

BOROUGH OF EAST GREENVILLE
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 26, 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: Timothy Huff, Tracey Hunsinger, Josiah Pierson, Ryan Pugh, Andrew Rock, 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 May 4, 2015, meeting. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Visitors Present: Sergei Blair, Town & Country

Visitors Comments: None.

Police Commission: Mayor Sloyer shared concerns he had about an anonymous donation of \$5,000 made to the police officer's association earmarked for uniforms. The Police Commission approved the purchase of uniforms paid by the police officer's association. Mayor Sloyer questions whether there could be any liability to himself or the Borough if it turns out to be a special interest donation. The solicitor for the Police Commission, Philip Gazan, did not express concern according to Mr. Huff, although he did advise the Police Commission to develop a policy for accepting large donations. Mayor Sloyer asked Council to consider having Atty. Kramer look into the matter with Atty. Gazan. In Atty. Kramer's opinion, he does not believe there would be any liability to the Borough and suggested the Police Commission members discuss this with Atty. Gazan. Mr. Pugh made a motion to have Atty. Kramer open an inquiry with Atty. Gazan to research the Borough's interest to see if we are liable at all by the actions of the Police Commission and police officer's association, seconded by Ms. Hunsinger. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock – no, Mr. Pugh – yes, Mr. Pierson – no, Mr. Huff – no, Mr. Young – yes, Ms. Hunsinger – yes, Mr. Steinert - yes. By a vote of 4 -3, motion carried.

Mayor's Report: No updates on the relocation of the action park. Mayor Sloyer confirmed that the Borough should get the anchors, have the contractor anchor the equipment and then have the engineer sign off on the work. Mr. Fry will look into getting the anchors purchased and getting cracks filled on the asphalt. Cameras and lighting also need to be re-positioned. Liability insurance should be put on the policy once the items arrive at the clubhouse for setup.

Over the weekend there was an incident with fireworks being set off in the fields at the clubhouse. Mr. Rock advised that the culprit was cited for fireworks but not for being in the park after dark. The police said the park needs to be posted with park hours. It was believed the property was already posted. Mr. Fry will check to see if the signs are still up, and if so, get the information to Officer McVeigh so the violators can be cited.

The railroad company has posted the railroad tracks that run through the Borough with no trespassing signs. Now that the signs are posted, no trespassing can be enforced by the Upper Perk police.

Community Day will be held on Saturday, September 12, 2015. Mr. Rock made a motion to hang the banner. Seconded by Mr. Pierson and unanimously approved. Mr. Pierson made a motion to close Main Street between the

hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. on September 12, 2015, for Community Day. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Solicitor Items: Atty. Kramer made one addition to the proposed action park sign. He added that there should be no alcohol in or around the facility. It was also suggested that the police be listed first for reporting damage and then secondly the Borough so it can be documented there as well. Atty. Kramer will make corrections and have it for review at the next meeting. Mayor Sloyer asked council to be ready to give approval at the June 1, 2015, meeting so the sign can be ordered.

Concerning the Arlington Street project, we are waiting for confirmation from the county that we can issue payment. Once we get confirmation, we will go forward with issuing the check.

Atty. Kramer presented a resolution for consideration to allow a council member's participation and voting at a council meeting by telecommunication device. Mr. Fry said he would look into getting a device with Skype or a phone or intercom for the council table. Mr. Pugh made a motion to adopt **Resolution 2015-06**. Seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved.

There is a resident inhabiting a home in Colonial Village without running water. This resident is currently living at the property even though the water service was terminated back in August 2014 due to nonpayment. After recently checking at the curb stop, it was discovered that someone had re-established water service. We were not able to detect a water reading and suspect the meter has been disabled. The water was turned off again but there is suspicion as to whether it is being turned on and off by the resident as needed. Mr. Fry and Atty. Kramer wanted to inform council that they will proceed with violations as permitted in the property maintenance code.

Water Committee: Nothing.

Zoning/Planning: A special exception for 114 Main Street was approved at a recent zoning hearing meeting. The proposed business is Perkiomen Printing.

Road Committee: Mr. Young reviewed the email from Randy Reinhart about an opportunity to chip seal Third Street from State to the East Greenville/Upper Hanover Township line under Upper Hanover's contract. A quote was received from AMS to perform a double chip, which is an application of oil and ½" stone followed by another layer of oil and ¼" stone for just under \$14,000. The Fog Seal would be an additional \$5,500. Total work is to cost \$19,500. Mr. Young made a motion to move forward with the chip sealing on Third Street from State to the township line, seconded by Ms. Hunsinger. 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. Young asked that quotes be obtained for other streets in the Borough that need work.

Mr. Steinert shared his concern about traffic on Main Street. He suggested parking be limited to one side of the street. Mayor Sloyer informed Mr. Steinert that about ten years ago they looked into angle parking or one side parking on Main Street. It was decided that the best avenue was to widen the road 6" on each side as allowed by the state and in accordance with the Revitalization Plan. The speed limit was also reduced from 35 to 30 mph.

Finance Committee: Mr. Rock made a motion that we lease a new Ricoh copier C3003 at a cost not to exceed \$150.00 per month, 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. Mayor Sloyer asked if we could donate the old copier to an outside organization that services the area. Atty. Kramer will look into donating it to an outside organization if the Borough cannot use it.

Personnel Committee: Nothing.

Property Committee: The lots on Arlington Street owned by Ms. Simmons were appraised at \$55,000. Mr. Huff asked council to consider whether or not they want to make a motion to bid on the property at the next meeting, keeping in mind the maintenance involved with acquiring additional open space. The Greenway Trails and Recreation grant opportunity offers a 15% match with an application deadline of June 30, 2015. There is a potential for youth leagues to use the space but no parking is currently available.

Constellation Energy presented the low bid for electricity for all Borough buildings for the July 2015 renewal date. Mr. Pierson made a motion to go with Constellation at the quoted rate of 6.75 cents per kilowatt hour for a 2 year contract. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Quotes were obtained for pest control at Borough Hall, the water plant and the clubhouse to compare to our current provider, Ehrlich. Mr. Pierson made a motion that we switch to All 'Round Pest Control. Seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved.

Recycling /Waste Mgmt Committee: The EZ-Shoppe at 404 Main Street has requested to sell Borough trash bags again. Council discussed the stipulation that they maintain their property and pay for the bags at time of delivery. Mr. Young made a motion to approve selling bags at EZ-Shoppe on the condition that they keep the property in check and that the bags can be removed if needed. Seconded by Mr. Steinert and unanimously approved. They can begin selling trash bags the first of next month.

A complaint was received from a resident about their bulk item sticker not staying adhered to his bulk trash item on a windy day. Mr. Pierson made a motion that we reimburse him by sending him a new sticker to replace the one he lost. Seconded by Mr. Steinert and unanimously approved.

Sewer Authority: Mr. Fry has the plans for the proposed sewer work in East Greenville in case Council wants to review.

Revitalization: The Planning Commission has scheduled a Public Open House on June 16, 2015, at the Grand Theater from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. to discuss defining the future of Main Street. Flyers are being distributed to businesses, attached to rolls of trash bags and being sent out with next month's water bills. The on-line survey can be completed at any time.

Regional Planning: Nothing.

Emergency Management: Nothing.

Borough Manager Updates: None.

Correspondence: Liz Herman with the Halloween Parade Committee has requested road closure and banner hanging for their event on Sunday, October 25, 2015. Mr. Rock made a motion to close the road from the East Greenville/Pennsburg Borough Line at Main Street to Fourth Street on October 25, 2015, with a rain date of October 27, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Young and unanimously approved. Mr. Rock made a motion approving the hanging of their banner for the Halloween parade. Seconded by Mr. Young and unanimously approved. Mr. Rock made a motion that the road crew be authorized to open and close the road. Seconded by Mr. Young and unanimously approved.

Mayor Sloyer advised that the PerkUp ½ marathon does not require road closures except for the southbound side of State Street. The northbound side will remain open. A barricade is needed at Third and State Street since the road will be closed once they cross the Pennsburg/East Greenville Borough line on State Street. Mr. Pierson made a motion to close the southbound side of State Street on August 16, 2015, for the PerkUp ½ marathon as per Ryan's instructions. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Other Business: None.

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

Submitted by:



Sharon Kachmar, Secretary/Treasurer