

BOROUGH OF EAST GREENVILLE

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 22, 2014

Call to Order: Mr. Huff called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Attendance: The following Council members were present: Timothy Huff, Tracey Hunsinger, Josiah Pierson, Ryan Pugh, and Andrew Rock. Also present were Mayor Ryan Sloyer, Stephen Kramer, Solicitor, James Fry, Borough Manager, and Sharon Kachmar, Borough Secretary/Treasurer.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Rock to approve the minutes of the April 7, 2014, meeting. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Visitors: Jeanne Cove, UP Library, Allison Czapp, Town & Country Newspaper

Jeanne Cove addressed council and thanked them for the yearly donation to the library. She shared that they are gearing up for the summer reading program which will have a science theme and handed out information on camps this summer and family entertainment scheduled for Thursdays nights. They are trying to reach out to more communities like Colonial Village. They also assist job seekers in the community who come in to work on the computers.

Police Commission Report: No report.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Sloyer met with the ambulance corp. They are in financial need and are reaching out to the community. Mayor Sloyer also met with the East Greenville Engine Room and asked them if they would agree to us reallocating a portion of what we donate to them in 2014 to the ambulance corp. Chief Jason Wilson and his row officers agreed to accept \$3,000 less this year so we could donate that amount to the ambulance corp. in addition to what was budgeted for them in 2014. Mr. Rock made a motion that we increase this year's ambulance donation from \$3,000 to \$6,000 and decrease this year's donation to East Greenville Fire Company from \$15,000 to \$12,000, seconded by Mr. Pugh. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock - aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Huff - aye, Mr. Young – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye. Motion passed. Mr. Huff expressed his thanks to the fire company for helping out. Donation checks will be mailed in May.

Mayor Sloyer mentioned that he will be sending out an email to council asking for their assistance in manning the moon bounce and slide during Community Day in September.

Solicitor Items: Atty. Kramer presented **Ordinance 2014-03**, which was duly advertised, concerning handicapped parking spaces and parking prohibited during certain hours for adoption. Mr. Rock made a motion to adopt **Ordinance 2014-03** Handicapped Parking Spaces and Parking Prohibited during Certain Hours, seconded by Mr. Young. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock - aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Huff - aye, Mr. Young – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye. Motion passed.

Atty. Kramer, along with Barry Tomlinson, have reviewed the application for tax exemption filed by the Upper Perkiomen Community Church for the property at 258 Main Street. They are appealing for 77% exemption on the building. Atty. Kramer was going to investigate the square footage for the entire building to determine how they came up with that percentage. If it looks equitable, he anticipates there will be no need to have representation at the hearing on May 15, 2014. Mayor Sloyer questioned whether they will have attained their 501C3 tax exempt status prior to taking ownership. If not, we may need to reimburse for taxes paid at settlement.

Atty. Kramer advised he is working on the maintenance agreement for 413 Jefferson Street as well as renewable energy ordinance with the Planning Commission. There is also a volunteer firefighters insurance agreement between East Greenville Borough, Upper Hanover Township and the fire department which is being reviewed.

Water Committee: Mr. Fry advised that the XL Reporter program that records and prints out data for the SCADA system at the water plant is needed. It is used to create DEP required reports. The current XL Reporter software is on an XP platform which is not working properly. Mr. Young made a motion to approve a \$1,200 expenditure for upgrade to the SCADA system, seconded by Mr. Rock. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock - aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Huff - aye, Mr. Young – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye. Motion passed.

Zoning/Planning: Mr. Fry advised that a special exception for 216 Long Alley was granted, with conditions, to the business which makes water filtration parts.

Road Committee: Mr. Fry reported that Second Street has been milled out and a scratch coat is planned for tomorrow. It is anticipated that we will get a year out of the repairs. Randy Reinhart provided an estimate to complete Second Street of \$5,500.

Estimates for trailer no parking signs and posts throughout the Borough by street are available for Council review.

A quote for road repairs from Yarnall Paving was discussed by Council. Council was not in favor of \$1,000 discount to have our road crew remove the old blacktop for the Third Street job. It was clarified that the work on State Street was for a 970 ft. x 15 ft. section, the center travel lanes. A motion was made by Mr. Rock that we pave the intersection of Fourth and State Streets not to exceed \$3,000, seconded by Mr. Pierson. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock - aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Huff - aye, Mr. Young – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye. Motion passed. Mr. Rock made a motion that we repave not to exceed \$13,000 State Street from Fourth Street to Forge Road, seconded by Mr. Young. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock - aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Huff - aye, Mr. Young – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye. Motion passed. Mr. Rock made a motion to repave under the railroad bridge on Third Street not to exceed \$7,000, seconded by Mr. Young. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock - aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Huff - aye, Mr. Young – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye. Motion passed. Mr. Huff asked for a quote to repair Morris Road at the next meeting as well as the 100 block of Washington Street. Randy Reinhart had submitted an estimate of \$12,000 for Washington Street, but Mr. Fry wanted to investigate the base on that street.

Mr. Young inquired on the progress of the road study being performed by Cowan Associates. Mr. Fry advised that they are gathering data on street thicknesses, age and condition. He has asked Scott McMackin for preliminary ideas of roads to fix and for grant and funding opportunities.

The CDBG Arlington Street project plans are expected by the end of this week. Mr. Fry intends to review them, send them to the four property owners for review and then submit them to the county. Anticipated date for sending out for bids is June.

CDBG Application for Second Street was submitted on April 11, 2014.

Mayor Sloyer met with a resident on Washington Street who complained that trucks, in particular Home City Ice trucks, are using Washington Street as a thoroughfare. Council requested a letter be sent to Home City Ice asking them to come before Council at a meeting to discuss the truck route. Mayor Sloyer indicated that using Rt. 663 and Penn Street was the route of travel previously agreed upon. By ordinance, trucks are not permitted on Washington Street unless making local deliveries.

Mayor Sloyer recommends that Council start looking at updating the sidewalk plan to include the remaining blocks on the west side of Main Street between Fourth and Fifth Streets as well as the final block of Main Street between Fifth and Sixth Streets.

Finance Committee: None.

Personnel Committee: Ms. Hunsinger informed Council that the medical health insurance policy for employees which renews in June must be selected by April 30, 2014. She attended the Pennsburg Borough Council meeting last week which hosted insurance representative Brad Tiffany. Some changes to the plan are fluctuating rates for members based on age, number of dependent children, and tobacco use rather than just an individual, employee/spouse or family plan. Tiers of coverage presented were HMO Platinum, HMO Gold Premier and HMO Gold. Pennsburg Borough chose HMO Platinum for their employees, which is the most comparable to the current plan. Ms. Hunsinger advised Council that we currently spend about \$6,000/month for medical insurance through Independence Blue Cross, and with the Platinum plan that cost will be reduced to \$5,700. The budget for 2014 included a 20% increase in health insurance costs. Mr. Rock made a motion to go with the Platinum health care plan, seconded by Ms. Hunsinger. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock - aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Huff - aye, Mr. Young – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye. Motion passed. Mayor Sloyer recommends we ask for more notice next year so Council has an opportunity to digest the changes.

Property Committee: Concerning insurance, the application for the crime policy was submitting requesting a quote on coverage for Borough Council check signers from \$10,000 to \$100,000. Mr. Fry held off on ordering insurance for sidewalk light coverage because it was over \$2,000. Increased coverage for clubhouse and volunteer coverage is in effect.

Mr. Pierson made a motion to approve submitting parking lot loan paperwork. Seconded by Mr. Young and unanimously approved. Mr. Fry clarified that the Montgomery County Commissioners already have the loan application because they were meeting today, but also needed council approval for loans or grants. The Commissioners will determine what portion would be a loan and what portion would be a grant. The submission included the parking improvement study and cost estimate with an increase to include lighting in the parking lot.

Mr. Pierson noticed chipped paint on the water tower. Mr. Fry said the touch up hasn't been scheduled yet. The salesman from the tank inspection company wanted to talk with us again before servicing the tank.

Mr. Fry advised Council that PP&L will be digging up the service line and replacing conduit for electric service to the sidewalk lights in the 400 block of Main Street. Mr. Fry also asked Tim Smith Roofing to look at what repairs are needed on the slate roof at 433 Main Street.

Recycling /Waste Mgmt Committee: Nothing to report.

Sewer Authority: Nothing to report.

Revitalization: Mr. Pierson announced that the Halloween parade is scheduled for Saturday, October 25, 2014. They are having a hard time finding fire police, and he was planning to attend a meeting to get additional police coverage for that night. Mayor Sloyer advised that most of the officers are already on the street for that parade. He advised we could authorize fireman for fire police but need to plan for that as well as having the road crew set up barricades. Mayor Sloyer does not recommend using civilians because of liability issues.

Regional Planning: No report.

Emergency Management: No report.

Borough Manager Updates: None.

Correspondence: None.

Motion to Adjourn: Being no further business, Mr. Rock made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Young. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Submitted by:

Sharon Kachmar, Secretary/Treasurer