

ELIZABETHVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MINUTES
May 9, 2022

The Elizabethville Borough Council met May 9, 2022 at Elizabethville Borough Building 68 South Moore Street, Elizabethville Pa 17023. President James Facinelli called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:

Roll call taken with the following present: Doug Charles, Kenneth Strine, James Facinelli, Patrick Welker, Kyle Groff and Elizabeth Groff. Michael Crosby arrived late.

Also present: Mayor Jamie Margerum; Denise Spickler, Secretary; Matt Schaffner, Maintenance Supervisor; Ed Wenger, Code enforcement officer; Linus Fenicle, Solicitor.

Guests: Dennis Henninger, resident; Justin Hoover, Grosser Excavating; Ron Heim, Resident.

Approval of Minutes- Motion made by Kenneth Strine, seconded by Patrick Welker to approve the April 11, 2022 regular meeting minutes. **Motion carried.**

Guests- Ron Heim was denied a permit for his property at 259 Spruce Street, to construct a porch on the front and side of his property, he applied for a variance of 3' RT property line and frontage in line with neighboring properties.

Grant a variance for 259 Spruce Street- Motion made by Kenneth Strine, seconded by Kyle Groff to grant a variance for 259 Spruce Street, Elizabethville 3 ft. from the Right side of the property line and frontage will be in line with neighboring properties. Ed Wenger stated that this will be expedited Tuesday. **Motion carried.**

Correspondence- Letter addressed to Council from Abbottstown Borough asking for Elizabethville Borough to consider passing a Resolution to petition the Pennsylvania House of Representatives and Senate to support the passage of legislation to end the prohibition imposed on the use of the Cannabis plant and its applications for adults within the borders of the state of Pennsylvania. Be it also resolved that they support the expungement of all criminal charges and judgments associated with previous cannabis enforcement. After a debate on the topic, a roll call vote was taken.

Roll call vote-

Council Member	Yes	No
Doug Charles		X
Michael Crosby	X	
James Facinelli		X
Patrick Welker	X	
Elizabeth Groff		X
Kenneth Strine	X	
Kyle Groff		X

Resolution in support of the legalization of the cannabis industry and expungement for previous such offenses in Pennsylvania- Motion made by Michael Crosby, seconded by Kenneth Strine to adopt the resolution to support the legalization of cannabis industry and expungement for previous offenses in PA. **Vote was a 4-3 against; Motion failed.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Street and Maintenance: Maintenance report has been sent.

Utilize ARP funds for Grading and milling of street- Motion made by Doug Charles, seconded by Patrick Welker to use funds from the ARP Fund to grade and mill. **Motion carried.**

Engineer to spec Storm Water Management projects- Motion made by Kenneth Strine, seconded by Kyle Groff to have Lehigh Engineering spec the storm water management projects. **Motion carried.**

Personnel & Safety: D. Charles- Nothing to report

Code Enforcement Officer- Report enclosed

Building, Lighting & Grounds- M. Crosby- Someone drove their vehicle down through the park which left deep ruts in the grass. Matt Schaffner witnessed this and has the information (plate number and pictures of vehicle). It was mentioned that the committee look into the cost of security cameras for the park. Also, all lights at the Moore Street properties have been switched out to LED lights.

Water, Sewage & Refuse- P. Welker would like to thank all the volunteers that participated in the Spring Clean up day. Also, would like to thank the Elizabethtown Area Authority for allowing the clean up to happen on their property.

Planning & Development- J. Facinelli nothing to report.

Budget & Finance- K. Groff nothing to report.

Parks & Rec- E. Groff addressed Council concerning the pool area at the park. Elizabeth pointed out there is four thousand dollars (\$4000.00) in the budget for stone to be placed where the pool was, Elizabeth would like to redirect these funds for the purchase of top soil and grass seed.

Redirect budget money from Park and Rec- Motion made by Kenneth Strine, seconded by Elizabeth Groff to redirect budget money from the park budget to purchase topsoil and grass seed in place of purchasing stone for the pool area. **Motion carried.**

Insurance- K. Strine- The Insurance committee will meet with a representative of Deibler Straub and Troutman to go over the insurance renewal.

IT- J. Margerum nothing to report.

COG- no report

Mayors Report-J. Margerum met with the fire Chief to discuss the EMC emergency activity.

Solicitor Report- L. Fenicle- Covered in New and Unfinished business

EMC Report- D. Shutt County did 123 surveys.

Engineer Report- E. Wenger- Pine Ave culvert report is in prep stages. Met with property owner at 259 E. Broad St. concerning paving, property owner will put in a depression to help with the water runoff.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Code Enforcement Procedure- Kyle Groff and Doug Charles met with Ed Wenger (Code Enforcement Officer) to discuss how to implement a minor infraction procedure. Kyle stated that there are a few procedures that they have come up with. When they have procedure agreed on, they will present to Council.

Administrative Building Permit- Table for 30 days.

NEW BUSINESS:

Kepler Judicial Sale- Linus Fenicle explained to Council that the property behind Kepler Home is up for Judicial sale and all liens will be lost when sold.

Road Maintenance Bid Advertisement- Motion made by Michael Crosby, seconded by Kyle Groff to approve the advertising for the road maintenance. **Motion carried.**

REVIEW OF FINANCIAL REPORTS:

Motion made by Kenneth Strine, seconded by Doug Charles to accept the financial report as presented. **Motion carried.**

ROLL CALL: J. Facinelli (yes); M. Crosby (yes); P. Welker (yes); E. Groff (yes); D. Charles (yes); K. Strine (yes); K. Groff (yes).

TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 6,976.41
TOTAL EXPEDITURES	\$28,702.54

Adjourn- Motion made by Michael Crosby, seconded by Kenneth Strine to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm. **Motion carried.**

Respectively Submitted,

Denise M. Spickler
Borough Secretary