The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of East Rochester was held Wednesday, April 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the East Rochester Fire Hall, East Rochester, Pa.

PRESENT: Joyce Gordon, Terry Mason, Frank Reda, Jim Simon, and Mayor James Cable.

ABSENT: Kendra Hill

ALSO PRESENT: Solicitor Paul Steff, Engineer Jeff Frye, and John Clay, Zoning/Code Officer.

CITIZENS: none.

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Mr. Mason asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion was made by Jim Simon to accept the minutes and seconded by Joyce Gordon. By way of roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: The secretary presented the minutes from the February 9, 2017 meeting of Rochester Area Sewer Authority. She also reported an invoice from Beaver County Regional Council of Governments (COG) for membership dues in the amount of $436.85. We haven't paid them since 2003. Discussion followed. Solicitor Steff suggested someone talk to Rochester Borough and other local municipalities to see if they are pleased and if it is worth the cost of membership. The secretary also presented two emails from Rochester Chamber of Commerce. One about the chili cook off on April 19th, and the other about their 2017 scholarship program. A notice from PENNDOT about a meeting they are holding on Monday, April 10th at Penn State Beaver was presented. Liquid fuels distributions, 2017 construction projects, 2018-2020 projects in design, and county maintenance activities will be discussed. The secretary will be attending. She was asked to bring up the heavy traffic East Rochester is experiencing because of the Freedom ramps being closed. An email from David Bolton, asking to consider resolutions in favor of allowing local police departments to utilize municipal radar (done last year) and the pay-out ceilings for small games of chance by local charitable service clubs. Motion to accept the communications was made by Joyce Gordon and seconded by Jim Simon.

MAYOR and POLICE: Mayor James Cable had no police report since Chief Mercier was not present. He mentioned the boxes to plug the generators into at the traffic lights have been installed. Terry Mason asked how the police can go on private property and tag vehicles to be towed. The discussions will be continued with Chief Mercier. Motion was made to accept the Mayor's report by Jim Simon and seconded by Joyce Gordon.

STREETS & SEWERS: Frank Reda reported the grass has been cut. Terry Mason reported he went and looked at the mower at Town & Country. Keeping the current mower at least for a year was discussed. Jim Simon made a motion to purchase the Cub Cadet Z-force mower at $5,799, with the condition it fits on our trailer. It was seconded by Frank Reda. By way of roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Joyce Gordon asked what was being done about the washout on the side of Fifth Street near Landell Street. It was brought up at the October 5, 2016 meeting. Terry had John do a temporary fix with cold patch. Baskets are to be installed.

Joyce also asked why there were tires on the garage roof. They are holding the tarp down. A new roof was discussed. Jeff Frye is to get three quotes to replace both the garage roof and the building roof. A metal roof was discussed.

The Council went into executive session for a personnel matter.

A motion to give John Jones six holidays (New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, and Christmas), increase his hourly rate by $1, and give him one week paid vacation after a year was made by Joyce Gordon. It was seconded by Jim Simon. By way of roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

BUILDING PERMITS: Code Enforcement Officer, John Clay reported seven calls, two zoning inquiries and one permit issued. Joyce Gordon asked him about the website still being down. He will talk to Tony tonight after the meeting. Will try to get it up and running. He stated we are not locked into using him as the host. This would have an annual cost of about $50. Joyce also brought up Oak Street. It is an eyesore. There is garbage numerous places. The Delanko and Kaminski properties are a mess. There is a trailer by the lift station with a mattress and garbage bags on it. Mr. Clay will send registered letters to the three properties.

FINANCE & BUDGET: The secretary reported the Schedule of Bills presented to each councilperson totaled $25,442.05 for the month. Only $16,749.42 needs to be approved since the rest have been approved at previous meetings.

TAX REPORT: There was $54,640.63 in taxes collected in March 2017 and the tax collector's commission is $1,639.54. Joyce Gordon made a motion to approve the bills and to approve the tax collector's report and commission. It was seconded by Jim Simon. By way of roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: We need copies of current driver's licenses of ANYONE who drives a fire vehicle covered under our insurance policy.

SOLICITOR, ORDINANCE & LITIGATION: Solicitor Paul Steff reported he needs to get together with Mr. Frye on a couple of items. He will do so this month.

BOROUGH ENGINEERING: Jeff Frye reported was continuing with the process of getting permits for the debris catchers at the Plaza. He said we may be able to use lydar maps instead of a final survey. He also worked on the CDBG Grant Application.

Drumm & Sons is working on replacing storm sewer pipes on Fifth Street. He should be done in a few days. The Borough will have to start looking at fixing storm sewers in the future. It was put on the Grant application as a future project.

Mr. Frye also presented an email stating East Rochester Borough is eligible for an exemption of the requirement to develop a Pollutant Reduction Plan. The current MS4 permit expires June 5, 2018. A Notice of intent is due 180 days before the renewal date.

He stated the PENNVEST project would be closed soon.

Mr. Frye is to get three quotes to do the work needed at the end of Fifth Street near Landell Street (as discussed under Streets and Sewers). It will be for labor only. We have the baskets and will have to order stone.

RECREATION: Jim Simon mentioned graffiti at the playground. Joyce Gordon will look into it.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Terry Mason brought up a tree, possibly on a paper road, off of Highland St. Branches from the tree are over a house (313 Highland – William Wilson). He thought it could be dropped into the woods. He can't tell what property it's on. Solicitor Steff stated he didn't think it was our issue. The owner should have it done.

The Mayor asked about the ten inch pipe coming out of the yard across from JR's. He questioned if it was runoff from Lacock Dwellings' parking lot. He said during a severe storm, water was coming out of the pipe at full force. Discussion followed as to where it was coming from and going to. Mr. Frye is to look into piping this to the creek and maybe adding it to the project at the end of Fifth Street.

NEW BUSINESS: no new business.

A motion to adjourn was made by Joyce Gordon and seconded by Jim Simon and Frank Reda. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marlene McRoberts, Borough Secretary