

BOROUGH OF EDDYSTONE  
BOROUGH COUNCIL WORKSHOP MEETING MINUTES

October 7, 2024

7:00 P.M.

The Borough of Eddystone Borough Council held the July 8, 2024 Regular Council Meeting with the following members present: President Bannon, Vice President Stewart, Council members Bill Bolton, Beth Gross, Mandy Hall, Randy Perry and Rachael Walker. Mayor Ron Hughes, Professional Services present Borough Solicitor Tim Possenti.

President Bannon called the meeting to order followed by Roll Call and then Prayer by Rev. Ron Hughes.

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

10/15/2024 Council Executive Session 6PM

10/15/2024 Council Regular Meeting 7pm

**Announcements:**

Mayor announced that there would be a mental health event on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October at Joe Hughes Hall from 11 am to 1 pm.

Councilwoman Walker announced that Ridley ABA basketball registration is now open. Eddystone resident children play for free. Residents can go online at: <https://www.ridleyjraba.com/> to register a code will be emailed to register the child. Children kindergarten to seniors all the information is on their website.

The borough will be closed on the 14<sup>th</sup> of October.

Councilwoman Gross asked about the historical manuals from the 1800s– the Borough Manager will determine their location.

Councilwoman Gross brought out the old firehouse contract – discussion occurred around the contract

Updates:

Finance – the budget is being reviewed this coming week

Public Works – Councilman Bolton reported that the drain at the bottom of the truck is closed and that to many residents are putting too much liquid in the trash. The highway will try to crush the trash outside of the alleyways.

Councilman Stewart asked if any dates had been set for the negotiations with the Teamsters Union. The Borough Manager reported that the teamster representative would be visiting the highway department this week and that a date will be determined later. Mr. Stewart asked who was on the committee. Members will be Councilman Bolton, Councilwoman Gross, Councilwoman Walker and the Borough Manager.

Recreation – tomorrow night is story time and parents night out 6:30 to 8:30, Rec board meets the 15<sup>th</sup>, Trunk or treat is the 27<sup>th</sup> set up at 4, starts at 6 rain date is the 28<sup>th</sup>. Snackbar will be open on story time night.

## **Discussion**

**2025 – Budget Discussion** – the budget was discussed including the borough manager's salary was adjusted to part time – Tax was calculated at 97% of the amount of tax to be received. Some items were trimmed out, code items, EMS was budgeted at 300K was slimmed down to 275K based on cost reported by neighboring communities. Need to look into the Hall Rental amount and reexamine the process for the hall rental. Mr. Wiley asked about the solicitor budget seeming high. It was explained about the escrow accounts. He also asked about the land purchase of the land on Eddystone Ave. Which would be a park, and the money utilized to purchase the land was donated by Alliance. Mr. Wiley then asked about the police accreditation and the chief explained that the cost should go down in the coming years.

Councilman Stewart asked about the FOP negotiations, he was advised that the Borough is waiting on the consolidated contract.

Mayor Hughes wanted to know about the rental income in the budget came from. It was explained that it is for the house down the street that is rented to the Ridley School board.

1. **Motion to Adjourn** Motion made by Councilwoman Hall and seconded by Councilman Bolton. Motion passes 7/0

Submitted by, Interim Borough Manager, Borough of Eddystone