

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

**November 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: Timothy Huff, Tracey Hunsinger, Josiah Pierson, Ryan Pugh, Andrew Rock, Leon Steinert and James Young. Also present were Mayor Ryan Sloyer, 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 November 2, 2015, meeting. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

**Visitors:** Jeromy Schulz-Arnold; Deann Mensch, Town & Country; Keith Gerhart; Marley Bice, MCPC; Eric Jarrell, MCPC; Dulcie Flaharty, MCPC; Joe Adam, UPPD; Jamie Lavin, UPPD; F. Robert Seville, UPPD (retired); Douglas Criddle; Diane Criddle

**Visitor's Comments:** Eric Jarrell of Montgomery County Planning Commission gave a presentation on their vision for maintaining and improving the quality of life in Montgomery County by promoting vital, green, connected, healthy communities. He also explained the county's new comprehensive plan entitled Montco 2014: A Shared Vision which focuses on three themes – connected communities, sustainable places and vibrant economy. Marley Bice, county planner, updated Council on the contract work that is ongoing with the East Greenville Borough Planning Commission.

**Police Commission Report:** Mayor Sloyer referred Council to the four different options for the police budget. He then questioned Officer Lavin, "In the last five years, when was the last time you attended a Borough meeting?" He replied, "I don't know." Mayor Sloyer then asked Sergeant Adam who replied, never. Mayor Sloyer then asked Bob Seville who replied, not sure. Mayor Sloyer said someone could view it as an intimidation tactic to get what you want. Mr. Huff replied that was how the Mayor might view it, but it's up to Council to decide how they view our officers. East Greenville Borough's 2016 allocation for a budget with no hiring would be \$590,108, part-time hiring would be \$606,451, contractual line item increases only for officers and chief would be \$580,801 and full-time hire would be \$611,056. Pennsburg Borough approved the budget with a full-time officer. East Greenville Council discussed in length the various options but was not ready to make a decision. Budget decision was tabled until the December 7, 2015, Borough Council meeting. In other police commission news, Mayor Sloyer reported that the officers made a presentation about their Shop with a Cop program, a motion was made to spend \$1,100 for snow tires, and comp time payoff in the amount of roughly \$2,500 will be approved at their next meeting.

**Mayor's Report:** Nothing.

**Solicitor Items:** Atty. Forsell reported that 618 Third Street owned by the Perkiomen School was re-assessed as tax exempt.

Ordinance 2015-02 that approves borrowing from the county with regards to police radio equipment was advertised and is ready for adoption. Mr. Rock made a motion to approve Ordinance 2015-02, seconded by Mr. Pugh. 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.

Ms. Hunsinger read a letter from a resident on Blaker Drive expressing concern about a neighbor processing deer from a tree in his front lawn and shooting a compound bow out of his window to a target propped against a chain link fence. Mr. Fry had a copy of Pennsburg Borough's ordinance concerning firearms and weapons which he gave to Atty. Forsell for review. She will have a recommendation at the next meeting. Council took no action on the hanging and cleaning of deer.

**Water Committee:** Mr. Fry asked to purchase a well priming solenoid valve in the amount of \$268. This unbudgeted item is needed as a spare. Mr. Rock made a motion to buy the well solenoid valve replacement in a sum not to exceed \$300, seconded by Mr. Pugh. 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:** Ms. Hunsinger reported that the flood plain ordinance is still at the county for review. We are on target for it to be in place as required by March 2016.

**Road Committee:** Mr. Young reported that the escrow release was requested for the well monitoring project at 404 Main St. The wells have been abandoned and filled with concrete, but the blacktop work was not done. Mr. Young suggests we not release the escrow until the job is completely finished. He recommends a letter be sent that the escrow will be released upon completion of the job in the spring. Council did not disagree.

**Finance Committee:** Mr. Rock advised that we received an audit agreement from Styer Associates. The agreement is slightly less than the \$8,000 we have budgeted for 2016. Mr. Rock made a motion to approve the audit agreement from Styer Associates. Seconded by Mr. Young and unanimously approved.

Since the police allocation is undecided, Mr. Rock tabled the 2016 budget discussions until the December 7, 2015, meeting.

**Personnel Committee:** Mr. Hunsinger advised that interviews were done and a recommendation will be made to Council soon for filling the position of Road Supervisor.

Mr. Rock recommended Jim Fry be awarded incentive pay for the extra duties he took on during the search for the water plant supervisor. Mr. Rock made a motion to give Jim an incentive pay bonus for his extra work he was doing during our time of need in the amount of \$200.00, seconded by Mr. Steinert. 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.

**Property Committee:** Nothing.

**Recycling/Waste Mgmt Committee:** The last date for electronic recycling is December 12, 2015. Mr. Schulz-Arnold had a suggestion that we open it up between Christmas and New Year's Day if there is still room and they haven't removed the container by that time. Mr. Fry will follow up to get the expected date of removal.

The second leaf collection date is December 5, 2015.

The transmission on the recycling truck was replaced but is working worse than the old transmission. They are working on getting it corrected.

**Sewer Authority:** Nothing.

**Revitalization:** Nothing.

**Regional Planning:** Mr. Pierson advised that Regional Planning met last night and Growing Greener grant information was discussed.

**Emergency Management:** Nothing.

**Other:** Mr. Fry advised that the regional Building Code Board of Appeals membership needs to be updated. ISO wants credentials of the members. Both Upper Hanover Township and Red Hill Borough have their own separate boards. Mr. Fry will inquire to find out if they want to share board members, but qualified board members should be sought from inside the Borough first.

Doug Criddle, 274 Washington Street, advised Mayor Sloyer that he does not agree that police officers are in attendance to sway the police issue with the budget. He suggested taking money from roads or wayfinding to put on a full-time officer again.

Keith Gerhart, 143 Cherry Street, questioned Mayor Sloyer about his remark concerning the possibility of re-opening the budget in January.

**Executive Session:** Mr. Huff called an executive session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss personnel and litigation.

Regular meeting reconvened at 9:12 p.m.

Mr. Pierson made a motion to pay the insurance company the \$2,000 deductible in regards to the Gorecon fiasco, 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. Mr. Pierson made a motion to write off the \$7,231.10 of the invoices to Gorecon, 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.

Mr. Pierson made a motion to offer Corey Gressley the job (as Road Supervisor) at the amount of \$18.00 per hour contingent upon his completion of CDL license within the time frame of six months. Seconded by Mr. Young and unanimously approved.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Being no further business, Mr. Pierson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Submitted by:



Sharon Kachmar, Secretary/Treasurer