

ELIZABETHTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
February 3, 2022
Minutes

A public meeting of Elizabethtown Borough Council was held on Thursday, February 3, 2022. Present were Councilmembers Lanty Moss, Tom Shaud, Phil Clark, Jay Hynicker and Jeff McCloud; and Mayor Chuck Mummert. Also present were Borough Manager Rebecca S. Denlinger, Assistant Borough Manager Ann Roda, Public Works Director Jeff Kinsey, Planning and Zoning Director Pamela Roberts, and Police Chief Ed Cunningham. Absent from the meeting was J. Marc Hershey.

Vice President Clark called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

Presentation

Marisol Maldonado, Program Manager with Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health, provided a presentation on Penn Medicine's Lead-Free Families Program. Ms. Maldonado stated that Penn Medicine Lancaster General Health started a program to eliminate childhood lead poisoning in Lancaster County. The program provides comprehensive services to address lead hazards in Lancaster County homes and prevent lead poisoning among children. She described the process for lead analysis and remediation. She concluded that information on the program is available in brochure format and online at leadfreefamilies.org.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

After a motion by Councilperson Hynicker, second by Councilperson Moss, Borough Council voted unanimously to approve the January 20, 2022 Public Meeting minutes with revisions identified by Councilperson McCloud.

Prior to the vote, Councilperson McCloud requested the January 20, 2022 Public Meeting minutes be revised to include the Troop number and to clarify that Councilperson Shaud's 25 years of service included both employment and public service on Borough Council.

Old Business

1. Borough Manager Denlinger provided an update on the PennDOT Market Street Project. She stated that tasks completed since the last project update included HRG providing final design documentation to PennDOT to incorporate the manhole replacement project into PennDOT's overall project. She stated that the borough is now awaiting word on the request for reimbursement of 75% of manhole replacement costs. She added that for the water main replacement work EAWA is preparing to execute a contract with Ebersole Excavating.

Depending on how quickly Ebersole Excavating can get the materials, work may be ready to start by the end of February.

Richard Sheidy, member of the public, asked about the bridge repair work on Market Street by McDonalds and Giant and repaving. Denlinger responded that the Market Street repaving and the bridge repair work are two separate PennDOT projects. The repaving work will be completed on Market Street up to the limits of the bridge project and then when the bridge repair work is complete the remaining repaving work will be completed and tied together.

New Business

1. Councilperson Shaud motioned to approved Resolution 2022-04 appointing the County of Lancaster to Collect the Real Estate Tax Imposed by the Borough of Elizabethtown for Calendar Year 2022. Councilperson McCloud seconded the motion. Borough Council unanimously voted to approve Resolution 2022-04.
2. Planning and Zoning Director Roberts stated that Borough staff and Elizabethtown Police Department (EPD) have received a number of complaints regarding speeding on Masonic Drive. EPD conducted a speed study and found that there is speeding on the street. Based on the collected speed study information, staff reached out to the Borough Engineer, Ben Craddock, to get his opinion on what could be done to reduce speeds on Masonic Drive.

After review and further discussion with the Borough Engineer, Roberts stated that staff is suggesting that parking be established along the east side of Masonic Drive and a dedicated bike lane be established on the west side of Masonic Drive. This is a low-cost option that could have a positive impact on the speeds of Masonic Drive. For the residents who live along Masonic Drive that have requested on-street parking in the past, staff believes this modification would be well received and would implement the Borough's complete street initiative.

Council discussed several possible changes in terms of traffic calming measures, initial design and function of the roadway and speed limits. Council concluded that they would be interested to hear the discussion that West Donegal Township Board of Supervisors is expected to have as part of their upcoming public meeting. Borough Manager Denlinger added that this matter will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting to continue the discussion and consideration of options.

3. Police Chief Cunningham stated that a member of the Civil Service Commission has resigned and a replacement for the open position is sought to fill the vacancy through December 31, 2026. Borough Council tabled the discussion and consideration of an appointment to the Civil Service Commission until a future meeting.
4. Police Chief Cunningham stated that Elizabethtown Police Officer Association has approached Borough Council with a request for the Borough to reconsider the residency requirement for officers. Cunningham stated that the industry standard is going away from

residency requirements and in this area of the county the borough is the only one with a requirement.

Several councilpersons discussed support for changing the requirement to draw candidates but raised concern on losing the community focus of the force in the long term. Cunningham responded that community policing will still be a critical component of the EPD operation and will be communicated clearly throughout the hiring process. Councilperson Moss motioned to direct staff to draft a resolution for changing the residency requirement. Councilperson McCloud seconded the motion. Borough Council unanimously voted to direct staff to draft a Resolution for consideration at their next public meeting.

5. Chief Cunningham updated Borough Council on the current hiring process that resulted in zero candidates to fill the current three EPD Officer vacancies. He requested that Borough Council permit him to proceed with a new Civil Service Test process to take place as soon as possible. No councilperson raised concern with proceeding with a new Civil Service Test process.

Mayors Remarks

Mayor Mummert had no remarks.

Council Remarks

Councilperson McCloud reported on the passport and fingerprinting services offered at the Elizabethtown Public Library and that it draws people from quite a distance to take advantage of the service. Councilperson Hynicker thanked the public in attendance. Councilperson Moss stated he is looking forward to the upcoming Training at PSAB. Vice President Clark thanked those in attendance.

Adjourn

Vice President Clark announced that Borough Council would be meeting in Executive Session immediately following the meeting for a police personnel matter.

The meeting was adjourned by Vice President Clark, without objection, at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca S. Denlinger
Borough Manager