The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of East Rochester was held Wednesday, May 5, 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 and Joseph Seminick

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

ABSENT: Mayor Robert Knox, James Simon, Cathy Hutsky and 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, Mrs. Gordon made motion to accept minutes of previous meeting. Mr. Seminick seconded. By way of roll call vote, all in favor and motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Secretary read emails regarding the following:

1. Tire collection for Beaver County residents sponsored by the conservation district on May 18-21. The event will be held at 156 Cowpath Road, Aliquippa, PA
2. A Household Hazardous Waste Collection on May 22, 2021 at the Beaver County Recycling Center from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Registration is required.
3. Spotted Lanternfly Trap Site Request from the PA Department of Agriculture. Location to be East Washington Street Ballfield.

MAYOR and POLICE: Chief Mercier gave report. There were 70 calls for service during the month of April; 5 criminal arrests and 19 vehicle code citations. Chief Mercier reminded council of the Memorial Day service and celebration to be held at the roundabout. He said there will be food booths and entertainment.

Mr. Drumm indicated that the 2 generators had been purchased and are ready to be picked up by the police. Mr. Seminick asked about hook-up and if generators can be left while running. It was indicated that chains can be put around the generators and attached to the traffic light pole and locked.

STREETS & SEWERS: Mr. Landis said that fabric had been purchased and picked up so it can be laid on the hillside behind the borough building. Mr. Landis asked about purchasing a shed in order to keep equipment in. He is running out of room storing items. He said he looked online and found some that cost approximately $4,000 to $6,000 for a 12 x 16 or 12 x 20. Chief Mercier indicated that Rochester Borough is also looking into purchasing another shed and was considering getting the Amish to build one. He said maybe both boroughs can go together. Chief Mercier said he will get some prices and let us know.

It was mentioned that the southbound traffic light on Route 65 is out and needs repaired. Chief Mercier will call to get repaired.

Secretary said that Duquesne Light will be installing more LED street lights in the borough soon.

Mr. Drumm said the catch basin is ordered and will begin repair soon. He said the pipe will be repaired.

BUILDING PERMITS: A copy of Mr. Morrow's report is provided to council in their folders. Fence permit issued for 115 Atlas Avenue and shed permit issued for 180 Lacock Avenue.

FINANCE & BUDGET TAX REPORT: Taxes collected for April $46,855.16; Tax Collector Commission $1,497.95; Total Bills Paid $13,838.22 (includes bills paid from sewer maintainence and liquid fuels; Payroll $6,361.20; Pennvest May payment $1,604.54; $4,628.35 collected from Rochester Area Joint Sewer Authority.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT: No report. Secretary said she received email from county about reappointing Michael Mamone as the borough's Emergency Management Coordinator. She said she completed the application and conducted state background check. Mrs. Gordon made motion to retain Michael Mamone as the borough's Emergency Management Coordinator. Mr. Seminick seconded. By way of roll call vote, all I n favor and motion was carried.

SOLICITOR, ORDINANCE & LITIGATION: Mr. Steff said that at the last council meeting it was brought up about parking on Atlas Avenue. He said according to the ordinance, there are "no parking" areas on Atlas Avenue. He said that the ordinance is confusing about Lincoln Street. He believes that areas on Lincoln are "no parking".

Mr. Steff said he had received an email from borough secretary about resident interested in purchasing a paper street. He said the borough cannot sell property. Would have to advertise that the property was being sold and would accept bids and the property would be sold to the highest bidder. There is no reason for the borough to entertain the idea of selling off borough property; that it is not feasible.

BOROUGH ENGINEER: Mr. Frye talked about the water issue at the spring. He also indicated that in connection with the Case Street project that all the paperwork had been provided to the state.

Mr. Frye was asked to provide to Youngblood Paving Company the streets in the borough that are to be paved. Mrs. Gordon asked Mr. Frye whether the borough is required to pay a percentage of the county grant. He indicated that the borough would be required to pay engineering and advertising fees. He said the grants are for $50,000 and the borough would be required to pay for anything over the $50,000.

Mr. Frye will revisit the Storm Water grant.

RECREATION: Progress

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

There being no further business a motion was made by Mrs. Gordon and seconded by Mr. Seminick to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Dunn, Borough Secretary/Treasurer