The regular monthly meeting of the Town Council of the Borough of East Rochester was held Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at Rochester Borough Council Chambers, Rochester, PA.

Meeting was called to order and Pledge of Allegiance was recited and roll call was taken.

PRESENT: John Drumm, George Davies, James Simon, Joseph Seminick

ALSO PRESENT: Mayor Robert Knox, Solicitor Paul Steff, Officer Krawchyck, Borough Secretary,

ABSENT: Councilman David Wagner, Engineer Jeffrey Frye, Code Officer Patrick McGuire, Sgt. Dawn Shane

CITIZENS REPORT: None

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 the previous meeting, Mr. Davies seconded. By way of roll call vote, all in favor and motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Mr. Drumm indicated that the Rochester Police and Rochester Fire Departments are sponsoring "Shop With A Cop" for residents who are struggling to buy food. The event will be held at the East Rochester Shop 'N Save supermarket. He said that the police and fire department have been obtaining donations. Mr. Drumm asked for donations. After discussion Mr. Seminick made motion to donate $250.00. Mr. Davies seconded. By way of roll call vote, all in favor and the motion was carried.

MAYOR and POLICE: Mayor Knox read the report. There were 42 calls for service in November, 6 citations issued and 3 arrests.

STREETS & SEWERS: Mayor Knox brought up about the issue with the catch basin at the lower end of Lacock (toward Route 65). He indicated that it is plugged up. Mr. Drumm said the problem can be taken care of in the spring.

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BUILDING PERMITS: No building permits were issued for the month of November.

FINANCE AND BUDGET/TAX REPORT: Tax Collection for November $12,077.11; tax collector commission for November $603.86; total all bills $86,743.02 (November 6 to December 4); total payroll $5,026.63 (November 6 to December 4 for street, secretary and tax collector, council and mayor); Pennvest December payment, $1,024.95.

Mr. Seminick made motion to pay tax collector's commission for November. Mr. Davies seconded. By way of roll call vote, all in favor and motion was carried.

Mr. Simon made motion to pay bills. Mr. Seminick seconded. By way of roll call vote, all in favor and motion was carried.

At this time Solicitor Steff presented Resolution 12-4-24-1 adopting the 2025 Borough budget. Mr. Simon made motion to adopt Resolution 12-4-24-1 adopting the 2025 Borough budget. Mr. Seminick seconded. By way of roll call vote, all in favor and motion was carried.

Solicitor Steff then presented Resolution 12-4-24-2 which sets the Borough tax rate for 2025 at 4.0530 mills. He indicated that taxes were not increased. Mr. Simon made motion to adopt Resolution 12-4-24-2 which sets the Borough tax rate at 4.0530 mills for 2025. Mr. Davies seconded. By way of roll call vote, all in favor and motion was carried.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: One call in November. Mr. Seminick indicated that Santa Claus will be in the borough on December 21 starting at 1:00

SOLICITOR, ORDINANCE & LITIGATION: Progress

BOROUGH ENGINEER: Progress

RECREATION: Progress

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Secretary indicated that 3 local share grant applications were submitted to the Commonwealth – one for recreational purposes; one for street paving and the other for storm sewer improvements.

NEW BUSINESS: Mr. Drumm thanked the Rochester Police and Rochester Fire Departments for another great year. He wished everyone present a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

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 7:20 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice Dunn, Borough Secretary/Treasurer