

**BOROUGH OF EAST GREENVILLE**  
***BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES***  
**August 23, 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: Joseph Arahill, Tracey Hunsinger, Robert McCluskie, Ryan Pugh, Leon Steinert, 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 August 1, 2016, meeting. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

An executive session called by Mr. Young was held earlier this evening at 6:30 p.m. to discuss possible litigation.

**Visitors:** Dorothy Garton; Roberta Simmons; Mark Sinex; Luanne Stauffer; Mike Guido; Jeromy Schulz-Arnold; Bradley Schlegel, Town & Country; plus seven other visitors.

**Visitor Comments:** Dorothy Garton, 504 Third Street, expressed her concern about large trucks traveling on Third Street between State Street and Church Street. Mayor Sloyer explained that Council has addressed this issue by recently updating an ordinance and is in the process of purchasing signs. Approval was obtained from Upper Hanover Township to put signage out by Church Street. Signs will also be placed at Sixth and State Streets, the East Greenville/ Pennsburg line and at Third Street. Mr. Fry added that this will not eliminate every truck, because it allows for local deliveries.

Mark Sinex, 343 Jefferson Street, submitted a letter to Council about a high water bill in the second quarter for about 38,000 gallons. He believes the meter was faulty because he typically uses between 12,000 and 16,000 gallons per quarter, and his stepfather who is a plumber confirmed he doesn't have any leaks. Because his meter was an iPerl, the office was able to download 30 days worth of water usage data in March. The report showed a couple of days with zero usage. Mr. Sinex said they were using water on those days. Testing of his meter by Sensus reported the meter was under reporting, and a loose connection due to a part of the meter not seated properly would have given sporadic data reads. Joel Pilgert reported in a memo to Council that the data suggested a small leak, perhaps starting at the end of last year and stopping in March, caused the usage. He wanted to download data off the current meter but had been unable to obtain an appointment. Mr. Young asked for more time to review the information and indicated they would give a decision at the next meeting. Mr. Sinex was asked to schedule an appointment with the office to download readings from his current meter for comparison.

Luanne Stauffer, Upper Perk Chamber of Commerce, thanked Council for working with them on the wayfinding sign program. The official contract for funding and approval has been received, and she thanked Council for the financial support. She also expressed thanks that Mr. Fry has agreed to go with them to the meeting with PennDOT to discuss any concerns they might have before it is submitted for final approval. This sign project is expensive because it is highly regulated and needs to withstand the elements. Ms. Stauffer asked for support of Perk Up in 2017. She indicated they will not be asking for more money for the signs. The parking lot sign prototype is still required to be installed as part of the process for a smaller grant which was received. Mr. Fry indicated the two quotes were for \$1,830 and \$1,950. The Borough previously agreed to cover \$1,000 of that installation. Ms. Stauffer advised that the Chamber will cover the balance through funds designated for the sign

program and any further reduction in the installation cost would be shared by both the Borough and the Chamber.

**Police Commission Report:** Mayor Sloyer reported that no representatives from Pennsburg Borough attended the Police Commission meeting this month. No bills will be paid except for the chief's contractual items, the officers' contractual items, Joanne's payroll and benefits. Once proof is received from the Police Department that those items are all that will be paid, the rest of the allocation will go into a savings account. Ms. Thomson made a motion that we withhold our allocation payment to allow payment only of the bills for the Police Department that are related to contractual items. Ms. Thomson then amended the motion to include payment for only bills related to the contractual items for the Police Department, the chief and for Joanne's payroll, seconded by Mr. Pugh. Roll call vote: Mr. McCluskie – aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Ms. Thomson – aye, Mr. Arahill – aye, Mr. Young – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion carried. Mr. Fry advised that an escrow account will be opened for these funds at the advice of Atty. Forsell.

**Mayor's Report:** School buses are using Fifth Street coming in and out of the middle school. This creates an issue for kids crossing the street there and ties up traffic because the buses cannot make the turn easily at Fifth Street. He asked Council whether or not they wanted to move forward with making it illegal for buses to use Fifth Street. Mr. Fry suggested prohibiting vehicles over a certain length using that block of Fifth Street, which would require an ordinance. Mayor Sloyer's discussion with the school district revealed they have no desire to make any changes because parent drop off and pick up creates a problem for them on Jefferson Street. Topic was tabled until September 6, 2016.

**Solicitor Items:** Atty. Forsell advised that a Right-to-Know request was received from the Upper Perk Police Officer's Association by President James Lavin requesting a copy of every survey that was sent to the residents with the water bills that have been submitted. It is currently undergoing legal review to comply with the Right-To-Know law. Mayor Sloyer added that this borough will do everything they can to protect the confidentiality of remarks made on those surveys within the Right-To-Know law.

**Personnel:** Ms. Hunsinger advised that three applicants were interviewed for the crossing guard position, and a decision is anticipated by the next meeting.

**Executive Session:** Mr. Young suspended everything else on the agenda and called an executive session at 8:03 p.m. for possible litigation and property acquisition.

Regular meeting reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

**Property Committee:** Ms. Hunsinger made a motion to purchase Arlington Street lots 38 through 43 for a cost of \$55,000.00 plus closing costs, seconded by Mr. Pugh. Roll call vote: Mr. McCluskie – aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Ms. Thomson – aye, Mr. Arahill – aye, Mr. Young – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion carried. Ms. Hunsinger made a motion to accept the open space grant for the Arlington Street lots 38 through 43. Seconded by Mr. Steinert and unanimously approved.

**Waste Management Committee:** Mr. Fry asked Council to review the trash contract bid documents to make sure it contains all they want and make a motion to advertise at the September 6 meeting. He also suggested a pre-bid meeting to answer questions about the contract and specifications.

**Correspondence:** A thank you was received from Brendan Davis for providing the funding for his Eagle Scout project.

A letter complaining about school taxes was received. Since the Borough does not control school taxes, they will be directed to address their concerns to the school district.

**Other:** Ms. Thomson was asked by Upper Hanover Township if literature about their 275<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration could be displayed at the Borough office.

**Water Committee:** Mr. Fry asked Council to consider approval for paint repair on the water tank. Ms. Thomson made a motion to approve the contract price of \$14,940.00 from Corrosion Control Corporation for the job of inspecting and repair of the exterior paint coatings on our water storage tank, seconded by Mr. Pugh. Roll call vote: Mr. McCluskie – aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Ms. Thomson – aye, Mr. Arahill – aye, Mr. Young – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion carried. Mr. Young clarified with Mr. Fry that the exterior would be painted where it is chipped or damaged.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Being no further business, Mr. Pugh made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Hunsinger. Motion unanimously approved and meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

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Sharon Kachmar, Borough Secretary