The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of East Rochester was held Wednesday, December 5, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Lacock Dwellings Community Center, East Rochester, Pennsylvania.

PRESENT: Joyce Gordon, Joe Seminick, Kendra Hill, Jim Simon and Mayor Bob Knox

ABSENT: Cathy Hutsky, Code Enforcement Officer John Clay

ALSO. PRESENT: Solicitor Paul Steff, Chief Mercier, Engineer Jeff Frye, Bob Taylor and Debra Ahern

CITIZENS REPORT: None

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING:

Joyce Gordon asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the November 7,2018, meeting. Motion was made by Jim Simon to accept the minutes. Kendra Hill seconded the motion. By way of a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

MAYOR & POLICE:

Mayor Knox presented the police report for November outlining the calls and charges filed. Asked about the flag being taken down. Mayor reported he was approached on Halloween about Net Zero internet service but nobody that he talked to seemed to be interested. Mayor discussed the tagging of cars. Mayor inquired as to plans for the Borough truck. The truck needs to go or it should be tagged in his opinion. Joe Seminick discussed the Borough truck. Chief Mercier discussed tagging vehicles. Discussion of tagging cars on public and private property. Mayor thanked the Police for the job they did recently regarding a stolen car.

STREETS & SEWERS:

Jim Simon talked to Gus about trees at ballfield. Gus saw thirty (30) trees that he would be willing to cut for $2,000. If that is too much money, he could cut fewer trees. Motion was made by Joe Seminick to have the trees cut for $2,000. Jim Simon seconded the motion. By way of a roll call vote, all in favor. Kendra Hill abstained. Motion carried.

'Discussion about streetlights that are out and which ones are the Borough's. The Chief of Police will get pole numbers. Discussion about run off and drainage in one area along Fifth Street. Mayor asked why Joyce Gordon was riding in the Borough truck. Joyce Gordon stated that she would be willing to sign a waiver and she would be willing to personally pay for the preparation of a waiver.

BUILDING PERMITS: No report.

FINANCE & BUDGET TAX REPORT:

Joyce Gordon reported the tax collector collected $9,210.76 with a commission of $460.54. The total bills paid for the month were $14,843.18; payroll was $6,005.32 and Pennvest payment was $1,604.54. Motion was made by Kendra Hill to accept the tax report and pay all bills. Joe Seminick seconded the motion. By way of a roll call, all in favor. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Joe Seminick reported that there were no calls for the month.

SOLICITOR. ORDINANCE & LITIGATION:

The Solicitor reported that he prepared a Resolution to adopt the 2019 budget. Jim Simon made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 12-5-18-1, adopting the 2019 budget. Kendra Hill seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Solicitor reported that he prepared a Resolution to have the RAJSA collect the sewer maintenance fees for East Rochester Borough. Kendra Hill made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 12-5-18-2, authorizing RAJSA to collect East Rochester Borough's sewer maintenance fees. Jim Simon seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

The Solicitor reported that he prepared and advertised the 2019 Tax Ordinance. Kendra Hill made a motion to enact Ordinance No. 335, setting the tax rate at 22 mills, which is the same rate as previous years. Joe Seminick seconded the motion. All in favor. Motion carried.

BOROUGH ENGINEERING:

Reported that he is coordinating several digs to determine future road repairs.

RECREATION:

Joyce Gordon reported that contractors using the dump and storing equipment in the Borough have made donations to the recreation fund.[1] Allegheny Construction donated $750. Miller Pipe did some work in the Borough free of charge. Team Fishel pushed over the dump a few times.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Bob Taylor questioned whether the meeting dates were correctly stated on the website.

Meeting adjourned. A motion was made by Kendra Hill to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Joe Seminick. By way of a roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Paul A. Steff, Esquire Borough Solicitor