

BOROUGH OF EDDYSTONE
BOROUGH COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

November 11, 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, Donna Stilwell Brinker Simpson.

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS

12/2/2024 Work Shop 6 PM

12/9/2024 Council Executive Session 6PM

12/9/2024 Council Regular Meeting 7pm

Announcements:

Story time on the 19th of November

Cocco's annual Turkey give away is the 23rd at the firehouse. Starting at 11 and ending at 1 or until supplies last.

Presentation:

Officer of the year for Eddystone Police Year given to Mark Clark

Meeting suspended and reconvened at 1917.

Donna Stilwell gave a PowerPoint presentation concerning the proposed budget for 2025.

Discussion/Behind the scene

Borough Manager - An update of the past month's happenings

Refuse Truck – has been ordered should be in by the end of the month

Local Share Account funding Grant given by the casinos in PA. Up to \$1,000,000 in funds available with zero match. Working on the actual costs with JP Engineering. Looking at a possible 500K grant.

RACP funding – 450k was applied for.

Green Ways Grant (Pocket Park) A 100K grant was awarded, for the lot on Eddystone Ave,

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Brenda Wiggins 719 Saville Ave. Claimed that Eddystone is the most racist place she ever lived in, in her life. Complained about her neighbor and wanted to put up a fence and code is making her jump through hoops. Heard from a reliable source that the police stated they are calling them too much. Complained that the permit was given in 2020 and had to be started in 180 days, and now the permit is not valid. Ms. Wiggins stated "I'm gonna tell y'all now a person can take but so much, if something happens and blood gets shed, because the police force refuse to continue to do their job to protect and serve. Y'all are gonna remember this. Mandy – what is the problem with the fence? Wiggins – Moler told me I couldn't use the permit. It was explained to Ms. Wiggins that the UCC stated the permit was good for 180 days. The next problem was she wanted to place the fence next to the existing chain link fence. It was explained to her again that doing so would cause her neighbors to complain about the grass growing in-between the two fences, and it was suggested that the chain link fence be removed. Ms. Wiggins said she would have the fence removed and her contractor to update his permit.

PROFESSIONAL REPORTS:

Brinker Simpson Financial reports

Code report

Engineers report

Fire/EMS report

Health report

Police report

Health report

Solicitor report

RIGHT TO KNOW SUBMISSIONS:

All satisfied as of now

Action Items

*Note – there was no Fire or EMS report

Motion: Approval of Minutes from the October 7, 2024 Workshop Meeting Motioned by Councilwoman Walker second by Councilwoman Hall Motion passes 6/0

Motion: Approval of Minutes from the October 12, 2024 Regular Council Meeting. Motioned by Councilwoman Walker second by Councilman Bolton Motion passes 6/0

Motion: Approval of Minutes from the November 4, 2024 Workshop Meeting Motioned by Councilwoman Hall second by Councilman Bolton Motion passes 6/0

Motion: To accept the BCO report for the month of October 2024 as presented by Code Motioned by Councilwoman Walker second by Councilman Bolton Motion passes 6/0

Motion: To accept the Engineers report as presented by Dr. Moler for the month of November 2024 as presented by Dr. Moler. Motioned by Councilman Bolton second by Councilwoman Walker Motion passes 6/0

Motion: To accept Police Report for the month of October 2024 as presented by Chief Mokshefsky Motioned by Councilwoman Hall second by Councilwoman Walker Motion passes 6/0

Motion: To accept the preliminary 2025 Budget and advertise.

Motion: To approve Borough Resolution 2024-16, Request a Statewide Local Share assessment Grant as presented by the Borough Manager. Motioned by Councilman Bolton second by Councilwoman Hall Motion passes 6/0

Motion: To approve Borough Resolution 2024-17, Pay increase for Tax Collector as presented by Councilman Bolton. Motioned by Councilman Bolton second by Councilwoman Hall Motion passes 6/0

Motion: To eliminate monthly workshop meetings. Tabled

Motion: To hire a full time Borough Manager. Tabled

Motion to Adjourn Motioned by Councilwoman Hall second by Councilman Bolton Motion passes 6/0

Submitted by, Interim Borough Manager, Borough of Eddystone