The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of East Rochester was held Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the Lacock Dwellings Community Center, East Rochester, PA.

Meeting was called to order and Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

PRESENT: John Drumm, Joyce Gordon, Joseph Seminick, Cathy Hutsky and James Simon

ALSO, PRESENT: Mayor Robert Knox, Solicitor Paul Steff, Engineer Jeff Frye, Chief Frank Mercier and Sam Landis

ABSENT: Code Enforcement Officer Randy Morrow

CITIZENS REPORT: No citizens present

MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING: Mr. Drumm asked if there were any corrections to the minutes of the previous meeting. There being none, Mr. Simon made motion to accept minutes of previous meeting. Mr. Seminick seconded. By way of roll call vote, all in favor and motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: None

MAYOR and POLICE: Mayor gave report. There were 85 calls for service during the month of March and 20 citations. Chief Mercier read a letter from Rochester VFW inviting council, mayor and others to a service on Monday, May 31 at the roundabout after the parade. A military flyover will be conducted.

Mayor Knox thanked Chief Mercier for getting uninspected and unregistered cars tagged in the borough.

Discussion was held about purchasing generators for the police to have if and when the traffic lights go out. Mr. Drumm said we can purchase 6500-Watt generators at Harbor Freight for $499 each. We will need two. Mr. Drumm said the borough could open an account at Harbor Freight. The generators are gas powered and will run for 6 hours at a time. Mr. Simon made motion for the borough to purchase two generators from Harbor Freight at the price of $499 each. Mr. Seminick seconded. By way of roll call vote, all in favor and motion was carried. Mr. Seminick asked what type of plug the generators use. Chief Mercier said he would check.

STREETS & SEWERS: Mr. Landis said he got price from Home Depot for the aluminum fence. Need to get price on installation. Mr. Steff said council can authorize up to a certain amount to allow the purchase to be made. Mr. Simon suggested authorizing up to $4,000. Mr. Steff said a motion is needed. Mr. Seminick made motion to purchase fence with installation not to exceed the total of $4,000. Mrs. Gordon seconded. By way of roll call vote, all in favor and motion was carried.

Mr. Landis indicated that water is coming out of the head wall. Mr. Drumm suggested putting drain in and drain into catch basin. It was also suggested that Mr. Frye look over the situation.

Mayor Knox asked about parking signs at bottom of Lacock and First Street. Mr. Drumm asked Chief Mercier about parking at the lower part of Lacock Avenue. Mr. Steff said this subject previously came up at another meeting and he had reviewed the code book and provided the information to council's attention. After further discussion, Mr. Drumm indicated that the parking situation would remain as it is with no change.

Mr. Landis mentioned that the resident at 117 Atlas Avenue put a paint stick in the ground in front of his residence to stop others from parking there. The resident also indicated to Mr. Landis that he had pulled out the "No Parking" sign previously and now wants it put back in. Mr. Steff said that the borough ordinance makes the sign enforceable. If there was already a 'No Parking" sign it should be put back in. It was mentioned that Chief Mercier will need to establish if there is an ordinance.

BUILDING PERMITS: A copy of Mr. Morrow's report is provided to council in their folders. No permits were issued for March.

FINANCE & BUDGET TAX REPORT: Taxes collected for March $27,125.72; Tax Collector Commission $813.77; Total Bills Paid $31,114.39 (includes bills paid from sewer maintainence and liquid fuels; Payroll $6,129.95; Pennvest April payment $1,604.54; $4,602.74 collected from Rochester Area Joint Sewer Authority.

Mrs. Gordon made motion to accept report and pay bills and tax collector commission. Ms. Hutsky seconded. By way of roll call vote, all in favor and motion carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: One call in March.

SOLICITOR, ORDINANCE & LITIGATION: Progress

BOROUGH ENGINEER: Mr. Frye indicated that the Beaver County Community Block Grant application was filed. He also indicated that he talked to Mr. Youngblood about piggy backing our paving program with Rochester Township. Mr. Youngblood indicated that was OK. Mr. Frye indicated that he will coordinate with Rochester Township and will keep the borough informed.

RECREATION: Mr. Hutsky asked about the shelter at the playground. Mr. Drumm indicated that Lowe's and Home Depot will donate supplies and the borough can get the Amish to construct the shelter. Mayor Knox mentioned that the annual tree program is currently suspended due to Covid-19.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mr. Seminick asked about logging the acreage behind the plaza. Mr. Drumm said we were told that there was not much there to log and it would not be worth it.

NEW BUSINESS: Progress

There being no further business a motion was made by Ms. Hutsky and seconded by Mr. Seminick to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Dunn, Borough Secretary/Treasurer