The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of East Rochester was held Wednesday, June 2, 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 and James Simon

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

ABSENT: Cathy Hutsky and Code Enforcement Officer Randy Morrow

CITIZENS REPORT: Jamie Hartsell of 100 Landell Street asked to speak. She indicated that she had gone to the Tax Claim Bureau at the courthouse and picked up the paperwork to purchase out of tax repository the property at 102 Landell. She already got the signatures from the county and the school board and was asking council to also sign. The bid amount if $1,438.00. Mr. Steff recommended that the borough sign the paperwork to get the property out of tax repository and once purchased by Mrs. Hartsell the property would be back on the tax roll. Jim Simon made motion for council to sign the necessary document to allow Mrs. Hartsell to purchase 102 Landell Street from the county tax repository. Mr. Seminick seconded. By way of roll call vote, all in favor and motion was carried. Mr. Steff mentioned that once the paperwork is filed with the county, Mrs. Hartsell should come back to council and ask for the back taxes to be forgiven.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: None

MAYOR and POLICE: Mayor read report. There were 75 calls for service, 5 arrests and 8 citations. Chief Mercier indicated that the generators will be picked up.

STREETS & SEWERS: Mr. Frye indicated that a meeting was held today with Team Fishel and Columbia Gas regarding the gas line replacement project to be performed in the borough. Team Fishel is planning to start at the top of Lacock and work down. They asked to keep some of their equipment and supplies around the borough building and will be using the dump to store equipment and supplies. Mr. Drumm said he talked to Team Fishel about giving some back to the borough to using the dump. They indicated that possibly they could donate money or supplies to take care of the pavilion at the playground.

Mr. Frye said that the project will include 96 tap ins. Mr. Drumm said he would like to have council's approval to have the engineer check on the project periodically to make sure that the proper materials are being used and that the streets are being repaired when work is completed

in accordance with the borough's ordinance. Mr. Seminick made motion that council have the borough engineer check on the gas line project periodically. Mrs. Gordon seconded. By way of roll call vote, all in favor and motion was carried.

Chief Mercier if Lacock Avenue will be completely closed to traffic. It was indicated that the side streets may be closed but no indication that Lacock Avenue will be closed.

Mrs. Gordon indicated to Mr. Drumm that there are no excess finances to purchase a shed this year.

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

FINANCE & BUDGET TAX REPORT: Taxes collected for May $80,521.73; Tax Collector Commission $2,716.54; Total Bills Paid $33,944.18 (includes bills paid from sewer maintainence and liquid fuels; Payroll $9,412.97 (includes street, secretary, zoning, tax collector, council and mayor); Pennvest June payment $1,604.54; $4,653.92 collected from Rochester Area Joint Sewer Authority.

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

FIRE DEPARTMENT: No calls in May.

SOLICITOR, ORDINANCE & LITIGATION: Mr. Steff indicated that a copy of the 2020 annual audit report was provided to all members of council.

BOROUGH ENGINEER: Mr. Frye said that Youngblood Paving will do the paving project in the borough when they return to finish their project in Rochester Township.

It was discussed that the paving work at 154 Lacock Avenue is not in accordance with the borough ordinance. Secretary was instructed to send the homeowner a letter requesting that the roadway be repaved in accordance with the ordinance.

Mr. Frye said that the Case Street sewer separation report was submitted to the state and the matter is now closed.

RECREATION: Progress

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

There being no further business a motion was made by Mr. Simon and seconded by Mr. Seminick to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Dunn, Borough Secretary/Treasurer