

BOROUGH OF EAST GREENVILLE
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
September 22, 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, and James Young. Also present were Mayor Ryan Sloyer, Barry Tomlinson, Solicitor, Michelle Forsell, 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 September 8, 2015, meeting. Seconded by Mr. Young and unanimously approved.

Visitors: Jeromy Schulz-Arnold; Bradley Schlagel, Town & Country; Daniel & Priscilla Kirchgessner; Keith Gerhart; Marita Thomson

Visitor's Comments: None.

Police Commission Report: Nothing.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Sloyer reported that the skate park equipment is scheduled to be moved this Saturday to the clubhouse property. Mr. Fry will be there to be sure it is placed in the proper location and will mark it no trespassing until it is ready for use. The decision about whether or not it needs to be anchored will be left up to the engineer. Property insurance on the action park equipment with a value of \$15,000 would be approximately \$20 per year. Mr. Rock made a motion to add insuring the skate park equipment for a value of \$15,000 not to exceed \$30.00 per year, 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. Motion carried.

An Eagle Scout candidate would like to do a landscape project at the parking lot at Bank and Washington Streets. He will submit a design in the next couple of months. He has asked if Council can budget \$500 in 2016 for this project in case he cannot get all the materials donated.

Solicitor Items: Mr. Fry spoke with a representative at Crown Castle. They advised that the monthly payment reduction was due to Metro PCS pulling their equipment off the tower.

Concerning the ordinance update for no trailer parking on any municipal property, Mr. Fry will make some suggestions to the ordinance and will prepare for council review.

Notice was received about a hearing scheduled with the Montgomery County Board of Assessment Appeals for an assessment reduction at 325 Main Street. Atty. Tomlinson said no action is needed unless Council wants to send someone to oppose it.

Water Committee: Daniel & Priscilla Kirchgessner asked Council to allow a water service connection to 509 Fairview Street, an investment property they plan to purchase located in Upper Hanover Township. The property consists of a single family home, an old farmhouse and a 4-unit building that is located at the corner of Sixth Street in East Greenville Borough and Fairview Avenue in Upper Hanover Township. They presented a letter from Upper Hanover Township to UMJA stating that Upper Hanover Township

does not have an objection to allowing the property to hook up to the public sewer system. Mr. Fry indicated that the property would require six water EDUs at a cost of \$2,668.00 each, and if Council allows the hookup, he suggests the owner hire a contractor to install the water service lines since part of it would be in the township, and East Greenville Borough would oversee the project. Mr. Fry would have to talk to the engineer to find out what size pipe would be needed since it is more than just a single service. Mr. Rock made a motion to approve the water service connection at 509 Fairview Street pending us talking to Cowan Associates to determine the proper way and all expenses are on the property owner. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved. Mr. Rock made a motion to send a letter of no disapproval to UMJA for a sewer connection at 509 Fairview Street. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Mr. Fry met with Carl at Cowan Associates concerning the water tank paint repair. The plan is to hire a company to pressure wash the tank and do the inspection and repairs at the same time. It was discovered that the paint millage is twice as thick in certain spots on the tank which may not have dried and cured properly. These thick areas are where we are having the rust problems. Mr. Fry asked the solicitor to look into whether or not we need to bid for quotes to do this repair.

Zoning/Planning: Ms. Hunsinger reported that the flood plain ordinance is back at the county for their review.

Road Committee: Road Supervisor, Randy Reinhart, submitted an estimate to scratch-coat Bank Street between Washington Street and the Upper Hanover Township line in preparation for an overlay next year. It is not the full width of the street but will help hold the road together over the winter. Mr. Rock made a motion to do a scratch coat in a sum not to exceed \$5,000.00, seconded by Mr. Young. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock – aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Huff – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye, Mr. Young – aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Fry mentioned that he would like to get at least two loads of salt before the end of November to start off the winter season. He estimates about \$1,500 per load without seeing the contract prices yet for this year. He indicated that Mr. Reinhart wanted to get a quote to overlay the 200 block of Cherry Street but he is having trouble getting contractors to quote it and do the work because they are too busy right now. Mr. Fry mentioned that if money was not spent this year from the Road Maintenance line item, perhaps it could be carried over from savings to the 2016 budget.

Mr. Huff inquired about the progress of the road study by Cowan Associates. Mr. Fry said he believes Todd Nagle is updating the plans, concentrating on road thicknesses and conditions.

Mayor Sloyer inquired as to when the crosswalks on Main Street will be painted. Mr. Fry indicated it is planned to be done in the next few days.

Council inquired about the cost of a Slow stencil for use in the alley to cover the spray painted words.

Finance Committee: Mr. Rock advised that it is time to schedule and advertise for budget meetings. The first budget meeting will be held Tuesday, October 27, from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., in lieu of the regular council meeting. After that the next two meetings will be held Wednesday, November 11, and Wednesday, November 18, from 6 to 8 p.m.

The parking lot expansion project is completed. Mr. Rock made a motion to pay for the Bank and Washington Street parking lot in the amount of \$24,315.00, seconded by Mr. Young. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock – aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Huff – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye, Mr. Young – aye. Motion carried.

Last year we tried to switch our agent for worker’s compensation insurance to Brown & Brown so all insurance was under one agency, but we missed the deadline. Brown & Brown offered to research other worker’s comp premium options such as insuring the volunteer fireman through the state fund rather than grouping them with Borough employees. Mr. Rock made a motion to draft a letter to have Brown & Brown represent us for worker’s compensation insurance. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Personnel Committee: Ms. Hunsinger advised that Joel Pilgert has accepted the water plant supervisor position and will be starting October 1, 2015.

Property Committee: Concerning the grass strip options at the clubhouse parking lot, Mr. Fry advised that Randy Reinhart said parking bumpers would be an obstruction when plowing. It was decided to leave the area as is.

Lightstreet Christian Fellowship wrote a letter to Borough Council asking permission to use the clubhouse building and the area in front of the building for their Light the Night community outreach event on Saturday, October 31, 2015, during trick or treat hours. Mr. Pierson made a motion to allow them to use the clubhouse for that evening, seconded by Mr. Pugh. Mr. Pierson rescinded the motion. Mr. Pierson made a motion that we allow Lighthouse Christian Fellowship to use the property and building on October 31, with the stipulation that they leave the requisite deposit. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Concerning repairs at the tot lot, Mr. Fry reported that Randy Reinhart indicated that the seat assemblies for the swings and tire swing assembly should be replaced because they are wear items while the other items are not. Mr. Rock made a motion to approve spending an amount not to exceed \$2,500 to repair the swings and tire swing at the tot lot, seconded by Mr. Pugh. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock – aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Huff – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye, Mr. Young – aye. Motion carried.

St. Philip Neri Church indicated they did not intend to get rid of their playground equipment at Sixth and Main Streets.

Recycling/Waste Mgmt Committee: The recent electronic recycling collection went well. The container is full and scheduled for pick up. Mr. Huff said Kris Kirkwood was going to talk to Pennsburg Council again concerning an arrangement to have wages for Jeromy Schulz-Arnold paid through the joint recycling account.

Sewer Authority: Nothing.

Revitalization: Community Day was held on September 12, 2015.

Regional Planning: Nothing.

Emergency Management: Mr. Fry advised that the deadline for the loan application for interest-free purchase of radios has been extended to December 1. We may need a resolution to enter into that agreement. He will wait to hear from the county. Mr. Fry mentioned to the solicitor that DCED may need to be informed that we are entering into a loan agreement.


Other: Mayor Sloyer pointed out that one of the findings from the Planning Commission Main Street survey was that more signage was needed to identify public parking lots. Mr. Pierson made a motion to put up a sign on Main Street (identifying the Bank and Washington Street parking lot). Seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved.

Executive Session: Mr. Huff called an executive session at 8:17 p.m. to discuss litigation.

Regular meeting reconvened at 8:52 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn: Being no further business, Mr. Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Submitted by:



Sharon Kachmar, Secretary/Treasurer