

# **BOROUGH OF EAST GREENVILLE**

## **BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**January 22, 2013**

**Call to Order:** Mr. Pierson called to order the January 22, 2013, meeting of Borough Council at 7:29 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, Leon Steinert, and Tracey Hunsinger. Also present were: Barry Tomlinson, Solicitor, Kathleen Chilton, Borough Secretary, and James Fry, Borough Manager.

**Approval of Minutes:** The January 7, 2013, minutes were approved on a motion made by Mr. Rock. Seconded by Mr. Huff, and unanimously approved.

**Visitors:** Mr. Robert Gery, Mr. Randy Reinhart, and Mr. Jon A. Martin of East Greenville. Mr. Matthew D'Ippolito from the Town & Country.

Mr. Pierson asked Mr. Jon Martin to address Council concerning trash collection. Mr. Martin presented all council members with a copy of a letter he wrote concerning the Borough's collection of garbage and refuse. Council reviewed the letter and asked Atty. Tomlinson to address Mr. Martin by reading from the PA State Borough Code Book, Section 1202 – Specific Powers. He basically outlined that the Borough has the power to contract with a Trash Company for the residents as directed in Part (8) Garbage and Refuse Disposal on Section 1202 – Specific Powers. Mr. Martin requested a copy of Section 1202 and the Trash Ordinance.

**Police Commission:** No Report.

**Mayor's Report:** Mr. Fry reported that one estimate was received for the Clubhouse roof repair, and we are waiting for two additional estimates.

**Solicitor:** Atty. Tomlinson reported he has **Ordinance No. 2013-01** To Fix the Tax Rate for Fiscal Year 2013 ready for approval. Mr. Rock made a motion to approve **Ordinance No. 2013-01**. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved. **Resolution No. 2013-01** Resolution to Increase Water Usage Rates by 6% for 2013 is ready for approval. Mr. Rock made a motion to approve **Resolution No. 2013-01**. Seconded by Mr. Huff and unanimously approved.

**Water Committee:** Mr. Rock reported that there has been no response to date from the owner of 130 Jefferson Street, concerning the high usage and water billing. A letter with a water payment plan was sent.

**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:** Mr. Steinert reported on the progress of crack sealing borough roads. He also talked about the plan to repaint the cross walk lines, at this time the weather will not permit the painting of the lines. Mr. Steinert brought up

purchasing a light commercial Gravely zero turn mower. It is a demo model with 50 hours. Lorish's will give us discounts and full warranty coverage for \$8,000.00. The 2013 budget allows \$5,000.00 towards the purchase. Mr. Fry commented that the mower will be used at the water plant also, and money could be taken from the water plant savings account. Council discussed the purchase and Mr. Rock made a motion to purchase the Gravely zero turn mower not to exceed the cost of \$8,000.00, using \$5,000.00 from the budget and \$3,000.00 from the water plant savings account. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved. Mr. Fry asked Council to review the Sidewalk Repair Plan for the next meeting. We need to get started on identifying the high priority areas and starting the inspections. He remarked that we need to allow residents time to make repairs or replace the sidewalk. Mr. Fry reported only the grass seeding needs to be done at the Arlington Street property. Mr. Fry reported he should have the grant application from HUD in February.

**Finance Committee:** Mr. Huff reported we have received quotes with fixed rates for the life of the PennVest loan from Harleysville and QNB. Mr. Fry reported on a meeting with UniVest to discuss fixed rates for the PennVest loan.

**Personnel:** No Report.

**Property:** Mr. Fry reported that parking at the water plant is an ongoing issue and there is a possibility of a grant opportunity. The repairing of the sign at Bieler Park is still in progress. Mr. Fry reported we did make contact with the DCNR to discuss the Third & Blaker playground (Tot Lot). Council will look at the playground and make their recommendations on any pieces that need repair or removal. We are allowed to remove pieces that have outlived their useful life. A letter to DCNR with our recommendations is acceptable. We are waiting for more information.

**Waste Management:** Mr. Fry reported an order for trash bags was placed with WasteZero and the estimated delivery is February 20, 2013.

**Recycling:** Mr. Fry reported that Sims E-recycling is ending our agreement as of February 28, 2013. They are allowing one last pick up for the end of March. We are looking at other options.

**Sewer Authority:** No Report.

**Revitalization:** No Report.

**Regional Planning:** Mr. Pierson reported on a meeting January 23, 2013, to discuss the Design Grant for the Gateway Signs project. The grant is for \$25,000.00 and we would need to match that figure with contributions from the seven municipalities involved.

**Emergency Management:** Mr. Fry reported he will be attending an Emergency Declaration meeting on February 1, 2013. This is for Montgomery County municipalities in the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy. The meeting will discuss what we can receive and how to file the paperwork involved. We have received one estimate for the generator switch connection that was previously approved by Council.

**Correspondence:** Nothing to report.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Being no further business, Mr. Rock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm and seconded by Mr. Huff. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Submitted by:

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Kathleen M. Chilton, Borough Secretary