

**BOROUGH OF EAST GREENVILLE**  
**BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 26, 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, Marita Thomson and James Young. Also present were Mayor Ryan Sloyer, Atty. Michelle Forsell, Solicitor, James Fry, Borough Manager, and Sharon Kachmar, Borough Secretary/Treasurer.

**Approval of Minutes:** A motion was made by Ms. Thomson to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2016, meeting. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

**Visitors:** Corey Gressley; Mike McLean; Susan Greer; Bradley Schlegel, Town & Country; Jeanne Cove, UPV Library

**Visitor Comments:** Jeanne Cove from the Upper Perkiomen Valley Library advised Council of upcoming library activities and their fundraising efforts. She expressed her appreciation for the Borough's donation which helps them to be able to keep the library open.

Mike McLean, 207 Main Street, repaired the trip hazard on his sidewalk by fixing the drain cover. Mr. Fry will inspect the repair and close out the violation.

**Police Commission Report:** Mayor Sloyer advised that the April 25, 2016, meeting was lengthy and interesting. He distributed to Council the unofficial notes from the tape recording that evening. Police Commission voted to terminate their solicitor Phil Gazan which was voted down along municipal lines. Mayor Sloyer advised that apparently talks about establishing a regional police force were going on without the full knowledge of East Greenville's Borough Council although Timothy Huff and Andrew Rock were involved with those discussions last year. Legal fees in the amount of \$112.50 were removed from the check list. Atty. Gazan plans to give his justification for that charge at the next meeting. A \$100.00 check was presented to the police department for their support for Miles for Myles. Mayor Sloyer advised Council will need an executive session tonight to discuss possible litigation. (See further discussion about Police Commission below.)

**Mayor's Report:**

The opening day for the Action Park was Saturday, April 23, 2016. Mr. Fry obtained pricing of \$5,457.02 for a 6 ft. chain link fence with galvanized wire. Mayor Sloyer advised that a trash barrel was placed near the Action Park and the loose trash was picked up. There were some minor issues with juveniles there after dark and smoking. The police will enforce by citing. No Smoking signs need to be posted by the tree line at the park. Metal ramps are scheduled to be moved further away from the houses because they are loud. Mario's Pizza provided refreshments for opening day at a 50% discount.

**Solicitor Items:** Atty. Forsell advised that the current franchise agreement with Comcast expires in 2019. She would like to schedule a public meeting to talk about community needs at the beginning of the June 6, 2016, Borough Council meeting and will prepare the advertisement.

**Water Committee:** Concerning source water protection, Jim Fry advised that the Borough is sharing in the cost of source water protection area signs. He will get an amount for the next meeting.

**Zoning/Planning/Codes:** Nothing.

**Road Committee:** The Second Street Reconstruction project is under way. Mayor Sloyer asked why the project will not include sidewalks on the north side of Second Street between Main and Washington Streets. Mr. Fry advised that there was a conflict with a sidewalk light pole and the electrical conduit for that pole at the corner of Second Street and Main Street, there was not enough space between the fence on the property at 200 Main Street and the roadway to excavate for a sidewalk, there was a utility pole in the way in the alley and at the intersection of Second Street and Washington Street we would need to work outside the right-of-way to build a handicap ramp and build a retaining wall or re-grade and landscape the lot due to the slope of the land on that property. Also, when they redesigned the storm water drain at the alley, the only place to put an inlet grate was right at the curb depression which would not have been ideal if the public also needed walking access there. It was becoming too complicated to redesign the project to make all that work, and our engineer advised that the county wanted us to move forward with the project. There will be all new curbing and sidewalk on the south side of Second Street between Main and Washington Streets.

Both traffic lights were evaluated by an engineer working for PennDOT. Mr. Fry said he will know more after we get the evaluation, but the plan is to use that report to get any available grant money, with the help of PennDOT, for an upgrade to the light at 4<sup>th</sup> and Main Street.

Road repair quotes to three alleys were received from Yarnall Paving, Inc. The 400 block of Green Alley repairs would cost \$9,600.00, the 500 block of School Alley would cost \$10,485.00 and the 200 block of Long Alley would cost \$9,600.00. Council was asked to review and advise. Mayor Sloyer inquired if it's cheaper to do them all at once. The quotes did not specify. Base repairs are expected to be done by Borough employees. Mr. Fry will talk to Atty. Forsell about bidding requirements.

Mr. Fry advised that he is getting information from Todd Nagle, Cowan Associates, about quoting milling and overlay work on the section of Morris Road between Colonial Drive and Blaker Drive.

Corey Gressley, Road Supervisor, is working on getting seal coat prices for Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Streets. Mayor Sloyer recommends quoting Second Street as well. This seal coat would be the same sealant used on Third Street last year.

**Finance Committee:** Nothing.

**Personnel Committee:** Kistler Tiffany Benefits provided rates for the June 2016 renewal of the employee health insurance plan. Total amount budgeted is \$87,300. Remaining with a similar plan would cost around \$78,000 with a lower plan being offered for about \$70,000. Coming in under budget is partly due to changes in staffing. Co-pays with the current plan will increase at renewal to \$20 in-network, \$40 out-of-network, and \$150 emergency room visit. A motion was made by Ms. Hunsinger to choose the Keystone HMO Platinum Preferred health insurance plan, 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. Motion carried.

**Property Committee:** Mr. Huff advised that spaces were marked at the clubhouse and just need to be numbered. Signage for no trailer parking was put up at the clubhouse property. The dead tree in front of The Grand is scheduled to be removed and replaced.

Mayor Sloyer asked when letters will go out to all the trailers and vehicles parking illegally on the clubhouse property. Mr. Fry will check with the Chief's schedule. Council had no objection to warning letters being sent before fines were issued.

**Waste Management Committee:** Mr. Pugh advised that at the last joint trash meeting one of the things discussed when quoting for the next trash contract was whether to continue a bag system or offer wheeled plastic tote containers for trash and recyclables. The advantage to the tote is it may help with skunks and wildlife getting into the trash. The downside could be the cost. The bag system allows residents who put out just one bag per week to pay less per year than residents who put out the maximum of four bags. Council was interested in seeing what the cost would be for the tote system. Another discussion was the length of the contract. Some didn't want to commit for five years. September 2016 is the month selected to receive the bids.

**Sewer Authority:** Nothing.

**Revitalization:** Nothing.

**Regional Planning:** Mr. McCluskie advised there was no quorum at last month's meeting. A guest speaker to discuss the stewardship assessment for the county is scheduled for the meeting tomorrow.

**Emergency Management:** Mr. Fry advised that the Borough may be getting reimbursed by FEMA for a percentage of the cost incurred during Winter Storm Jonas. Ms. Thomson made a motion to approve the Designation of Agent Resolution regarding Winter Storm Jonas naming Jim Fry as our agent. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

**Borough Manager Updates:** None.

**Correspondence:** Mario Landaverry of 721 Valley Road requested relief from paying the entire permit fee for a roof permit when he only fixed half of the roof. Council took no action on the request.

The American Legion Post #184 is planning a Memorial Day parade on May 30, 2016. They verbally requested Council approve street closings from where the parade forms at the East Greenville Fire Company, down Main Street into Pennsburg. It was also requested that the Borough sponsor the parade under their insurance. Although Council would still like to see a formal letter, Mr. Pugh made a motion to approve the road closure and insurance for the Memorial Day parade. Seconded by Mr. Huff and unanimously approved.

Mr. Young read a letter of resignation from Councilman Timothy Huff effective May 30, 2016, due to his moving out of the Borough this summer. Mr. Pugh made a motion to accept Tim Huff's resignation with regrets. Seconded by Ms. Thomson and unanimously approved.

**Police Commission Report (continued from above):**

Mr. Huff was asked to advise Council about what took place at the regional police force meeting last year. Mr. Huff advised that Vicki Lightcap set it up to see if anyone was interested in exploring regionalizing the police department. Mayor Sloyer inquired if he was there as a Borough representative. Mr. Huff said he wasn't representing anybody and didn't recall the exact meeting date.

**Executive Session:** Mr. Young called an executive session at 8:16 p.m. to discuss possible litigation.

Regular meeting reconvened at 9:18 p.m.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Being no further business, Mr. Thomson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Pugh. Motion unanimously approved and meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Sharon Kachmar, Borough Secretary