

BOROUGH OF EAST GREENVILLE
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 6, 2015

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: Josiah Pierson, Ryan Pugh, Andrew Rock and Leon Steinert. Also present were Barry Tomlinson, Solicitor, James Fry, Borough Manager, and Sharon Kachmar, Borough Secretary/Treasurer.

Council member Tracey Hunsinger arrived at 7:31 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Rock to approve the minutes of the June 23, 2015, meeting. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Visitors: Sergei Blair, Town & Country; Dan Desch; Jeromy Schulz Arnold

Visitor's Comments: Mr. Dan Desch of 426 Jefferson Street asked for permission to close a portion of Jefferson Street for a block party on August 15, 2015, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mr. Rock made a motion to close Jefferson Street from Fifth Street to Water Alley on August 15th from 2 to 8 p.m. Seconded by Ms. Hunsinger and unanimously approved. Mr. Rock made a motion to allow a rain date for the previous motion for August 16th from 2 to 8 p.m. Seconded by Mr. Steinert and unanimously approved.

Police Commission Report: Mr. Rock reported that the monthly allocation is \$48,157.05. They have starting shopping for insurance as is done every year.

Mayor's Report: Concerning the action park, Mr. Fry advised that the fasteners are about \$84/dozen. We may need three or four dozen. There is also a need for trash cans around the clubhouse grounds.

Solicitor Items: Atty. Tomlinson advised that they are still evaluating how to proceed with regards to GoreCon. Atty. Tomlinson recommends we wait on approving the county's release for the Arlington Street project until all concerns are addressed.

Atty. Tomlinson presented Resolution 2015-09 in support of the cleaning of PA streams and rivers which had been distributed to Council at the last meeting and is ready for adoption. Mr. Rock made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-09. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Information on a resolution in support of legalizing medicinal cannabis in PA was recently distributed to council. It was tabled to see if it will be adopted by the House of Representatives. Mr. Pierson asked that it be kept on the agenda for another month.

Water Committee: Mr. Steinert advised that the water supervisor's report is on file.

Zoning/Planning: Ms. Hunsinger advised that the code officer's report was sent out.

The Main Street survey is now closed. They had over 230 responses. The results will be gathered for review by the Planning Commission at their meeting later this month.

Road Committee: Cowan Associates has done the design work for the Second Street reconstruction, and they are finalizing the specifications. A valve replacement will be needed. The valve is on order. Options are to do the valve replacement at the same time as the road work with an addendum to the contract or hire a contractor to have the work done now. Mr. Pierson suggests getting the work done before the reconstruction and suggested Mr. Fry get a price from Roy Hildenbrand.

Council discussed purchasing no trailer parking signs for Third and Fourth Streets. Mr. Rock made a motion to move forward with posting no trailer signs on Fourth Street at an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00, seconded by Mr. Pugh. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock – aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye, Mr. Steinert – aye. Motion carried.

Finance Committee: Mr. Rock made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Mr. Pugh. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock – aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Rock made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Council suggested that the office staff reach out to a community service organization to donate the Toshiba copier which was recently replaced.

Personnel Committee: Ms. Hunsinger advised that Grant Boyer has submitted his resignation as of July 29, 2015. Mr. Fry advised that PRWA is willing to help us with operator training, certification and licensing testing. Both Mr. Boyer and Mr. Fry are licensed operators. To be discussed further in executive session.

Ms. Hunsinger informed Council that the youth empowerment program is having trouble finding someone who is a good fit to come to our borough. The part-time recycling position was turned down by Mr. Leonard Kulp. Ms. Hunsinger made a motion to hire Jacob Breyer for the summer. Seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved. Mr. Fry will review the other applications to see if there is someone who will be available in the fall.

Property Committee: The improvements to the clubhouse and Borough hall to make them handicap accessible have been recommended for CDBG funding in the amount of \$80,372.00. There is a 30-day period for public comment before the proposed projects are officially approved.

Recycling/Waste Mgmt Committee: Bag sales and recycling committee reports are on file.

Mr. Fry relayed that in his conversation with Bruce Lord of Pennsburg they have concerns about being overwhelmed with electronic recycling. Currently the service is not limited or restricted to just East Greenville or Pennsburg residents and the container gets filled very quickly and then sits for weeks waiting to be emptied. Mr. Lord was proposing to restrict use to just East Greenville and Pennsburg residents and allow drop offs only when the Pennsburg Fire Company does their cardboard collection one Saturday a month.

Mr. Rock added that regarding the Styer audit finding about the recycling center financial records, he informed Pennsburg that we did not feel that we need to proceed with an audit.

Sewer Authority: Nothing.

Revitalization: Nothing.

Regional Planning: Nothing.

Emergency Management: Montgomery County is offering a one-time bulk purchasing price roll-back for the emergency radios. To receive a \$300 savings per radio over the current radio price, a purchase order must be submitted by October 1, 2015, with full payment due December 31, 2015, or paperwork must be submitted by October 1, 2015, to finance the radios interest-free. Mr. Rock estimates the need for the police department would be five car units and six personal handheld radios. Mr. Fry stated that the Police Commission should decide if they want to participate, and the Boroughs can divide the expense. Mr. Fry will check to see if the fire company wants to get in on the loan program. The loan must be in the name of the municipality.

Borough Manager Updates: Mr. Fry reported that the UPV Chamber of Commerce is applying for another grant through the state for the wayfinding signs. Mr. Rock made a motion that we send a letter of support to the Chamber of Commerce for the grant opportunity for the wayfinding signs. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Correspondence: None.

Executive Session: Mr. Pierson called an executive session at 8:05 p.m. to discuss personnel.

Regular meeting reconvened at 8:33 p.m.

Mr. Rock made a motion to advertise for the water plant supervisor position at the discretion of Jim Fry to write the ad. Seconded by Mr. Steinert and unanimously approved.

Motion to Adjourn: Being no further business, Mr. Rock made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Submitted by:



Sharon Kachmar, Secretary/Treasurer