

**ELIZABETHVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL  
MINUTES  
August 8, 2022**

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The Elizabethville Borough Council met August 8, 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, Elizabeth Groff and Michael Crosby.

Also present: Mayor Jamie Margerum; Denise Spickler, Secretary; Linus Fenicle, Solicitor; Don Shutt, EMC and Barry Jones, Code Enforcement Officer.

Guests: Dennis Henninger, Resident; Tammy Keisling, Resident; Austin Keisling, Resident; Lisa Enders, Resident; Doris Snyder, Resident; Ryan Romberger, Reliance Hose Co.

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**Approval of Minutes-** Motion made by Kyle Groff, seconded by Patrick Welker to approve the July 11, 2022 regular meeting minutes. **Motion carried.**

Guests- Dennis Henninger reported on behalf of Elizabethville Area Authority that waterline was replaced on Mayfield and Franklin Streets. On Franklin Street there were stones that were disturbed that a resident had laid and would like them replaced. If the Borough would like this replaced, they will need a letter from the Borough stating that the stones should be replaced.

**Replace stones on Franklin Street-** Motion made by Kenneth Strine, seconded by Patrick Welker to have the Elizabethville Water Authority replace stones on Franklin Street that were disturbed during water line replacement. **Motion carried.**

Ryan Romberger from the Reliance Hose Company thanked Council for being a co-applicant on the Gaming Grant in the amount of 100,000.00.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

***Street and Maintenance: J. Facinelli-*** Maintenance report has been sent. Jim Facinelli informed Council that the waterline pipe is complete in the park. Jim also provided an update on the pipe scope job; Mr. Rehab finished half the pipes and it will be another \$7,200.00 to complete the job. This will be put in the budget for next year.

**Personnel & Safety- D. Charles-** Nothing to report.

**Code Enforcement Officer-** B. Jones addressed council that he addressed three complaints, sent out warning letters and organized and arranged files in his office. Also, had the computer updated.

**Building, Lighting & Grounds-** M. Crosby nothing to report.

**Water, Sewage & Refuse-** P. Welker nothing to report.

**Planning & Development-** J. Facinelli nothing to report.

**Budget & Finance-** K. Groff nothing to report.

**Parks & Rec-** E. Groff informed Council the she will be met with County Commissioner and they stated that if the Borough gets a master plan for the park this will open them up to more grants. This cost for the master plan could run from \$10,000.00 to \$50,000.00. Elizabeth Groff contacted the association that we received the Tourism grant of \$7,000.00 and They stated that the money could be allocated towards the master plan. Elizabeth also stated that the cameras for the park is something they will not be moving forward with that project.

**Request three proposals for consults for the masterplan-** Motion made by Kenneth Strine, seconded by Michael Crosby to get three proposals for consults for the masterplan for the park.  
**Motion carried.**

**Insurance-** K. Strine Nothing to report.

**IT-** J. Margerum nothing to report.

**COG-** no report

**Mayors Report-**J. Margerum addressed Council that Reliance Hose Co. has the money in their savings to cover the breathing apparatus, but if there was an emergency, they do not have enough money in the account to cover expenses.

**Solicitor Report-** L. Fenicle nothing to report

**EMC Report-** D. Shutt expressed there is a new variant of Covid. Also, the concern with the new epidemic Monkeypox. Don also stated the area is on the verge of a drought. Don also stated that there is a training on August 25, 2022 on Natural Disasters, and he signed up for a pipeline training.

**Engineer Report-** Nothing to report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Engineer Proposal- After both Engineering Firms were interviewed, it is recommended that Elizabethville Borough go with Alfred Benesch as the Borough Engineer, due to locality and experience with smaller municipalities.

**Alfred Benesch as the Elizabethville Borough Engineer-** Motion made by Kenneth Strine, seconded by Michael Crosby to hire Alfred Benesch as the Borough Engineer for the remainder of 2022. **Motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Halloween Parade October 17, 2022-** Motion made by Douglas Charles seconded by Michael Crosby to permit the Elizabethville Community Volunteer Association to have the Halloween Parade on October 17, 2022 and to apply for the special event permit, drop of road closure barricades, post no parking signs and help with hanging the parade signs, and use two trash cans from Valley Waste. **Motion carried.**

**Handicap Parking request-** Motion made by Michael Crosby, seconded by Kenneth Strine to permit a handicapped parking spot be place at 116 W. Broad Street. **Motion carried.**

Rolls of committees- Committees need to do a better job with their committee, also take personal responsibility with their own committee.

**Authorize solicitor to look into Lehigh Engineering and hold payment of invoice until job is complete-** Motion made by Patrick Welker, seconded by Elizabeth Groff to permit solicitor to contact Lehigh Engineering pertaining to holding payment until work is complete. **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); P. Welker (yes); E. Groff (yes); D. Charles (yes); K. Strine (yes); K. Groff (yes); M. Crosby (yes).

<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>\$ 1,389.51</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPEDITURES</b>	<b>\$22,341.15</b>

**Adjourn-** Motion made by Doug Charles, seconded by Kyle Groff to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 pm. **Motion carried.**

**Respectively Submitted,**

**Denise M. Spickler  
Borough Secretary**