

BOROUGH OF EAST GREENVILLE
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
March 7, 2016

Call to Order: Council President Mr. Young called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Attendance: The following Council members were present: Timothy Huff, Tracey Hunsinger, Robert McCluskie, Ryan Pugh, Leon Steinert, Marita Thomson and James Young. Also present were Mayor Ryan Sloyer, Michelle Forsell, Solicitor, James Fry, Borough Manager, and Sharon Kachmar, Borough Secretary/Treasurer.

Public Hearing: Proposed Ordinance No. 2016-01 to adopt floodplain management regulations was presented for passage. There were no questions or comments from the public. Mr. Pugh made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2016-01, seconded by Ms. Thomson. Roll call vote: Mr. McCluskie – aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Ms. Thomson – aye, Mr. Huff – aye, Mr. Young – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Ms. Thomson to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2016, meeting. Seconded by Mr. Steinert and approved by all except Mr. Huff who abstained.

Visitors: Jeromy Schulz-Arnold; Diane & Douglas Criddle; Bradley Schlegel of Town & Country

Visitor Comments: None.

Police Commission Report: The monthly allocation is \$50,921.40.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Sloyer reported that he hopes to open the action park by the middle of April. Atty. Forsell spoke with Mr. Fry about adding supplementary signs. The current sign states no smoking or alcohol use. It was suggested to also add no drugs. Council discussed what the age should be that requires parental/adult supervision. If there is an age limit on the sign, the police can enforce what is posted. They decided that only kids 10 and older can use the action park unsupervised. Ms. Hunsinger made a motion to put on sign that skate park is for kids 10 and older. Seconded by Mr. McCluskie and unanimously approved. Current sign does not mention being respectful with loud music; however, this is covered by the noise ordinance. Council discussed limiting one person per ramp at any given time and closing the park when surfaces are wet or snow is on the ground. Ms. Hunsinger made a motion to approve the action park additional rules. Seconded by Mr. Steinert and unanimously approved.

Mayor Sloyer, Ms. Thomson and Mr. Young met at The Globe to consider it as a venue for hosting the Montgomery County Borough Association dinner in May. The two rooms together hold 120 to 125 people. The guest speaker would stand between the both rooms. There is a nominal fee. Mayor Sloyer would also like to ask the Borough solicitor and engineer about sponsoring the event. Ms. Thomson made a motion to have the Borough Association dinner at The Globe. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Solicitor Items: Atty. Forsell presented Resolution 2016-05 to adopt the emergency operations plan which is required to be kept current every two years. Mr. Pugh made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-05, seconded by Ms. Thomson. Roll call vote: Mr. McCluskie – aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Ms. Thomson – aye, Mr. Huff – aye, Mr. Young – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion carried.

The Borough code needs to be updated with the proper speed limit of 30 mph on Main Street in accordance with the updated PennDOT permit. Atty. Forsell has a draft and needs Council approval to work on finalizing and

advertising this ordinance. Mr. Pugh made a motion to finalize and advertise the proposed ordinance update, seconded by Mr. Huff. Roll call vote: Mr. McCluskie – aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Ms. Thomson – aye, Mr. Huff – aye, Mr. Young – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion carried.

Water Committee: Mr. Fry advised that the well rehab started today. The well pump motor is being serviced for maintenance and upgrades. The interconnection with Upper Hanover will be open when the plant cannot be run.

Report from DEP about the filter plant performance evaluation indicated the plant is well run with a few suggestions. Mr. Fry said they will look into adding a chlorine analyzer on the mixed water.

Mr. Steinert mentioned he received an offer to purchase insurance on his water service line. Mr. Fry clarified that it is not offered by the Borough, and the decision is for the homeowners to make.

Zoning/Planning/Codes: Mr. Huff advised the code officer's report was emailed for review. There is a zoning hearing for an additional apartment at 200 Jefferson Street scheduled for Wednesday, March 16, 2016.

Road Committee: Mr. Fry advised that the road supervisor's report was emailed out. Council needs to approve the bid for the Second Street Reconstruction grant. The engineer, county and solicitor have reviewed the paperwork. Floyd G. Hersh of Green Lane was the low bidder at \$129,385.45. Cowan Associates is recommending that we approve their bid. Mayor Sloyer inquired whether sidewalks will be included. Mr. Fry informed him that at the very least there will be a connected sidewalk from Main to Washington Street on one side. During construction Second Street will be closed except for residents to get to their driveways. Mr. Pugh made a motion to award the Second Street grant to Floyd G. Hersh at an amount of \$129,385.45, seconded by Mr. Steinert. Roll call vote: Mr. McCluskie – aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Ms. Thomson – aye, Mr. Huff – aye, Mr. Young – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion carried. The CDBG grant award is for \$190,000, so there are funds available for change orders.

Mr. Steinert advised that he witnessed another close call with vehicles going the wrong way on the one-way portion of Bank Street between Washington Street and Main Street. He suggested placing solar operated revolving red lights where the one-way section starts. Mayor Sloyer mentioned this is also a problem with the one-way section on Third Street. It was confirmed that there is appropriate signage. Mr. Fry will look into blinking lights and stenciling the street.

Traffic signal repair at Sixth and Main Street was approved by insurance and the work is scheduled.

Finance Committee: Ms. Thomson made a motion to pay the bills for March 2016, seconded by Mr. McCluskie. Roll call vote: Mr. McCluskie – aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Ms. Thomson – aye, Mr. Huff – aye, Mr. Young – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion carried.

Ms. Thomson made a motion that the Treasurer's Report be approved as submitted. Seconded by Mr. McCluskie and unanimously approved.

Personnel Committee: Nothing.

Property Committee: Mr. Fry advised that the handicap accessible improvement project is waiting for approval to spend money from the county. Once approval is received, we can have the engineer do the design.

Mr. Fry was asked by Luann Stauffer of the UPV Chamber if the Borough could install the wayfinding sign for the Bank and Washington Street lot near the intersection of Hickory Alley and Bank Street to fulfill the grant requirement of having one sign installed. Since it would be on Borough property, a PennDOT permit would not be required. Mr. Fry said the Borough would need to purchase concrete. If Borough employees were not able to set the sign using the backhoe, Ms. Stauffer had mentioned to him that she would ask one of the sign companies to lend some help. Mr. Huff made a motion to install the wayfinding sign at the corner of Bank Street and Hickory Alley not to exceed \$300, seconded by Ms. Thomson. Roll call vote: Mr. McCluskie – aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Ms. Thomson – aye, Mr. Huff – aye, Mr. Young – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion carried.

Recycling/Waste Management Report: Mr. Pugh advised that reports are on file. The solid waste trash contract meeting is scheduled for March 15, 2016, in Pennsburg at 6 p.m.

Sewer Authority: Mr. Pugh advised there will be a 13% increase in rates due to debt service per the USDA loan requirement. Mayor Sloyer inquired when they expect increases to level off. Mr. Pugh said after three years.

Revitalization: Nothing to report.

Regional Planning: Mr. McCluskie said that wayfinding was on agenda. There is no time frame for the actual project to happen until they hear about the multimodal grant award.

Emergency Management: Nothing to report.

Borough Manager Updates: Mr. Fry attended the mandatory CDBG grant training for 2016 applications. The grant deadline is April 15, 2016. Council needs to identify a reconstruction or rehabilitation project and have a resolution approved. The entire Borough meets low to moderate income requirements. The engineer has earmarked the 200 block of Cherry Street for reconstruction and storm water work. Morris Road is another candidate. The problem with Morris Road is how wide the street is and that there may not be enough time to get the logistics done before the grant deadline. Since the base seems to be fine, Mr. Fry advises milling an edge and doing an overlay on the travel lane of Morris Road. Council was in favor with moving forward with a resolution to apply for reconstruction of the 200 block of Cherry Street.

Mr. Fry filed cost information for the January snow storm. He has not heard if federal aid will be available.

Mayor Sloyer asked if anything can be done with vehicles parked on the street with flat tires. It appears these vehicles are used for storage rather than driven. Mr. Fry has reported them to the police, but under the state motor vehicle code, there is nothing they can do. Atty. Forsell was asked to research what can be done. She said they need to be careful not to overstep the state on the motor vehicle code.

There is a truck on the clubhouse property that is not licensed. Ms. Hunsinger asked about campers being stored in the fire lane at the clubhouse. Signs will be ordered with the action park sign later this week. Once signs are installed the police can enforce the no parking rules.

Correspondence: Emily and Kevin Costigan, owners of 431 Main Street, intend to sell their home this spring, and asked Borough Council if they would be interested in purchasing their property because it is located next to Borough property. Council took no action on their proposal.

Executive Session: Mr. Young called an executive session at 8:15 p.m. to discuss possible litigation.


Regular meeting reconvened at 8:42 p.m.

Other Business: Ms. Thomson inquired about the complaint concerning buses turning down Fifth Street from Main Street. Mr. Fry will send a letter to the bus company with a copy to the superintendent and principal and ask them to use Sixth or Fourth Street rather than Fifth due to congestion and safety.

There is a source water protection meeting at the Upper Hanover Water Authority scheduled for Thursday, March 17, 2016.

Motion to Adjourn: Being no further business, Mr. Huff made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Steinert. Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Submitted by:



Sharon Kachmar, Borough Secretary