

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

**March 24, 2015**

**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, Leon Steinert and James Young. Also present were 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 March 2, 2015, meeting. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved by all except Mr. Huff who abstained from approving minutes due to his absence.

**Visitors Present:** Sergei Blair, Town & Country; Randy Reinhart, Road Supervisor

**Visitors Comments:** None.

**Police Commission Report:** Mayor Sloyer reported that the last meeting was very short without much to report. The Officer's Association is holding a movie night on May 31, 2015, at 11:00 a.m. for some middle school children. Mayor Sloyer asked Mr. Rock whether we were ever on state coverage in 2014. Mr. Rock offered to find out for the next meeting.

**Mayor's Report:** Skate park is on hold. Mayor Sloyer will be meeting with Scott Roth to review one piece of equipment that was 10 ft. and discuss finding a professional to move it.

**Solicitor Items:** Concerning the Arlington Street Reconstruction Project, Atty. Kramer reported that GoreCon has agreed to make repairs the week of April 6, 2015, weather permitting. Engineers are to be notified two days prior.

**Water Committee:** Mr. Fry advised that Grant Boyer recently attended a DEP class and received information about regulation changes on backflow requirements. Expansion tanks for water heaters and backflow preventers may be needed by residents to avoid issues if there is a loss of positive pressure in the water system. Potential cost to the homeowner is currently unknown. Mr. Fry will update Council with a proposal once he and Mr. Boyer investigate the best way to comply with the new regulations.

The leak detection pods have identified a possible leak in piping outside the water treatment plant. Mr. Boyer is investigating.

A well maintenance inspection quote was received from A.C. Schultes in the amount of \$495.00. Mr. Young made a motion to have the annual well maintenance inspection performed for \$495.00, 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, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion carried.

**Zoning/Planning:** Nothing.

**Road Committee:** Regarding a plan for the traffic light at 4<sup>th</sup> and Main Streets, Mr. Fry advised that Cowan Associates can refer us to a firm that is skilled in working with PennDOT and would perform an engineering study. Mr. Fry will also check with Signal Service who performs our maintenance.

A quote totaling \$5,310.00 for renting a crack sealing unit and material was obtained from SealMaster. Mr. Reinhart expects to seal all roads as needed in the Borough, minus the alleys. Mr. Rock made a motion to rent the crack sealing machine not to exceed \$5,500.00, 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.

Street sweeping is scheduled for April 9, 2015.

Mr. Reinhart supplied Council with pictures on the condition of alleys in the Borough compared to Long Alley. Council determined that other alleys need to be addressed before the request is approved to perform an overlay on Long Alley. Mr. Huff called for a meeting of the Roads Committee to develop a road plan for 2015.

Mayor Sloyer received an email from Ed Buchinski of The Grand Theater with concerns about traffic, trucks and the speeds of vehicles on Main Street. He questioned whether the speed limit can be lowered from 30 to 25 mph. Since that would involve a traffic study and there was concern tractor trailers might then be allowed to use Main Street due to the road being widened during revitalization, enforcement of the current speed limit was suggested as well as using an electronic traffic sign to collect data and act as a deterrent. Mayor Sloyer will contact the chief of police to set up lines to be painted and make a police presence in that area. He will also contact Upper Hanover Township to ask if we can borrow their traffic unit. It was suggested that a good spot for the traffic unit would be on a bump out in the sidewalk between 2<sup>nd</sup> and Bank Streets.

**Finance Committee:** Nothing.

**Personnel Committee:** An updated Winter Maintenance Policy was sent to Council for review. Mr. Huff asked that Council bring any recommendations to the next meeting.

**Property Committee:** The parking lot expansion project is out for bids. The bid opening is scheduled for April 15, 2015.

**Recycling /Waste Mgmt Committee:** Chipping begins April 8, 2015.

**Sewer Authority:** Nothing.

**Revitalization:** Mr. Pierson reported that they are working with Scott Roth on the parades. The Community Center will be the location for the judges table during the Halloween parade.

**Regional Planning:** Nothing.

**Emergency Management:** Nothing.

**Borough Manager Updates:** The resident at 533 Jefferson Street requested an extension to perform their sidewalk repairs. They want to do a complete replacement which is estimated to cost \$4,000. Mr. Fry proposed that if Council agrees to an extension that any sections in dire need of repair get patched until a complete replacement is performed. Mr. Rock made a motion to grant an extension for complete sidewalk repair until April 2016 with the stipulation that they patch parts in need of major repair. Seconded by Mr. Young and unanimously approved.

Mr. Fry had sent out an email about potential projects for the 2015 round of Community Development Block Grants. One provision for applying is the need for a plan to get all public buildings handicap accessible. The

clubhouse has some major issues such as the restrooms. Borough Hall would need lower counter heights. Mr. Fry hasn't read through all the guidelines yet, but added that the water plant also needs modification to make a landing. The water plant might not be a mandatory upgrade, but should be done at some time. The application filing date is April 17, 2015. Mr. Fry mentioned that projects for community centers are high on the priority list. Council discussed project options and directed Mr. Fry to apply for a grant to upgrade the clubhouse to meet accessibility standards and add a heat pump with air conditioning. A construction cost estimate will be solicited for the clubhouse as well as an evaluation for what is needed to get Borough Hall and the water plant accessible according to application guidelines. There was also discussion about deeming 433 Main Street as a historical building. Mr. Kramer was directed to prepare a resolution for the April 6, 2015, meeting to apply for the grant.

**Correspondence:** The Perkiomen School requested road closure for their commencement on May 23, 2015, from Seminary Street in Pennsburg to the intersection of State and Third Streets in East Greenville. Mr. Pierson made a motion to close a portion of the road from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Young and unanimously approved.

East Greenville Fire Company requested road closure on Washington Street for their carnival July 8, 2015, through July 11, 2015, from 4:30 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. Mr. Rock made a motion to close Washington Street between 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Streets at the times stated. Seconded by Mr. Young and unanimously approved.

The Open Link is holding a Community Partnership Breakfast on April 23, 2015, at 8:30 a.m. Attendees from East Greenville Borough are welcome.

**Other Business:** Montgomery County Commissioners will be presenting at The Grand Theater on Monday, April 13, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

Mr. Fry reported that 11.2 tons of road salt were purchased from the turnpike as well as the remaining 44 tons from our annual contract. The plan is to order another 40 to 60 tons in the fall before the next winter season.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Being no further business, Mr. Rock made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Young. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Submitted by:



Sharon Kachmar, Secretary/Treasurer