

**BOROUGH OF EAST GREENVILLE**  
***BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES***  
**October 25, 2016 (Reconvened 11/7/16)**

**Call to Order:** Council Acting 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: Joseph Arahill, Tracey Hunsinger, Robert McCluskie, Jennifer Moran, Ryan Pugh and Marita Thomson. Also present were Mayor Ryan Sloyer, 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 recessed meeting on October 25, 2016, as presented. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

**Resignation of Solicitor:** Mr. Pugh made a motion to accept the resignation of Tomlinson & Gerhart. Seconded by Mr. Arahill and unanimously approved.

Ms. Thomson advised they reached out to Atty. Stephen Kramer of Grim, Biehn & Thatcher and requested a proposal. Detailed information was received and references checked on their municipal client list. Ms. Thomson made a motion to appoint Grim, Biehn & Thatcher as Solicitor for East Greenville Borough, seconded by Mr. Pugh. Ms. Thomson invited public comment on the motion.

Mike Schwenk, 112 Jefferson Street, asked why the previous solicitor resigned. Ms. Thomson read the letter from Tomlinson & Gerhart.

Ms. Hunsinger called for a vote on the motion. It was unanimously approved. Atty. Stephen Kramer was welcomed as the new Borough Solicitor.

**Executive Session:**

Ms. Hunsinger announced there was an executive session held at 6:30 p.m. due to personnel and procedural issues.

**Visitors:** 76 visitors were recorded.

**Public Comment:** Ms. Hunsinger read the list of rules for public comment at Borough Council meetings (attached as Addendum 1).

Mike Schwenk, 112 Jefferson Street, advised he wants answers when questions are asked.

**Solicitor Items:** Tabled until next meeting.

**Water Committee:** Without the chairperson or resident present, the water billing issues for 343 Jefferson Street were tabled.

**Zoning/Planning:** Nothing.

**Road Committee:** Council reviewed the listing of streets where no trailer parking signs are needed. Mr. Fry advised estimates are as follows: Third Street \$1,875, Fifth Street \$550, Second Street \$727, Sixth Street, \$775 and Front Street \$440. There is money budgeted for the signs.

Mr. Leon Steinert, councilman, arrived at 7:45 p.m.

Ms. Hunsinger asked for Mr. Steinert's recommendation as chairperson. Mr. Pugh made a motion to purchase the signs, seconded by Mr. Steinert. Roll call: Mr. Steinert – aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Ms. Thomson – aye, Mr. Arahill – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye, Mr. McCluskie – aye, Ms. Moran - aye. Motion carries.

**Finance Committee:** Concerning the escrow account established when Police Commission did not meet to approve payment of bills, the bills were subsequently approved for payment and the money was dispersed from the account. Ms. Thomson made a motion to close the escrow account that was specifically set up for the Police Commission funds. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

**Property Committee:**

Concerning the CDBG grant for handicap improvements to the clubhouse and Borough Hall, a full set of plans was sent to Montgomery County for their review. Mr. Fry is also reviewing the plans for code compliance.

The wayfinding sign for the parking lot at Bank and Washington Streets has been installed.

The PECO open space grant would not apply to the Arlington Street lots.

**Recycling/Waste Mgmt:**

Mr. Pugh advised that bids were received by trash haulers for the next contract. He recommends Whitetail Disposal as the lower bidder for a contract term of three years for trash hauling and to implement weekly curbside recycling as a mandatory requirement. Ms. Thomson added that based on numbers prepared, taking on recycling as part of the program, which results in being able to reduce the labor costs expended to pick up and prepare recyclables and the associated building maintenance costs, that the Borough would be able to maintain the annual charge of \$135.00 per residential unit for the first year. The discount rate, if paid by March 1<sup>st</sup>, would remain at \$113.00. She proposes raising the bulk sticker price from \$5.00 to \$10.00 and recommends accepting the trash hauling bid from Whitetail Disposal for 2017, 2018, and 2019 with bulk item pickup and weekly curbside recycling.

Lon Brinckman, 551 Washington Street, inquired if there would be any changes to materials picked up with a bulk sticker. Ms. Thomson replied it would remain the same. Mr. Brinckman asked if electronic recycling could be made available.

Margie Gehlhaus, 209 Cherry Street, asked if recycling would be mandated. Ms. Thomson replied that they are looking into passing a mandatory recycling ordinance. Ms. Gehlhaus asked how it would be enforced. Ms. Thomson said they just started working on the recycling ordinance and would need to discuss that with the trash hauler. Ms. Gehlhaus asked how recyclables and trash would be collected. Ms. Thomson advised recyclables will be collected curbside by the hauler and can be co-mingled. The bag system will remain for trash. Mr. Fry advised that a recent recycling study revealed that participation is low, and the Borough must raise their participation to be eligible for grant money. Mandating recycling is a step in encouraging recycling as well as maintaining the bag system. The Boy Scouts will be continuing to collect newspapers and cardboard once per month. The Borough also intends to continue leaf collection and branch chipping services.

Nicholas Rohr, A. J. Blosenski, asked Council if they would consider separating trash collection and recycling collection between haulers. He claims his company's quote for a three-year trash hauling contract would save the

Borough slightly more than \$31,000. Council asked the solicitor to review the bid documents to see if that is a possibility.

Mr. Arahill made a motion to compare the split bids and have the Solicitor take a look at them and provide the best recommendation, and if we are allowed by the bid and the wording within the bids to split the contracts. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

**Borough Manager Updates:** None.

**Correspondence:** Senator Mensch is holding a veteran's appreciation breakfast on November 12<sup>th</sup> at the Upper Perkiomen High School from 8:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Mr. Arahill made a motion to send a letter from the Borough Council to our former solicitor thanking them for 44 years of service to the community. Seconded by Ms. Thomson and unanimously approved.

Eli Bernhard, 425 Third Street, asked why the items were skipped on the agenda. Ms. Hunsinger explained that all agenda items for the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting will be addressed once the reconvened meeting of October 25<sup>th</sup> is adjourned.

Mike Schwenk, 112 Jefferson Street, questioned why the purchase of signs is necessary since trailer parking is already not allowed in the Borough Code. Mr. Fry advised signage is needed for enforcement.

**Motion to Adjourn:**

Being no further business, Mr. Arahill made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Thomson. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Submitted by:



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Sharon Kachmar, Borough Secretary

## Addendum 1

**East Greenville Borough Council Public Comment Meeting Rules****November 7, 2016**

1. Individuals wishing to make public comment shall comment only after being recognized by the President conducting the meeting.
2. Individuals shall state their name and address prior to addressing Borough Council.
3. All public comment shall be made into a microphone.
4. Individual public comment shall be limited to five minutes unless permitted otherwise by Council President.
5. Only one individual may speak at a time during public comment.
6. If an individual wishes to address Borough Council on the same subject matter and express the same viewpoint as a prior comment, please state that you agree with the prior comment so as to avoid repetitive comments
7. When a group of persons wishes to address Borough Council on the same subject matter, the Council may request that a spokesperson be chosen by the group to address the Board so as to avoid unnecessary repetition.
9. Public comments shall not contain personal attacks or threats and shall not consist of arguments between or among individual members of the public.
10. In the event that there is insufficient time for public comment, Borough Council at its discretion may defer the public comment period to its next regular meeting.