

ELIZABETHTOWN BOROUGH COUNCIL
PUBLIC MEETING
May 4, 2023
Minutes

A public meeting of Elizabethtown Borough Council was held on Thursday, May 4, 2023. Present were Councilpersons Lanty Moss, Jay Hynicker, Tom Shaud, J. Marc Hershey and Phil Clark and Mayor Mummert. Also present were Borough Manager Rebecca S. Denlinger, Assistant Borough Manager Ann Roda, Public Works Director Jeff Kinsey, and Elizabethtown Police Chief Edward Cunningham. Councilperson Jeff McCloud was absent from the meeting.

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

Presentation

Elizabethtown Library Executive Director Deb Drury provided a Spring 2023 Report to update Borough Council highlighting Library activities and services in 2022 and the beginning of 2023 and to provide an overview of the Summer Reading Program. She also discussed current operational and capital needs as well as grant opportunities that the library is working to secure in order to make improvements at their facility.

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

1. After a motion by Vice President Clark, and second by Councilperson Hynicker, Borough Council voted unanimously to approve the April 20, 2023 Public Meeting minutes.

Old Business

1. Councilperson Shaud motioned to approve Resolution 2023-04 authorizing the filing of a Redevelopment Assistance Capital Program (RACP) application on behalf of Elizabethtown College for their Creating Space for the PA Program and Health Related Majors Project. Councilperson Hynicker seconded the motion. Borough Council unanimously approved Resolution 2023-04 to file the RACP application on behalf of Elizabethtown College.
2. Councilperson Shaud motioned to approve the request from High Real Estate Group LLC to release the remaining financial security for the Village Green Apartment Project. Councilperson Hynicker seconded the motion. Borough Council unanimously approved the release of the remaining financial security for Village Green Apartment Project to High Real Estate Group LLC.

New Business

1. Chief Cunningham, with the assistance of Elizabethtown Police Department Officer Goshen, introduced a new style of outer vest carrier that he had previously included in the Fiscal Year 2023 budget. Cunningham explained the vest carrier will reduce the weight carried on the duty belt and distribute it to the vest and duty belt. Currently an officer may carry approximately 30 pounds on the duty belt and the new vest carrier would allow about 20 pounds to be distributed differently. The vest carrier provides better identification of the officer and provides uniformity in how equipment will be carried. Cunningham added the Police Chiefs Association will provide funding towards the purchase of the new vest carrier in addition to what was included in the FY2023 budget. Following the review and discussion on the functionality of the new vest, Borough Council authorized Chief Cunningham to continue to deploy the outer vest carrier for use by the Elizabethtown Police Department Officers.
2. Chief Cunningham reviewed a Police Vehicle Replacement Program. He described the replacement program as not like other leasing programs previously explored by the Borough, but rather as more akin to a loan. Cunningham stated that he is proposing to replace the entire fleet of Elizabethtown Police Department (EPD) vehicles on a four-year cycle. The initial cycle would include the purchase of six new vehicles and four used vehicles from Northern Lancaster County Regional Police Department (NLCRPD). He confirmed that the used vehicles are newer than the existing fleet. The new vehicles would be hybrids both reducing gas costs slightly and being under warranty to reduce maintenance costs. EPD is proposing to work with NLCRPD to increase their overall buying capacity. Cunningham added that the proposal presented is based on estimates and the yearly amount of the loan payment would likely be less than what is shown. Borough Council made but several requests for additional information. President Hershey stated that Borough Council will continue the discussion on the proposal at a future meeting.
3. Vice President Clark motioned to authorize the Elizabethtown Borough Code Enforcement Official and the Borough Solicitor, as needed, to continue the enforcement process for violations of the Existing Structures and Property Maintenance Code at 474 West High Street. Councilperson Hynicker seconded the motion. Borough Council unanimously authorized the Elizabethtown Borough Code Enforcement Official and the Borough Solicitor, as needed, to continue the enforcement process.

Mayor Remarks

- Mayor Mummert had no remarks.

Council Remarks

- Councilperson Hynicker thanked the public for attending.
- Councilperson Moss thanked the library for the work that they do.
- Councilperson Shaud appreciated the update from the library.

- Vice-President Clark thanked the Chief for his research on the car replacement and for his work on the new outer vest carrier.
- President Hershey had no remarks.

Prior to adjourning President Hershey stated that Borough Council would meet in an Executive Session following the meeting to discuss a Personnel and Legal matter.

Adjourn

President Hershey adjourned the meeting, without objection, at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Rebecca S. Denlinger
Borough Manager