

BOROUGH OF EAST GREENVILLE

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 2, 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, Josiah Pierson, Ryan Pugh, Andrew Rock, Leon Steinert, and James Young. 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. Young to approve the minutes of the May 27, 2014, meeting. Seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved.

Visitors: Allison Czapp, Town & Country

Police Commission Report: Mayor Sloyer reported that this month's allocation is \$44,529.41 plus \$825 for rent and utilities. Audit report was approved.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Sloyer asked all council members to get signed up to help at the Community Day event on September 6, 2014.

Solicitor Items: Atty. Kramer presented two resolutions for approval. Both pertain to applying for Multimodal Transportation Fund grant money for streetscape enhancement on Main Street. **Resolution 2014-09** approves an application through PennDOT and **Resolution 2014-10** approves an application through Commonwealth Financing Authority. Mr. Rock made a motion to approve **Resolution 2014-09**, seconded by Mr. Pugh. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock - aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Huff - aye, Mr. Young – aye, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion passed. Mr. Rock made a motion to approve **Resolution 2014-10**, seconded by Mr. Young. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock - aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Huff - aye, Mr. Young – aye, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion passed.

Atty. Kramer contacted UMJA's solicitor to ask for the final copy of the resolution they wanted the Borough to sign to extend their incorporation. Their solicitor wanted the Borough to sign what Atty. Kramer believed was a draft since it said the word 'specimen' in the signature line of where the UMJA official and notary would sign. Since UMJA hasn't formally decided which scenario of upgrade they will select, Council chose to delay signing the resolution until that decision is made and a final copy is received. In the meantime, Atty. Kramer will consult with the other boroughs to see what they are requesting.

Atty. Kramer is still in the beginning stages of looking into Act 90 which deals with blighted properties. If adopted and incorporated into the Borough's code, this would give the Borough more flexibility when placing liens on properties and going after owner's other assets when dealing with blight such as overrun grass and abandoned property issues.

Water Committee: Mr. Steinert reported that the tree was finally taken down on the water plant property.

Zoning/Planning: Reports are on file. Mr. Fry commented that there were 36 permits issued for 413 Jefferson Street condominiums plus a lot of violations. Mayor Sloyer inquired about tracking property violations, and Mr. Huff asked if any feedback was received on sidewalk violations. Mr. Fry explained the violation process and reported no major complaints about sidewalk inspection reports.

Road Committee: Mr. Young reported that the road supervisor report is on file and available for review.

The CDBG Arlington Street Reconstruction Grant has gone out for bidding.

An email quote from Randy Reinhart was discussed concerning blacktopping. Mr. Young reported that it would cost \$17,920 for proposed work on Washington Street, East Sixth Street and Third Street. Mr. Rock reported that approximately \$15,000 is left in the Road Maintenance budget. It was discussed that the Borough has been building cash over the past couple of years and still has an active line of credit if needed. Mr. Rock made a motion that we do proposed work on Washington Street, E. Sixth Street and Third Street not to exceed the amount of \$18,000.00, seconded by Mr. Young. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock - aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Huff - aye, Mr. Young – aye, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion passed.

Mr. Fry reported that rental of machine for Borough-wide crack sealing is almost completed. There may be some leftover material. We plan to ask for a credit or exchange it for the material which works in the Borough's tar buggy. Mayor Sloyer asked if crack sealing is scheduled to be completed around the edges of the newly re-paved areas. Mr. Fry confirmed that they are planning on crack sealing those areas.

Finance Committee: Mr. Rock made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Mr. Young. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock - aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Huff - aye, Mr. Young – aye, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion passed. Mr. Rock made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mr. Young. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock - aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Huff - aye, Mr. Young – aye, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion passed.

Personnel Committee: Mayor Sloyer mentioned to Council that there may be an opening on Planning Commission in the near future.

Property Committee: Mr. Pierson made a motion to accept the clubhouse rules for the Colonial Village Clubhouse property, seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved.

Concerning the parking lot grant/loan application for the Bank & Washington Street lot, Mr. Fry informed the Montgomery County Commissioners that Council agreed to reserve \$19,000.00 for this project. Mayor Sloyer remarked that the parking lines were painted and signs were posted.

Mr. Fry received a quote for replacing floor tiles at the Colonial Village Clubhouse for almost \$6,800.00. It was recommended to price the rental of a machine to strip and reseal them or continue to look for another quote.

Recycling /Waste Mgmt Committee: Bag sales and recycling committee reports are on file per Mr. Pugh. The office is waiting to hear back from Weis Markets and Wal-Mart about selling East Greenville trash bags. There was no objection to setting up one of those businesses if they get back to us before the next meeting. If those locations don't want to sell the bags, Mr. Huff agreed that Ace Hardware or Dampman's should be asked.

Sewer Authority: Nothing to report.

Revitalization: Nothing to report.

Regional Planning: Mr. Pierson reported that wayfinding was discussed at the Regional Planning meeting last week. The actual placement of where we want to put the new signs is needed because they are applying for a grant to have the signs installed. The understanding is that the road crews will help with the installation as in-kind services. They are also doing a greenway study throughout this region.

Emergency Management: No report.

Borough Manager Updates: Mr. Fry received an email from Kathy Phifer at Montgomery County regarding the CDBG program. They want to know if the Borough is interested in continuing to work through and compete for

the county's block grants or go through the state. Mr. Fry doesn't recommend that we change anything at this point. If we opt out, we would not go through the county, but would compete for state money. It was recommended we stay at the county level due to the working relationship established with Montgomery County and assistance and training we receive about the priorities.

There was a request for a car hauling trailer to be allowed to park on the street in front of 536 State Street for a number of days next week, which violates the public street parking policy. Council discussed this situation and took no action on the request.

Correspondence: It came to Council's attention that offering free water to Freedom Fest for their July 4th activities does not benefit them. Atty. Kramer was consulted about whether or not a monetary donation was allowable by the Borough Code through the water fund. Mr. Rock made a motion that we donate \$100.00 to the Freedom Fest event from the water fund pending legal approval from the solicitor. Mr. Rock then rescinded that motion. Borough Council and Mayor Sloyer decided not to utilize taxpayer funds, but rather to donate personally \$20 each. Mr. Huff thanked everyone who agreed to donate. A letter will be sent to Freedom Fest from the office.

Motion to Adjourn: Being no further business, Mr. Rock made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Young. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Submitted by:

Sharon Kachmar, Secretary/Treasurer