

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MAY 9, 2017

The Edinburg Town Council met for a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 9, 2017. Mayor Harshman called the Public Hearing to order at 7:02 p.m. All Council Members were present, with the exception of Councilwoman Wymer-Hollar. Also present were visitors: Ms. Taylor Embrey, Mr. M.E. Hite and Mr. Ronald Ross, Town Maintenance Supervisor.

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to receive comments on the proposed amendment of the 2016-2017 Budget and the proposed Budget for the year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

There were no comments.

With no further comments or questions, a motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Dellinger to adjourn the Public Hearing. Motion carried.

The Edinburg Town Council met in a regular session on Tuesday, May 9, 2017. Mayor Harshman called the meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. All Council Members were present, with the exception of Councilwoman Wymer-Hollar. Town Attorney, Mr. Jay Neal was also present. Also present were visitors: Capt. Wes Dellinger and Deputy Derek Smith from the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Department, Ms. Taylor Embrey, Mr. M.E. Hite, Ms. Carmella Maggio and Town Maintenance Supervisor, Mr. Ronald Ross.

A motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Wood to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

The Treasurer's report was reviewed. A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Beachy to approve the Treasurer's report and to pay all the bills as presented. Motion carried.

Councilwoman Minnick called attention to Mr. Ross's report and to the EEMA report. Mr. Harshman reported that filter #1 is up and running again and the leak on filter #4 has been fixed. Mr. Harshman also reported that the Town is still waiting for a pressure transducer for one of the filters and the tank levels are still on the low side.

Mr. Harshman also reported that the violation notifications and the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) were mailed out with the water bills last month. Mr. Harshman received notification of another violation and is thinking that the Town should move all the testing away from the State Lab.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Town is having pump issues at the Massanutten View Pump Station. Mr. Harshman reported that the Fire Department assisted with flushing out the force main with high pressure water that helped the situation; however, there are still problems getting the one pump to seat properly. The Town is also working on some issues at the Edinburg Manor Pump Station with the pumps there.

Mr. Harshman reported that Mr. M.K. Getz asked the Town if they would donate the water for four Woodstock River Bandits coaches while they are staying in one of the houses he owns for 2 ½-3 months. The Council agreed that this would be okay.

The Street Committee had no report.

The Ordinance Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman covered a number of ordinance issues in this month's Town Newsletter. All of the things Mr. Harshman talked about have been recent problems that were reported to the Town including a junk problem at 207 South Main Street. Mr.

Harshman sent the property owner a registered letter about removing the junk, including a vehicle on the property with an April 27th deadline. The owner contacted Mr. Harshman about extending the deadline to May 15th, which he did.

The Personnel Committee had no report.

The Finance Committee had no report.

The Property Committee had no report. Mr. Harshman reported that the A/C unit went out at the WWTP Lab and a whole new system is needed. Mr. Harshman also reported that A/C unit at the Town Office has had a freon leak for a number of years, and now the compressor has died. It will cost \$1,850 to replace the compressor and \$4,600 to replace the entire system. Both the unit at the Town Office and the unit at the WWTP Lab are the same, and the Town can save \$600 by replacing both and the new units include a 5-year warranty. A motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Dellinger to replace both A/C units at the WWTP Lab and the Town Office for a cost of \$8,600. Motion carried.

The Cemetery Committee had no report.

The Park Committee had no report.

The Insurance Committee had no report.

Capt. Wes Dellinger provided the Council with a "Calls for Service" report for April. Capt. Dellinger reported that the increase in calls is due to the warmer temperatures. Capt. Dellinger also reported that they have received a lot of calls about loud noise and suspicious activity on Printz Street, so patrols will be stepped up in that area. Capt. Dellinger reported that Edinburg Deputy Bill Copp graduated from the Academy on May 11th.

Ms. Carmella Maggio stated that she owns a rental home on Shenandoah Avenue and is concerned about the semi-trucks going to and from the Wholesome Foods garage. Ms. Maggio stated that it is very noisy late at night and the trucks are going too fast and putting children at risk. She has contacted Wholesome Foods about this and would like the Town to do something about it. Mr. Harshman stated that he will look into it and he will also contact Wholesome Foods.

Mr. Harshman has provided the Council with the minutes from the April Tourism Council meeting. Mr. Harshman reported that Ms. Jenna French distributed the new Artisan Trail Brochures to everyone that has locations to distribute them. Mr. Harshman also gave Ms. French last year's Mill Christmas Ornament to include in a goody bag that she was putting together for a Travel Writer/AAA FAM Tour that she will be hosting.

Mr. Harshman has also provided the Council with the minutes from the last Woodstock Rails to Trails meeting.

Mr. Harshman reported that attendance at the Mill for March was 726 compared to 706 in April of last year, which included the Gardens, Galleries & Grapes event in 2016.

Mr. Harshman reported that he found eight metal sign frames at the Valley Antique Mall that will be cleaned and painted and used for Wayfinding Signs.

Mr. Harshman reported that Ms. Louise Finger from the Department of Game and Inland Fisheries and the folks from the Friends of the North Fork met to discuss the rain garden along Stony Creek. The people feeding the ducks, as well as the ducks themselves are taking a toll on the restored area and Ms. Finger is concerned about some continuing erosion along the creek bank. Mr. Harshman reported that it was decided that the end of the project would be fenced off

and the picnic table would be relocated to the rear of the Mill. The Department of Game and Inland Fisheries purchased the additional fencing, as well as more plants and mulch for the upper area of the project.

Mr. Harshman also reported that a third “keep off” sign was installed and all of the downspouts have been diverted from the building that might be contributing to the erosion. Rip-rap will be installed in the depression of the old mill race return to the creek and the downspouts will be flowing to that area. Plans are also underway to install a yard hydrant to facilitate the watering of the plantings until they are better established.

Mr. Harshman also reported that the Friends of the North Fork is also talking about installing a decorative bridge across the rip-rapped area to assist visitors to access the picnic area. They have been holding off on the installation of any informational signage until things look better.

Mr. Harshman reported that he will be attending a VML Regional Supper in Williamsburg on May 11th for a General Assembly update and a program on tourism.

Mr. Harshman reported that the ARB did not meet this month.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Planning Commission did not meet last month.

The Zoning Administrator had no report.

The Town Attorney reported that Mr. Pollack’s case is still continuing.

Mr. Harshman asked Council to consider a Resolution to amend the Budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017. Mr. Harshman read the Resolution. A motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Council Wood to adopt the Resolution to amend the Budget for the fiscal year 2016-2017. Motion carried. Recorded vote as follows: Van Stee - aye, Dellinger - aye, Beachy - aye, Wymer-Hollar - absent, Minnick - aye, Wood - aye, Harshman - aye.

Mr. Harshman asked Council to consider a Resolution to establish the percentage of Personal Property Tax Relief for qualifying vehicles during the 2017 tax year. Mr. Harshman reported that the percentage is 26%, which is the same as last year and then read the title of the Resolution. A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Beachy to adopt the Resolution to establish the percentage of Personal Property Tax Relief for qualifying vehicles during the 2017 tax year. Motion carried. Recorded vote as follows: Van Stee - aye, Dellinger - aye, Beachy - aye, Wymer-Hollar - absent, Minnick - aye, Wood - aye, Harshman - aye.

Mr. Harshman reported that the overall policy for the VML renewal has come down. The general liability went up, but the workman’s comp dropped. Mr. Harshman asked Council to approve the VML Insurance Renewal for 2017-2018. A motion was made by Councilman Dellinger and seconded by Councilman Beachy to approve the VML Insurance Renewal for 2017-2018. Motion carried.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Town received two quotes for 3-year cathodic protection system survey for the 600 gallon diesel underground storage tank at the WWTP. The first one, from Corrpro was \$1,250 and the second, from Piping & Corrosion was \$900. Mr. Harshman recommended the \$900 quote. A motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Dellinger to approve the \$900 quote from Piping & Corrosion for the contact for 3-year cathodic protection system survey for the 600 gallon diesel underground storage tank at the WWTP. Motion carried.

Mr. Harshman reported that the Town is considering partnering with Mt. Jackson to purchase a replacement street-sweeper. The old truck is beginning to rust away and the newer truck is a

1996 model and is \$10,000. The Town would pay \$5,000 and Mt. Jackson would pay the other half. A motion was made by Councilman Wood and seconded by Councilman Beachy to partner with Mt. Jackson to purchase a replacement street-sweeper for \$10,000. Motion carried.

Town Clerk, Ms. Mary Embrey read the first reading of an Ordinance to amend Chapter 160, Vehicles and Traffic, § 160.1 Adoption of State Law. The second reading will be at the next meeting.

With no further business, a motion was made by Councilman Beachy and seconded by Councilman Dellinger to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Daniel J. Harshman, Mayor

Mary L. Embrey, Town Clerk