

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

September 23, 2014

Call to Order: Mr. Pierson 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: Andrew Rock, Josiah Pierson, Ryan Pugh and Timothy Huff. Also present were Mayor Ryan Sloyer, Stephen Kramer, Solicitor, James Fry, Borough Manager, and Sharon Kachmar, Borough Secretary/Treasurer. Council member James Young arrived at 7:36 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Rock to approve the minutes of the September 2, 2014, meeting. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Visitors Present: Allison Czapp, Town & Country; Jeanne Cove, UP Library; Michele Fillippo, UPVCC & Perk Up; Luanne Stauffer, UPVCC; Randy Reinhart; Grant Boyer

Visitors Comments: Ms. Cove gave an update on what is going on at the library and asked the Borough to keep the Upper Perkiomen library in the budget for next year.

Ms. Fillippo from the Upper Perkiomen Valley Chamber of Commerce gave an update on Perk Up and asked for continued financial support in 2015. The wayfinding project had the unveiling of the new signs. A \$5,000 mini-grant was obtained to help in the installation scheduled for this fall of the five types of prototype signs. East Greenville Borough had agreed to help with excavation and traffic control for the signs placed in their borough. There will be 65 signs in total throughout seven municipalities. Ms. Stauffer advised that they are applying for a multimodal grant through PennDOT for \$350,000 to cover Phase 2 of the regional signage program. The grant match is \$105,000. Each of the seven municipalities is being asked to contribute \$13,000. Ms. Stauffer believes they have a good chance to win this grant, especially if every municipality participates, because it is a tangible project and much needed in the area. So far Upper Hanover Township, Marlborough Township and Hereford Township have committed the funds. Ms. Stauffer asked Council for their support in committing the funds. Mr. Pierson mentioned that it seems like a lot of money but he thinks it's important to stick together as a region. Mr. Huff and Mr. Young were concerned about the budget for 2015. Ms. Stauffer advised that they are the facilitator in this project and that the signs will be owned by the municipalities and it's an investment in the revitalization in our community. Mayor Sloyer suggested council consider taking the funds out of this year's budget. Mr. Pierson made a motion that we support this project with a letter of commitment not to exceed \$13,000 out of the 2014 budget, seconded by Mr. Young. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock - aye, Mr. Pugh - aye, Mr. Pierson - aye, Mr. Huff - aye, Mr. Young - aye. Motion carried.

Ms. Stauffer mentioned that tomorrow night a presentation on the Montgomery County Comprehensive Plan will be held in Upper Hanover Township at 7:00 p.m.

Police Commission Report: Nothing to report.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Sloyer reported that Community Day went well. He asked that Council give \$50 each to the employees who worked that day. Mr. Young made a motion that Jim Fry, Randy Reinhart, Grant Boyer, Toby Cole and Sharon Kachmar receive \$50 each for their help, seconded by Mr. Pierson. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock - aye, Mr. Pugh - aye, Mr. Pierson - aye, Mr. Huff - aye, Mr. Young - aye. Motion carried.

Ferraro Foods continues to park on Main Street in front of Mario's for deliveries, impeding traffic and violating the 5 minute parking timeframe. The behavior continues even though numerous letters have been sent to Ferraro Foods, and the police have ticketed the company. Mayor Sloyer asked Council if they would be willing to draft an ordinance making the fines more expensive. It was discussed how a Borough street light was damaged allegedly by a Ferraro truck but an eye witness wouldn't testify and the driver denied the claim. The goal is to have the deliveries take place from the alley. Mr. Huff asked the solicitor to look at drafting an ordinance. He suggests a fine of \$500 with a maximum of \$1,000 and signage for no truck parking.

Mayor Sloyer announced that trick or treating will be held on October 31, 2014, from 6 to 8 p.m.

Solicitor Items: Atty. Kramer discussed the approval request from UMJA to treat waste for Blommer. He doesn't see any legal issues for allowing the project. As far as being able to deny a future hookup, if someone else wanted to add on, there is nothing that can restrict the Borough from denying or approving the request. The decision is up to Council to decide if sharing waste water services with someone outside the current agreement is in the Borough's best interest. He questioned whether Blommer has an agreement with Upper Hanover Authority. Since this is in the beginning stages, we don't know what will happen between those two parties. The Borough may benefit from how UMJA treats water due to the waste received and more money coming in to support the upgrades, but some resources will also be taken by someone outside our agreement. Mr. Huff inquired when they wanted an answer. Grant Boyer, who is on the UMJA board, offered to contact Glenn Quinn. He said there is also a chance this hook up wouldn't be approved through DEP. Mr. Boyer agreed to check on upgrades and I&I issues. Mr. Huff mentioned that issues for concern are the number of EDUs that will be used, clogs in the lines and whether additional upgrades will be needed. Mayor Sloyer said he recalled Mr. Quinn stating that no new upgrades would be required. Atty. Kramer suggested tabling the issue while he contacts their representative to check on the timeframe, what the agreement would be between UMJA and Blommer in the form of a contract, and find out about the contractual relationship between Blommer and Upper Hanover Authority. Council tabled this item.

Atty. Kramer brought to Council's attention House Bill 1671 concerning executive sessions. This bill, if passed, could severely restrict executive sessions by requiring a solicitor to issue a thorough legal opinion for an executive session, which would increase legal fees, and require that executive sessions be recorded. PSAB is not in support of this bill. Another proposed bill restricts agendas. If a topic is not on the council meeting agenda, it cannot be discussed at that meeting. Mr. Young made a motion to have Atty. Kramer send a letter of opposition about House Bill 1671. This motion was seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved.

Atty. Kramer received a call from a Home City Ice attorney concerning a closed-door meeting with Pennsburg asking if he would want to be present. Mayor Sloyer believes it would be in the Borough's best interest for Atty. Kramer and Mr. Fry to be in attendance. Council agreed and hopes some form of resolve will come out of this meeting.

Water Committee: Mr. Fry reported that the pods which the Water Department was demoing found a leak on Third Street. This was a leak we were not looking for or knew about. The pods may be a request in next year's budget. Upper Hanover Water Authority may be interested in sharing costs and splitting co-ownership. Mr. Boyer advised that five pods cost \$10,500 and additional pods can be added for \$600 each. The pods can be employed at all times, surveying the entire water system.

Zoning/Planning: Jim Fry reminded Council that they are in receipt of the Sustainability Audit draft and asked for their acceptance. Mr. Rock made a motion that Council approves receipt of and is in agreement with the Sustainability Audit. Motion was seconded by Mr. Young and unanimously approved.

The first draft of the first part of the Flood Plain Ordinance is at the solicitor's office for review. Mr. Fry reported it may be a combination of a standalone ordinance and zoning code amendment.

Road Committee: The reconstruction project on Arlington Street started yesterday.

Mr. Reinhart and Mr. Fry advised that the \$3,000 remaining for road repairs from a motion made to spend \$18,000 to fix Washington, E. Sixth and Third Streets was not enough to repair both E. Sixth Street and Third Street. Council agreed that Third Street should be the focus.

Cowan Associates is almost done gathering data for the roads study. They need to obtain core samples on roads which we don't have records on. They will factor the age, condition and traffic on the roads to come up with a priority list.

Mayor Sloyer asked about crack sealing supplies. Mr. Reinhart said we have enough through the end of this year. Mr. Reinhart informed Council that Sealmaster is trying a new blend of preservative for streets with asphalt no more than five years old and have asked if they can demo a street for free. Second street may qualify or perhaps Sixth or Fourth Street.

Last winter the Borough maxed out the tonnage of salt that could be purchased on the salt contract plus purchased extra. There is some left in storage. Nothing new has been ordered for this winter yet, but the plan is to get 20 tons by the end of October.

Finance Committee: The 2015 Minimum Municipal Obligation for the pension plan was distributed to Council for review on September 19, 2014. Mr. Rock made a motion to approve the MMO for 2015, seconded by Mr. Young. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock - aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Huff - aye, Mr. Young – aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Rock stated that engine repairs are currently being done on the Utility Body truck. The cost, not to exceed \$5,200.00, will be covered by budgeted funds under Equipment Maintenance in the General Fund.

The new dump truck was delivered this week. The downpayment was made with funds set aside last year. Mr. Rock made a motion to pay the annual lease fee for the new dump truck, seconded by Mr. Young. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock - aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Huff - aye, Mr. Young – aye. Motion carried. Mr. Rock made a motion to have Jim Fry sign the contract with the lease company. This motion was seconded by Mr. Young and unanimously approved.

Mr. Rock mentioned that budget time is coming up, and budget meetings will be scheduled for next month.

Personnel Committee: Nothing.

Property Committee: Mr. Pierson advised that an Event Space Rental Agreement for rental of the Colonial Village Clubhouse was reviewed by the solicitor and was ready to adopt. Mr. Pierson made a motion to approve the rental agreement pending Mr. Fry adding maximum occupancy limits to the agreement. Motion was seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved. An inventory list of chairs and tables is also needed at the clubhouse.

The quote for trimming trees on Main Street from CS Kalb Tree & Landscape was \$2,688.00. Mr. Young made a motion to have CS Kalb trim trees per their quote, seconded by Mr. Pierson. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock - aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Huff - aye, Mr. Young – aye. Motion carried. This will be budgeted for next year.

Recycling /Waste Mgmt Committee: Weis Markets called the office requesting to sell Borough trash bags but would be charging sales tax. Council requested the office ask Weis if they could sell them as an agent for the Borough without running them through their system and not charge sales tax.

Sewer Authority: Nothing.

Revitalization: Halloween parade to be held on October 26th. Discussion ensued about whether Borough employees will be needed to close and open roads or just provide barricades.

Regional Planning: Nothing to report.

Emergency Management: Mr. Fry reported that the Road Department was given one free radio from Montgomery County.

Borough Manager Updates: None.

Correspondence: A letter was received from Lighthouse Christian Fellowship asking to use the clubhouse and area in front of building for their Light the Night community outreach event on Friday, October 31, 2014. Council agreed as long as they complete the Event Space Rental Agreement and pay the deposit.

Motion to Adjourn: Being no further business, Mr. Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Rock. Meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Submitted by:

Sharon Kachmar, Secretary/Treasurer