

**BOROUGH OF EAST
GREENVILLE
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

August 4, 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, 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 July 22, 2014, meeting. Seconded by Mr. Rock and approved by all except Mr. Huff who abstained due to his absence from that meeting.

Visitors: Allison Czapp, Town & Country

Police Commission Report: Mayor Sloyer reported that new uniforms were approved for the officers. A donation of \$5,000.00 was received to help cover the expense.

Mayor's Report: Community Day is September 6, 2014, with a rain date of September 7th. Some of the entertainment this year includes bull riding, a rock wall, and moon bounce and slide. Help is needed during event setup from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. and with breakdown from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Mayor Sloyer received a complaint from a resident about problems with kids on Front and Cherry Streets. This is the same group of kids who were causing trouble at School Alley. Mayor Sloyer asked the police to increase their visibility in that area. Warnings are being given for first time curfew violations. The second time a citation will be issued with a possible fine of up to \$1,000.

Solicitor Items: Atty. Kramer announced that the Renewable Energy Ordinance is being advertised for a public hearing and possible adoption. The County has approved it in its current state.

Atty. Kramer advised that we are waiting for the County to approve the bid for the Arlington Street Reconstruction project. A notice of intent was sent to the lowest bidder. Easements have been drafted for right of access to the properties that will be affected.

UMJA has notified the Borough that they are in the discussion mode of possibly treating Blommer Chocolate's wastewater stream. The next step is to get approval from East Greenville Borough and then the DEP. Atty. Kramer recommends that the Borough look into an escrow if it involves a contractor digging up Borough roads. Mr. Fry mentioned that UMJA initially wanted to take a couple of truckloads of waste and try it in their system before taking a connection. Apparently, due to the close vicinity of the Upper Hanover Township facility to Blommer, the waste doesn't have adequate time to dilute and Upper Hanover Township has a difficult time treating it. As a result, Blommer often has to haul their waste to the Pottstown Sewer Treatment Plant. Council voiced concerns about whether or not the sewer plant can handle the additional flow of 16,000 gallons a day before and also after their upgrades and where the connection would take place. Mayor Sloyer was concerned that allowing Blommer to hook into the system will create demand for service from other companies in Upper Hanover Township. The contents of their waste, such as cocoa butter and sugar, were discussed and questions arose over what it will do to the pipes and sewer facility. Mr. Pierson expressed concern about 69 EDUs being used up by Blommer and whether that would impede development for East Greenville Borough in the future. It was decided that Mr. Glenn Quinn should be invited to attend a future Borough Council meeting to address these concerns. Mr. Huff asked Atty. Kramer to invite Mr. Quinn to a future meeting since a full understanding is needed before Council can approve the request.

The International truck taken out of service will be going to the dealership as part of a trade-in on the new truck. Mr. Rock made a motion that Jim Fry be approved to sign over the title. Seconded by Mr. Young and unanimously approved.

Water Committee: Mr. Steinert met with Grant Boyer a couple of weeks ago and mentioned the need to update a computer in the office. Mr. Fry advised that it is a budgeted item, and we are waiting for Mr. Boyer to decide on the specifications. Mr. Steinert indicated the need for a part-time worker to help put new meters into homes. Council discussed training one of the Borough's current part-time workers to perform this work, giving them the opportunity for extra hours.

A letter was received from Bill Lees, owner of 314/316 Main Street, about waiving the EDU fee for his proposed 2nd floor apartment at 314 Main Street. He is asking to be connected to the current meter for the 314 Main Street store rather than add a new meter. Mr. Fry explained that if granted, he would pay the extra minimum for that metered account but not the \$2,668.00 EDU fee for the apartment. Mr. Rock made a motion to waive the EDU fee. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Zoning/Planning: Code officer's report is on file per Ms. Hunsinger.

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

PennDOT sent the Winter Traffic Services Agreement for approval. It includes a minimal increase for the 2014/2015 season. Mr. Young made a motion to sign and approve the PennDOT Winter Traffic Service Agreement. Seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved.

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, Ms. Hunsinger - aye, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion carried. Mr. Rock made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, 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, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion carried. Mr. Rock made a motion to give a \$125.00 bonus to Kathy Chilton for keeping the Borough office open when Sharon Kachmar was on vacation, seconded by Mr. Steinert. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock - aye, Mr. Pugh - aye, Mr. Pierson - aye, Mr. Huff - aye, Mr. Young - aye, Ms. Hunsinger - aye, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion carried.

Personnel Committee: Mr. Hunsinger indicated that vacancies still exist on the UMJA board and Planning Commission. She encouraged Council to share the Facebook status about the vacancies.

Property Committee: The parking lot grant agreement has not yet been received. Mr. Fry will contact the Montgomery Council Planning Commission to see if we need to do anything on our end.

The floor at the clubhouse was cleaned and waxed, and the building was exterminated. Boards for benches were purchased and will be put together soon. Mr. Pierson indicated that the Property Committee will be coming up with a Lease Agreement that can be used for functions and hopefully in a month or so the Borough can entertain someone using it.

Recycling /Waste Mgmt Committee: Bag Sales and Recycling Committee reports are on file per Mr. Pugh.

Sewer Authority: Nothing to report.

Revitalization: Streetscape application with PennDOT is pending.

Regional Planning: Mr. Pierson advised that PerkUp gave an update at last month's meeting. They also discussed getting the mock up signs installed.

Emergency Management: Mr. Fry was asked if he has any updates about radios from the County. Mr. Fry has heard that the County may give the Borough one radio on the new system. Motorola will eventually stop supporting the current radios; however, the timeframe for has been pushed back to the end of 2015 into 2016.

Borough Manager Updates: Nothing.

Correspondence: A letter was received from the Montgomery County Board of Assessments regarding a change of assessment at 258 Main Street. The pizza shop shall be taxable while the remainder of the building shall be exempt.

Motion to Adjourn: Being no further business, Mr. Rock made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Young. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Submitted by:

Sharon Kachmar, Secretary/Treasurer