The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of East Rochester was held Wednesday, October 3,2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lacock Dwellings Community Center, East Rochester, Pa.

PRESENT: Joyce Gordon, Joe Seminick, Kendra Hill, and Jim Simon.

ABSENT: Cathy Hutsky and Mayor Bob Knox

ALSO, PRESENT: Solicitor Paul Steff, Chief Mercier, Engineer Jeff Frye, Code Enforcement Officer John Clay and Bob Taylor

CITIZENS REPORT: None

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Joyce Gordon asked for a motion to accept the minutes from the September 5,2018 meeting. Motion was made by Kendra Hill to accept the minutes. Jim Simon second the motion. By way of roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: The Secretary reported the RAJS A meeting minutes from August 9, 2018 meeting are in the Borough office, along with the operations & Maintenance report for 2018 for Council's review. The Secretary informed Council that the Borough received notification from the Department of the Auditor General Fire Relief Audit regarding Act 205 allocation of $2,253.22 to the East Rochester VFD Relief Association to be sent to Rochester Fire Department per agreement. The Secretary also informed Council that East Rochester received notification they will receive liquid fuels allocation for 2019 in the amount of $21,935.23.

MAYOR and POLICE: Chief Mercier presented the police report for September - total calls 66. Motion was made by Joe Seminick to accept the police report as presented. Kendra Hill seconded the motion. By way of roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

STREETS & SEWERS: Jim Simon discussed with Council paying the maintenance worker $150.00 for use of his personal vehicle while the borough truck is out of service. Kendra Hill stated that if we were to rent a truck it could cost more. Joyce Gordon stated it upset her that the maintenance worker took it upon himself to use his own vehicle then charge the Borough before talking to the chair of streets/sewers and having it approved. Jim Simon stated he thinks the maintenance worker thought he had no other choice. Kendra Hill said she thinks council should pay it, it's not an unreasonable amount - if he was asking for $500.00 - that would be different. Joyce Gordon said Gus used to walk. The Secretary asked how did Council want this motion worded?
Joyce Gordon: Make a motion to pay Sam Landis $150.00 for wear & tear on his vehicle while Borough vehicle is being repaired. Motion made by Kendra Hill to pay maintenance worker for use of his personal vehicle. Jim Simon seconded the motion. By way of roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

Jim Simon mentioned the lights on 65 are still messed up. The Secretary responded that she was told they're not on at all. Jim Simon said they weren't - then one of the days this week they were on- but they aren't on at night. The Secretary asked Jim Simon that at Septembers meeting it was decided to have the maintenance worker to caution tape those lights off & let the secretary know so she could contact Duquesne Light — where are we on that? Jim Simon said he would instruct the maintenance worker to do that. The Secretary asked that once he does, please let her know so she can contact DL so

they can proceed and do their part in getting these lights fixed. Jim Simon said there's one at the bridge too. Chief Merc ier asked Jim Simon would the maintenance worker be calling the department to go with him when he does this. Jim Simon said he would need them to go block traffic while he is out putting the tape around the poles. Chief Mercier said the police could just take care of that themselves- it would be: quicker - he was aware of the area & he would notify the Secretary once it was all done. Motion was made by Kendra Hill to accept the report from Streets and Sewers. Joe Seminick seconded. By way of roll call vote. Motion carried.

BUILDING PERMITS: 7 calls, issued 1 permit, 2 zoning inquires. Code Officer Clay said he had a call from a resident on Landed Street about a house he condemned years ago, the branches are encroaching into the road and he wanted to ask Council if it would be alright if the maintenance worker could cut them back so they aren't hitting vehicles as people are driving on Landed. Jim Simon stated that same thing is happening in the alley behind the fire had. Jim said once the dump truck is back from being fixed the maintenance worker will be instructed to go to these two areas and cut the growth back so cars can get through. Motion was made by Kendra Hid to have the maintenance man perform this work. Jim Simon seconded. By way of roll call vote, ad in favor. Motion carried.

Kendra Hid asked John Clay about a situation at a property at 815 5th Street and had he sent a registered letter to the property owner next door. Code Officer Clay said he had not, because when he had been to the home on 5th - the basement was flooded and there was no where for the water to go, but the homeowner had a "plug" in the floor drain. Code Officer Clay was waiting for a cad back but hasn't heard again. Code Officer Clay thinks the water may be coming from a sump-pump from the resident next door. Kendra & Jim said they've both heard from the owner - Code Officer Clay said he would look into it.

FINANCE & BUDGET TAX REPORT: The Secretary reported the tax collector collected $16,977.13 with a commission of $848.86 The total bids paid for the month were $21,204.84 Motion was made by Kendra Hid to accept the tax report and pay all bids. Joe Seminick seconded the motion. By way of rod cad vote. Motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Joe Seminick asked if Chief Hermick could have the fax number for the Borough Office so he could send his reports prior to the meeting. Jim Simon texted the fax number to Joe Seminick.

SOLICITOR, ORDINANCE & LITIGATION: The Solicitor reported he will have the Nuclear Support resolution prepared for the November meeting for Council's review. Solicitor Steff explained to Council that the Borough had received a request to purchase property out of the repository. This propeny is on Lacock Avenue, the owner was Derek Weidner - the purchaser is KAPACO Investment Group- they put in a bid amount and are responsible for back taxes (2013-1017). The County has already signed off on it - the person has to follow through with bringing in the money at the time and the need the approval of the Borough and the school district. The Solicitor stated it is always his recommendation that the Borough approved because if the sale is made then it will go back on the tax rod and becomes revenue for the Borough once again. The Solicitor recommended approval by the appropriate officials to sign the document. Jim Simon made a motion for the President of Council to sign the sale of property from the repository of unsold property for parcel 20-002-0401. Joe Seminick seconded. By way of rod cad vote, ad in favor. Motion carried.

Jim Simon asked Solicitor Steff what happens to the "property" that is left on the property? The Solicitor answered: whatever is left on the property if for them to deal with accordingly This if for the purchase of real estate only.

BOROUGH ENGINEERING: Jeff Frye informed council he received the permit for the debris deflectors at the plaza he reached out to contractors, but have not heard back from any yet,

Jeff said the same situation is with the bridge on 5th Street - no response form contractors on that job either (including Watterson). Joyce Gordon asked if Jeff thought we would be able to get that job finished before winter. Jeff said he will keep after the contractors - we are quickly approaching when the plants will be closing - if it stays warm the plants will stay open longer.

Joyce Gordon asked Jeif about the pipe that was damage on the street Miller Construction is working on in the Borough - she asked if that was sewer maintenance or storm sewer Jeff explained that Miller Construction fixed it
Joyce Gordon said she knew they fixed the breaks, but what we had to buy for them to fix them, can we pay for those out of sewer maintenance.
Jeff explained they hit the pipe 3 times, broke it twice, the 3rd time, Sam asked since they didn't break it could it just be left alone - Jeff said something would have to be done with it - he didn't want at some point someone's basement being flooded because they came across that pipe and didn't address it. Jeff explained the maintenance worker marked the lines from manhole to manhole - Miller said the lines were mis-marked -and since the contractor fixed the breaks - Jeff said that was decent because a contractor doesn't have to do that - they can say - lines were mis-marked - the break is on the municipality to fix because it was marked wrong. Jim Simon asked other than televising it is there any other way to tell. Jeff said he can pull the manhole to look to get direction - it normally goes 3-6 feet then turns. Jeff said ye<irs ago ER had all the lines televised and there should be a copy in the office that the maintenance worker can watch. If they can't be located Jeff might be able to find his copy. Jeff also told Sam abou: the map hanging on the wall
Jeff told Council the Secretary received a letter from the County Planning Department that there would be a survey coming out, in fact Jeff was working on this project with the County so he will help complete this form for ER. The survey will ask do we have mapping of the sanitary sewage, is there an authority that owns it, where are your waterlines, storm sewers.. .it's trying to go as far as gas, electric, tele communications. Etc. At the bottom of the form it asks will you be willing to share / coop with the county? They'll give info such as tax parcels #'s etc. They're trying to get the whole county to have mapping of all utilities so if a company comes in and wants to develop something they'll have a start of what's out there before they do anything. ER has to decide if they want to "share" this information or not.
The pump station - last meeting Council talked about Jeff getting a quote on a debris deflector for at the lift station, then Reno Brothers came out and put a pipe in that shoots the debris away and eliminates the clogging - so Jeff is holding off on getting the quote to see if this "fix" keeps working. If it becomes and issue again, he will revisit it. Joyce Gordon stated that strangely enough, since the last meeting, no-one seems to be putting "wipes" in the system at this point. Jim Simon said the maintenance worker made that same comment.
Jeff informed Council that he had a meeting with Columbia Gas for the job they are going to begin from Railroad Street going under and up Case Street to Atlas Street. Jeff and the maintenance worker marked all the lines. Jeff told them they will definitely be hitting something of East Rochester's. We have 24-inch storm sew er there and sanitary sewer in there. Jeff will be attending another meeting the next day. They asked Jeff if whenever they do this job could they close Case Street, Jeff told them he thought Council would let them but they would have to ask Borough Council and that Council could set the parameters. It would probably be closed 1-2 days. Jeff said if they didn't close it - it would be worse. A motion was made by Jim Simon to authorize the contractor to close Case Street provided they co-ordinate with the police department. Joe Seminick seconded the motion. By way of roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.

RECREATION: Nothing

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: **Joyce Gordon informed Council that the Duquesne Light bills for the lift station for 2018 have totaled $1266 and would like to start paying them out of the sewer maintenance account. Kendra Hill made a motion to start paying the lift station Duquesne Light bills going forward out of sewer maintenance. Jim Simon seconded the motion. By way of roll call vote, all in favor. Motion carried.**

NEW BUSINESS: No new business **Executive Session:** No Executive Session

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 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Jan Mohrbacher, Borough Secretary/Treasurer