

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

**October 28, 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: Andrew Rock, Ryan Pugh, Josiah Pierson, Timothy Huff, Tracey Hunsinger and Leon Steinert. 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 October 6, 2014, meeting. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

**Visitors Present:** Allison Czapp, Town & Country

**Visitors Comments:** None.

**Police Commission Report:** Mayor Sloyer reported that during the Police Commission meeting last night the chief's contract was presented for approval. He will go over the contract with Council during the executive session to be held this evening. The third quarter pension report is available for review. The budget is not yet finalized. They are working on a plan to repair or replace aging patrol cars. Health insurance has gone up about 21%.

**Mayor's Report:** Nothing.

**Solicitor Items:** Atty. Kramer reported that he spoke with Chief Devlin about Main Street truck deliveries. The police have cited Ferraro Foods twice. They are citing the companies rather than the drivers. The chief agreed that blocking Main Street to make deliveries is an unsafe condition and a violation that creates an enforcement situation. Chief Devlin asked that we contact him if we have any further issues.

Atty. Kramer spoke with Blake Dunbar, solicitor for Upper Hanover Authority, about our desire to have a caucus with Pennsburg, East Greenville, Red Hill, and Upper Hanover concerning UMJA's request to treat Blommer waste. Atty. Dunbar said they were aware of discussions between Blommer and UMJA, and he was going to let the Board of Supervisors know of our interest in meeting with them. He thought there would be a lot to gain from a joint meeting, and he will let them know that someone from East Greenville Borough may be calling them soon to set that up.

**Water Committee:** Mr. Steinert reported that Grant Boyer received a quote for a laptop computer of \$2,368.12. The budgeted line item was \$2,000.00. The main reason for the costly laptop is that it requires more hard drive space, a faster processor and more RAM to run the GIS system. We already have the software from ESRI. Mr. Fry wanted to make sure it is a COSTARS price prior to ordering. Mr. Pierson made a motion that we purchase the new computer at \$368.12 over budget. Motion was rescinded. Mr. Pierson made a motion to buy the new computer for the water plant not to exceed \$2,400.00, seconded by Mr. Steinert. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock - aye, Mr. Pugh - aye, Mr. Pierson - aye, Mr. Huff - aye, Ms. Hunsinger - aye, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion carried.

**Zoning/Planning:** Atty. Kramer met with the Planning Commission last week to review what was prepared for the flood plain ordinance. Besides making some recommendations for clarity purposes, Atty. Kramer is reviewing the use of absolute language for a variance of non-conforming use in a flood plain region. He plans to make a recommendation to the county next week. He suggests that absolute bans can be troublesome, and we may never

have an issue with a variance since such a small portion of the Borough is in the flood plain. Mr. Fry added that this ordinance is suggested to be an amendment to the zoning code and could be added by resolution. Mr. Fry and Atty. Kramer need to discuss the particulars of that before the next Planning Commission meeting. Mr. Fry's biggest concern would be if they wanted a separate chapter in the zoning ordinance since it would amend the zoning ordinance and would then fall under state mandate for how hardships are administered. Mr. Fry stated that a draft is available for review if anyone on Council is interested in looking at it.

**Road Committee:** Mr. Fry reported that punch list work for the CDBG Arlington Street project is expected to start tomorrow. A grant extension was filed and approved through December 31, 2014. A pay request is expected in November. Mayor Sloyer inquired if drainage issues were addressed. Mr. Fry replied it will be addressed in the punch list items. Mayor Sloyer also asked why the contractor made a new cut on a resident's driveway instead of using the same cut already there. Mr. Fry said the contractor was cutting where he was told, but it may have been a misunderstanding because there were stakes to mark the right-of-way line. They have to redo the driveway approach anyway, so they will be milling it out back to the cut closest to the house. The contractor flattened out both driveways on that side of the street, so they will be fixing 635 Arlington also. For Council's understanding Mr. Fry explained that water going down the driveway at 635 Arlington may not go into the street. It may go around that blacktopped area and into the grass. The plan goal is to get all the water in the street channeled down to the end of the street. Mayor Sloyer asked if we are holding the contractor to the specs. Mr. Fry replied yes to the more significant things. There is one small area of ponding that is a little low but will only hold water for about three square feet. The challenge is working with only ½ of a percent of grade.

Mr. Huff asked about the traffic light grant opportunity. Mr. Fry replied that we are not eligible for Phase 1. For upgrades to the traffic signal at Fourth and Main, we could apply through the Green Light-Go grant program next year. However, some leg work needs to be done before we apply because the turnaround time to apply is short.

**Finance Committee:** Mr. Huff remarked that they are continuing to work on the budget.

**Personnel Committee:** Ms. Hunsinger made a motion to accept Robert McCluskie's resignation from Planning Commission. Motion was seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved. For the record, Mayor Sloyer added that Mr. McCluskie resigned due to a change in his work schedule, not a lack of interest. On behalf of Council, Mr. Huff thanks him for his time of service. Mr. Pugh made a motion to appoint Josiah Pierson to Planning Commission. Motion was seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved.

**Property Committee:** Concerning the parking lot grant, Mr. Fry advised that the engineering is being done. The hope is to have bid specs sent out in February with an early spring start date. He will file a progress report with the county.

**Recycling /Waste Mgmt Committee:** Leaf collection is scheduled for November 22 and December 6 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the water plant. Leaves must be bagged. Chipping is done until Christmas trees are chipped in January. In an effort to increase awareness of the recycling programs, flyers will be attached to trash bags and Facebook notices will be used.

**Sewer Authority:** Nothing.

**Revitalization:** Nothing.

**Regional Planning:** Mr. Pierson reported they met last week to discuss the greenway study.

**Emergency Management:** Nothing.

**Borough Manager Updates:** None.

**Correspondence:** Mr. Rock made a motion for road closure for the Hometown Christmas Parade on December 7, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Pierson and unanimously approved. Mr. Rock made a motion to approve hanging a banner for the parade from November 24, 2014, to December 8, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Pierson and unanimously approved. Mr. Pierson made a motion that the Borough hang the banner for the Upper Perk Valley Association. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Mr. Pierson made a motion to allow BPW of Upper Perk to hang a banner from March 9, 2015, to March 30, 2015, for the Women's Expo. Seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved.

Council was given information from UMJA about a possible Verizon cell tower cite. Mr. Fry relayed that Glenn Quinn wanted to know if there was any objection from Council. Mr. Rock made a motion to allow UMJA to pursue a Verizon cell tower at 1100 Mensch Dam Road. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Mayor Sloyer advised Council that a gray box truck now located on Third Street which was previously on Second Street was leaking fluids. Both the fire company and police responded. Mayor Sloyer commented that according to the police chief, they cannot have the vehicle removed. It is legally parked and has up-to-date inspection and registration. The vehicle is leaking again what appears to be oil or transmission fluid, and a complaint was received. Mr. Fry has already taken pictures and gotten a license plate number. Atty. Kramer recommends and Council agrees that a letter should be sent to the vehicle owner before DEP is contacted.

Mayor Sloyer inquired if anyone reads the Borough News magazine published by PSAB. The monthly magazine includes articles on topics such as budgets, storm water, police departments and even a question and answer section. Mr. Fry also mentioned that PSAB hosts an email Borough Discussion Group that is open to council members, secretaries and managers. You can subscribe through PSAB's website.

**Executive Session:** Mr. Huff called an executive session at 8:04 p.m. to discuss the police chief's contract. Regular meeting reconvened at 8:47 p.m.

Mr. Rock made a motion to approve the chief's contract, seconded by Mr. Steinert. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock - yes, Mr. Pugh - no, Mr. Pierson - no, Mr. Huff - yes, Ms. Hunsinger - no, Mr. Steinert - yes. Tie break by Mayor Sloyer - no. Motion did not carry. Mr. Rock will go back to the chief on the contract.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Being no further business, Mr. Rock made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Pierson. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Sharon Kachmar, Secretary/Treasurer