



EPHRATA BOROUGH COUNCIL

AMENDED

Voting Session Agenda

Monday, November 13, 2023

Call to Order

Invocation - Pastor Kevin Eshleman, Ephrata Community Church

Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance / Roll Call

Approval of Council Agenda

Approval of Minutes:

- Borough Council Work Session Meeting Minutes – October 2, 2023
- Borough Council Regular Meeting Minutes – October 9, 2023
- Borough Council Special Session Meeting Minutes – October 19, 2023

Municipal Moment:

- Joy Ashley, Mainspring of Ephrata

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Action Items:

Approval of Reports (Includes the following approvals)

Committee Reports:

- Budget and Finance Committee
- Development Activities Committee
- Public Safety Committee
- Highway Committee
- Municipal Enterprises Committee
- Community Services Committee
- Personnel Committee
- October 2023 Borough of Ephrata Management Report
- October 2023 Borough of Ephrata Operations Report
- October 2023 General Ledger Report
- Ephrata Pioneer Fire Company October 2023 Report
- Lincoln Fire Company September 2023 Report
- Lincoln Fire Company October 2023 Report
- Ephrata Community Ambulance Association October 2023 Report
- Emergency Management October 2023 Activity Report
- Shade Tree Commission October 2023 Meeting Minutes
- 3rd Quarter 2023 Department Reports:

Finance

Police

Electric

Inspection/Codes

Wastewater

Public Works

Water

Sanitation

Approval of Reports (Includes the following approvals) (Continued)

3rd Quarter 2023 Organization Reports:

- Ephrata Public Library Ephrata Recreation Center Mainspring of Ephrata

3rd Quarter 2023 Mayor's Revenue Report

New Business Items:

Approval of Committee Recommendations

Budget and Finance Committee

1. That Borough Council adopt Resolution 2023-23 for the removal of former employees from MissionSquare retirement accounts.

Development Activities Committee

1. That Borough Council move forward with a revised lease subject to approval by the Solicitor with the rent doubled.
2. That Borough Council grant a request to serve alcohol at the 2024 FoodStock event on May 19, 2024 subject to receipt of a PLCB Special Occasion permit.

Public Safety Committee

1. That Borough Council approves the hiring of Brady Bixler for the position of Police Officer effective January 15, 2024. This will be a conditional offer of employment pending the candidate's successful passing of a physical, psychological and drug screening examination. Additionally, he must attend and graduate the Reading Police Academy and successfully complete all necessary Municipal Police Officer Education and Training Commission certification requirements. He will be subject to a one-year probation period commencing upon the date he graduates from the police academy.
2. That Borough Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-24 enacting an Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement authorizing the Borough of Ephrata, through its Police Department, to perform law enforcement functions within Ephrata Township through December 31, 2029.
3. That Borough Council authorize the transfers of unused funds – not to exceed \$5,000.12 - from the Police Capital Projects account to an appropriate expense account for the purpose of purchasing body worn cameras.
4. That Borough Council authorize the reclassification of one (1) Detective position to one (1) Sergeant position.
5. Authorized an exemption from the Noise Ordinance allowing fireworks to be set off during the Ephrata versus Hershey PIAA District 3 Semifinals football game on Friday, November 17, 2023, with said fireworks being set off within compliance of all laws including the 150-foot limitation from any building. (Public Safety)

Highway Committee

1. That Borough Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-25 authorizing experimental parking regulations within a designated area of the 200 block of Terrace Avenue.
2. That Borough Council adopt Resolution No. 2023-26 authorizing a price adjustment of bituminous materials in small quantities for 2023 street projects partially funded with liquid fuels tax funds.

Highway Committee (Continued)

3. That Borough Council defer sidewalk construction on both sides of Hammon Avenue between South Academy Drive and the turf field to a later date determined by Borough Council and authorize the President of Borough Council and the Borough Secretary to execute separate deferral agreements for each affected property owner.

Community Services Committee

1. That Borough Council grant the request to hold the Christmas Eve Service at Whistle Stop Plaza subject to the receipt of a Certificate of Insurance naming the Borough as an additional insured.

Approval of Checks and ACH Register

- Checks 52283 through 52479 and the ACH Register dated November 1, 2023

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Discussion / Announcements

Adjournment