

BOROUGH OF EAST GREENVILLE
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

January 7, 2013

Call to Order: Mr. Pierson called to order the January 7, 2012, meeting of Borough Council at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Attendance: The following Council members were present: Josiah Pierson, Timothy Huff, Ryan Pugh, Andrew Rock, and Tracey Hunsinger. Also present were: Ryan Sloyer, Mayor, Barry Tomlinson, Solicitor, Kathleen Chilton, Borough Secretary, and James Fry, Borough Manager.

Approval of Minutes: The December 28, 2012, minutes were approved on a motion made by Mr. Huff. Seconded by Mr. Rock, and unanimously approved.

Visitors: Mr. Robert Gery, Mr. Grant Boyer, and Mrs. Kathleen Bieler of East Greenville. Mr. Matthew D'Ippolito from the Town & Country.

Police Commission: Mayor Sloyer reported the monthly allocation is \$42,462.60, plus \$825.00 for rent and utilities. He also reported the Police Department is back to full strength and the next meeting will be held in Pennsburg.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Sloyer reported the insurance adjuster was out to inspect the damages at the clubhouse from Hurricane Sandy. The estimate for repairs was received along with a check. Mr. Fry reported our insurance agent suggested we get three additional estimates to make sure we receive enough to cover the repairs and a new roof.

Solicitor: Atty. Tomlinson reported he has **Ordinance No. 2013-01** To Fix the Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2013 ready for advertisement. Mr. Rock made a motion to advertise **Ordinance No. 2013-01**. Seconded by Mr. Huff and unanimously approved. **Resolution No. 2013-01** Resolution to Increase Water Usage Rates by 6% for 2013 is ready to advertise. Mr. Huff made a motion to advertise **Resolution No. 2013-01**. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved. **Resolution No. 2013-02** Resolution to Appoint Marita Thomson to Zoning Hearing Board for a 3 year term is ready for approval. Mr. Rock made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2013-02**. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved. **Resolution No. 2013-03** To Adopt Montgomery County Hazard Mitigation Plan Amendment is ready for approval. A motion made by Mr. Huff to approve **Resolution No. 2013-03**. Seconded by Mr. Rock, and unanimously approved.

Water Committee: The report is available for review. Mr. Rock brought up the letter requesting relief from a high water bill at 130 Jefferson Street, a five unit rental property. Council reviewed the letter and the usage report. Mr. Pierson then asked Mr. Boyer, Water Supervisor to explain the water issue. Mr. Boyer went to inspect the meters inside and outside the house, and both were working properly. He did replace the older meter with a new Iperl meter. A test run of water usage for 24 hours was done and the data showed consistent usage around the clock. Mr. Boyer then informed the owner immediately of a problem somewhere along the underground water line. A leak was discovered and fixed by the owner. The problem did not stem from a bad meter therefore Council's policy remains that the owner is responsible for all water usage if caused by leaking or damages to water lines on their property. Council is willing to work with the owners by offering payment plans. Mr. Huff made a motion to approve a payment plan for 130 Jefferson Street not to exceed 12 months. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Source Water Protection: Mr. Fry reported they are meeting with the Upper Hanover Board of Supervisors in February to discuss joining our source water protection group.

Zoning/Planning: Mr. Fry updated council on the House Bill 2530 – Regional building code board of appeals. It is a joint board put in place to hear appeals of the UCC codes for multiple municipalities and at this time we have no further information. Mr. Fry reported that Atty. Tomlinson has filed the liens against 220 Third and 230 Third Sts. for costs involving the removal of an unsafe tree. Mr. Fry also reported Home City Ice is closing out on the last of its projects.

Roads: Report not available. Mayor Sloyer commented on the need to start working on the Sidewalk Repair Plan. Mr. Fry reported only the grass seeding needs to be done at the Arlington Street property. He also reported the deadline for grant application from HUD to complete Arlington St. is February/March 2013, but has not been notified on the availability of the application.

Finance Committee: Mr. Huff made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved. Mr. Huff then made a motion to accept the December Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved.

Personnel: Mr. Huff reported working on creating a Facebook page for the Borough is in progress. Mr. Huff reported the Treasurer asked that the Mayor and Council members be paid the last pay period of the month. Mr. Huff explained the reasoning and made a motion to have the Mayor and Council members pay period moved to the last pay period of the month starting February 2013. Seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved. Mr. Huff made a motion to appoint Ms. Karen Mauer to Planning Commission term expiring December 31, 2016. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved. Mr. Huff made a motion to appoint Mr. Carl Slonaker to the Police Review Board term expiring December 31, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved. Mr. Huff made a motion to appoint Mr. Joseph Rock to Vacancy Board term expiring December 31, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved. Mr. Rock abstained from the vote due to conflict of interest.

Property: Mr. Fry had no update on the parking issues at the water plant. The repairing of the sign at Bieler Park is still in progress. Mr. Fry reported that the Congressman's office is now vacant and the Borough will use the space as a conference room. A letter was received from Lechner & Stauffer concerning insurance for Employment Practices Liability costing \$1,513.00 per year, also a quote on increasing our deductible from \$500.00 to \$2,500.00 saving the Borough \$786.00 per year. Identity Recovery Coverage at the cost of \$93.00 per year. Council discussed the different insurance and increasing the deductible. A motion was made by Mr. Rock to increase the deductible from \$500.00 to \$2,500.00 and purchasing the Identity Recovery and Data Compromise Coverage for \$93.00 per year. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Waste Management: Bags sales are available for review.

Recycling: Report is available for review. Christmas tree chipping begins January 7 and every Monday through this month. The Sims E-recycling container is almost full.

Sewer Authority: No Report.

Revitalization: No Report.

Regional Planning: No Report.

Emergency Management: No Report.

Correspondence: We received an invitation from Sen. Mensch's office for elected officials and Borough manager to meet during the first quarter of this year. The meeting place has not been designated, but the Mayor asked the Secretary to call the Senator's office and offer the East Greenville Borough Hall as a possible meeting venue.

Motion to Adjourn: Being no further business, Mr. Pugh made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm and seconded by Mr. Huff. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Submitted by:

Kathleen M. Chilton, Borough Secretary