

**BOROUGH OF EAST GREENVILLE**  
***BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES***  
**May 24, 2016**

**Call to Order:** Council Vice President Ms. Hunsinger 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: Tracey Hunsinger, Robert McCluskie, Ryan Pugh, Leon Steinert and Marita Thomson. Also present were Mayor Ryan Sloyer, Atty. Barry Tomlinson, 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 May 2, 2016, meeting. Seconded by Mr. McCluskie and unanimously approved.

**Visitors:** Bradley Schlegel, Town & Country; Ed & Kathy Hummel; James Kemp; Joseph Arahill; Tanya Jones; Dan Moriarty; and one other visitor

**Visitor Comments:** Ed Hummel advised that he will be available to paint the speed bumps in Colonial Village after June 17<sup>th</sup>. He was asked to contact the office when he's ready.

James Kemp addressed Council to discuss additional signage to help with alleviating truck traffic on State Street. He suggested a 'no left turn' sign at Fourth and State and wants to see a sign at the top and bottom of Sixth Street to deter trucks. Council discussed looking at additional signs and reviewing the ordinance for enforcement. Mr. Kemp also asked about pot holes and was told pot hole patching is ongoing.

Tanya Jones, 325 Blaker Drive, told Council she received a ticket from the Upper Perk Police Department at 7:30 a.m. one day last week for having her camper parked on the street because she wasn't actively loading or unloading. Her ticket was waived, but she wanted clarification on interpreting the ordinance for trailer parking. Trailer parking permits are available for overnight trailer parking, but they expire at 6 a.m. Council discussed that the intent was not to require someone to be there physically with the trailer during the daytime hours, but rather to allow it on the street so it can be loaded/unloaded during the day. Atty. Tomlinson was asked to review the wording of the ordinance to be sure it is clear. In the meantime, Mayor Sloyer will give direction to the police department.

While the topic was on parking, Mr. Hummel asked about abandoned cars on Borough streets. Mayor Sloyer replied that according to state law if the vehicle is legally licensed, registered, has a readable VIN number and is not in a state of disrepair, there is nothing we can do.

Dan Moriarty expressed his concern about the concept of using trash containers instead of the current bag system. He said it may be difficult for the elderly to maneuver the can. Also, once the trash is collected, the cans may sit out for the rest of the day. Ms. Hunsinger thanked him for his input. Mr. Moriarty also was concerned that the seals around the handicap ramps on Fourth Street have sunk into the ground and water could get in there during the winter and cause damage to his sidewalk which he would then be responsible to repair. Mayor Sloyer asked if Mr. Fry can have the road supervisor look at the curb cuts.

**Police Commission Report:** Mayor Sloyer advised that the majority of last night's meeting was spent discussing how to approve the official minutes. In addition, the impound garage and SOPs were discussed, officers were recognized for police officer's week, and a solicitor charge for \$37 was disputed. Pennsburg officials also stated they felt the solicitor did not look out for their interests. The solicitor stated he has no ties to either borough.

**Mayor's Report:** The Eagle Scout project at the Bank and Washington Street parking lot is finished. Receipts were turned in, but we are waiting for a spreadsheet of donations.

No Smoking signs and rules were posted at the Action Park so there should be no enforcement problems. Two pieces of metal are slated to be moved due to noise. Mr. Fry said there was a recent incident involving a motorcycle, and a citation was issued. Mayor Sloyer suggested that at budget time we look for another camera system.

Community Day is September 10, 2016, with a rain date of September 11th. The donation request letter will be mailed soon.

**Solicitor Items:** Atty. Tomlinson advised that the public hearing to discuss the Comcast franchise agreement has been advertised and is scheduled for June 6, 2016.

Atty. Tomlinson presented Resolution 2016-07 with regards to LifeQuest. They are doing a financing project with Quakertown General Authority and need municipal approval of a resolution. Ms. Thomson made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-07 regarding LifeQuest's undertaking with Quakertown General Authority for refinancing. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

**Water Committee:** Mr. Steinert reported that there is a problem with water flow at the impoundment dam due to erosion. There is a mass of erosion sedimentation in the middle of the Y where the stream branches off that is flowing into the impoundment dam on one side and going around the island on the other. If nothing is done, intake for the water treatment plant will be above the water level. We may need to obtain guidance and look for grant money to make repairs.

Quotes are being sought for replacing the well pump control valve and piping.

Mr. Fry advised that the SCADA upgrade was delayed because the cost came over the bid threshold. He is waiting for updated pricing reflecting the removal of a printer.

No beaver damage has been noticed at this time.

**Zoning/Planning/Codes:** In connection with a mailed notice from Upper Hanover Township, Mr. McCluskie reported that a zoning hearing at the old Pillsbury building is to separate the two buildings so one could possibly be sold, and this does not affect the Borough's Nature Meadow on Sixth Street.

**Road Committee:** Mr. Steinert advised that the Second Street Reconstruction project is nearly finished. There is a pay request to review and approve and some remaining punch list items. The total project cost increased from about \$129,000 to \$132,000. This is due to needing to re-excavate some stone because of a soft spot in the alley and some higher concrete quantities. Ms. Thomson made a motion to approve request #2 for Second Street in the amount of \$77,622.31 conditionally based on final approval by Cowan Associates and MontCo, seconded by Mr. Pugh. Roll call vote: Mr. McCluskie – aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Ms. Thomson – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion carried.

Council reviewed different quote options from AMS for repairs to Third and Fourth Streets with Fifth Street as an add-on. When asked which street was a priority, Mr. Fry replied that it is most critical to get Third Street sealed,

and if necessary, Fourth Street could be put off until next year. Option 2 - double bituminous seal coat with fog seal was the application previously used on Third Street from State Street to the township line. Ms. Thomson made a motion to approve Option 2 on the proposal from AMS to do Third Street and request a formal quote from AMS to add on Fifth Street, seconded by Mr. Steinert. Roll call vote: Mr. McCluskie – aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Ms. Thomson – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion carried.

Weed spraying is to start soon and pothole repairs are ongoing.

**Finance Committee:** Ms. Thomson gathered final input on a survey to be included with the next water billing. It will let Borough residents know about expenses and ask for input on spending tax dollars. Names and addresses of the responders will be kept confidential. Some tough decisions will need to be made with regards to the budget and whether to increase taxes or cut services. Ms. Thomson made a motion to approve the East Greenville Borough survey and for it to be included in the water billing to go out in June. Seconded by Mr. Steinert and unanimously approved.

**Personnel Committee:** Nothing.

**Property Committee:** Mr. Fry advised that Charlie Tomko from Cowan Associates is finalizing the designs for the handicap accessible improvements.

Concerning the installation of the wayfinding sign at the Bank Street parking lot, Reed Sign advised that it needed to be installed exactly per designed drawings, which Mr. Fry just received today. The drawings include rebar in the footing and additional concrete. That, along with needing help getting the sign installed, will increase the cost to more than the \$300.00 approved for the installation. The Chamber office wanted a sign installed so they could include a photo of an installed sign with the grant application. Council discussed raising the allowance for installation. Corey Gressley will be asked to contact the engineer who designed the sign to get some guidance. Ms. Thomson made a motion to increase the amount of the allowance amount for installation of the wayfinding sign from \$300.00 to \$1,000.00, seconded by Mr. Pugh. Roll call vote: Mr. McCluskie – aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Ms. Thomson – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Fry advised that adding a border to consolidate the mulch area at the Tot Lot will be done closer to mid-summer. He reported that he looked at the equipment, and nothing was unsafe.

Mayer Sloyer reported that the Nature Meadow is getting cleaned up by Girl Scout troop who made the improvements last year. Their plan is to make this their yearly project.

**Waste Management Committee:** Mr. Pugh advised that next month's meeting was cancelled. Previously they discussed having a five-year contract with an opt out for the last two years. There was also a suggestion that the boroughs consider writing a letter to their state representative regarding recycling issues with computer monitors and televisions. Atty. Garner is working on the bid documents, and they anticipate presenting it to the councils in July with a September bid opening.

**Sewer Authority:** Nothing.

**Revitalization:** Nothing.

**Regional Planning:** Mr. McCluskie advised that a County Planner will be touring East Greenville for the multi regional greenway and stewardship study. Mr. Fry was already aware of the walk and had it scheduled on his calendar for June 13, 2016.

**Emergency Management:** There is no update on the submission of the application for reimbursement for Winter Storm Jonas.

Mr. Fry asked if the police had received their radio upgrades. Police radios have priority because their radio systems have more issues than fire or EMS. If the police have not received their new radios yet and are having issues, the county can be contacted to bump up the priority.

**Borough Manager Updates:** None.

**Correspondence:** A phone message was received from Ed Buchinski thanking the Borough for maintaining the streetscaping by replacing the dead tree in front of the Grand Theater.

A visitor advised Council that he is starting up a garden club in the valley with the first meeting scheduled for July 3, 2016, at 2:00 p.m. at the library. The goal is city beautification projects and representation at flower shows. Mr. Fry advised that several period street lights on Main Street contain brackets for hanging planters and suggested that as a project for the garden club.

**Executive Session:** Ms. Hunsinger called an executive session at 8:50 p.m. to discuss possible litigation.

Regular meeting reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

Mr. McCluskie made a motion requesting that the solicitor attend the police commission meetings to protect the Borough's interests, seconded by Mr. Pugh. Motion was unanimously approved.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Being no further business, Mr. McCluskie made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Pugh. Motion unanimously approved and meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Submitted by:




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Sharon Kachmar, Borough Secretary