a daily basis.

ADJOURNMENT-

Mr. Frazier moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. Motion was seconded by Mr. Reyes. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Seth Abrams
Borough Manager