

BOROUGH OF EAST GREENVILLE
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
October 5, 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: Tracey Hunsinger, Josiah Pierson, Ryan Pugh, Andrew Rock, Lee Steinert and James Young. Also present were 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 22, 2015, meeting. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Visitors: Jeromy Schulz-Arnold; Jeanne Cove, UP Library; DeAnn Mensch, Town & Country

Visitor's Comments: Jeanne Cove from the Upper Perkiomen Valley Library updated Council on library activities and minor improvements over the past year. She thanked the Borough for the funding they received this year and asked Council to consider similar funding for 2016. Her records indicate that 51% of East Greenville residents hold active cards.

Police Commission Report: Mr. Rock reported the allocation for the month is \$48,157.05. Business as usual during the monthly meeting. Short term disability insurance discussion was tabled until their next meeting. The carrier had notified them that they were dropping the policy as of October 1, but later agreed to honor the contract until November 1.

Mayor's Report: The action park equipment was delivered to the Colonial Village property by Rick's Towing, Gordon H. Baver Inc. and John Membrino. The park is currently closed until the equipment is set up and inspected. Mr. Fry questioned Scott Roth about the timeframe for setting up the equipment and was asked if the Borough could help. Mr. Fry informed him that he didn't think we could help with manpower at this time.

Solicitor Items: Atty. Tomlinson advised he was waiting to see if anything might develop with GoreCon.

Mr. Fry is refining the wording on the draft for an ordinance to prohibit trailer parking on all municipal-owned property and parking lots.

Water Committee: Mr. Fry sent out the water report. Joel Pilgert, water plant supervisor, started October 1, 2015. The water treatment plant is scheduled to start up some time next week.

Zoning/Planning: Ms. Hunsinger mentioned that the code officer's report was distributed.

Road Committee: Mr. Young reported that the road supervisor's report is on file.

The engineers ran into design complications with the Second Street reconstruction project. They do not expect to be able to bid it out until January or February 2016 with an early spring start. Montgomery County will be asked for an extension of the grant funds for this project.

Mr. Fry indicated a meeting is needed with PennDOT to discuss the traffic light at 4th and Main.

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

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

Personnel Committee: Ms. Hunsinger explained that the Borough’s Human Resource manual indicates there is a 90-day probationary period before pension benefits can begin for new, full-time employees which conflicts with the contract with our pension provider, Pennsylvania Municipal Retirement System, which states membership starts with date of employment. Ms. Hunsinger made a motion that we change our Human Resource manual to allow the pension benefits to start on the first day of employment. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Randy Reinhart, road supervisor, submitted his resignation effective October 16, 2015. Ms. Hunsinger made a motion to place an ad in the Town and Country for the road supervisor position. Seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved.

Property Committee: Mr. Pierson mentioned that the Borough was awarded a CDBG grant for handicap accessibility improvements at the clubhouse and borough hall.

Recycling/Waste Mgmt Committee: Mr. Pugh advised that the reports are on file.

The next drop off date for electronic recycling is scheduled for October 10, 2015.

Sewer Authority: Nothing.

Revitalization: Nothing.

Regional Planning: Concerning the greenway study, Mr. Pierson distributed a map of the area that Regional Planning wants to study for trails and green space in the region.

The East Greenville Planning Commission recently met and discussed the results of the Main Street survey.

Mr. Pierson indicated that East Greenville will be given the public parking sign through the wayfinding program that was made for mock up. It should be used to direct the public to the lot at Bank and Washington Streets. Mr. Fry said he would take a look at the sign to see if it’s manageable for the Borough employees to install. If Council wants to put it in the bump out on Main Street, a PennDOT permit is needed.

Emergency Management: Mr. Fry indicated that we are waiting on the application for the loan paperwork which has been delayed by the county until December 1st.

Borough Manager Updates: None.

Correspondence: Mr. Young made a motion to close Washington Street on October 8, 2015, from 6 to 10 p.m. for Fire Prevention Open House between 4th and 5th streets. Seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved.

Executive Session: Mr. Pierson called an executive session at 7:50 p.m. to discuss personnel.

Regular meeting reconvened at 8:23 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn: Being no further business, Mr. Rock made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Young and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Submitted by:



Sharon Kachmar, Secretary/Treasurer