

BOROUGH OF EAST GREENVILLE

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 26, 2013

Call to Order: Mr. Pierson called to order the March 26, 2013, 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, James Young, Tracey Hunsinger, and Leon Steinert. Also present were: Barry Tomlinson, Solicitor, Kathleen Chilton, Borough Secretary, and James Fry, Borough Manager.

Approval of Minutes: The March 4, 2013, minutes were approved on a motion made by Mr. Young. Seconded by Mr. Pugh, and unanimously approved.

Visitors: Mr. Robert McCluskie and Mr. Christos Orphanides of East Greenville. Mr. Matthew D'Ippolito from the Town & Country.

Mr. Orphanides of 547 Colonial Drive asked Council to waive a late fee on his water bill. He acknowledges he was late paying the bill. A motion was made by Mr. Steinert to waive the late charge of \$8.96 and seconded by Mr. Pugh. Motion carried.

Police Commission: Mr. Huff reported they are still working through some issues with the Animal Control Officer and expect resolution soon.

Mayor's Report: No Report. Clubhouse work/clean-up day is April 13, 2013.

Solicitor: Atty. Tomlinson reported on **Resolution No. 2013-08**, A Resolution Authorizing the closing of the Penn Vest loan and transferring the balance to Univest Bank. A motion was made by Mr. Rock to approve **Resolution No. 2013-08**. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved. Atty. Tomlinson reported additional information on the difference between the Penn Vest and Univest Bank loan amounts due to continuing payments being made will bring the loan balance down and will be discussed at the next meeting. A closing date of April 30, 2013, is tentatively scheduled.

Water Committee: Mr. Rock mentioned we are making progress scraping the old brass (meters.) He also reported on the relining of the chimney at the water plant. A motion was made by Mr. Rock to approve the relining of the chimney at the water plant not to exceed \$800.00. Seconded by Mr. Huff and unanimously approved.

Source Water Protection: Mr. Rock reported on a meeting he had with Mr. Grant Boyer and Mr. Fry to review the 2009 Water Restoration Plan. Schuylkill River Restoration Fund is offering grants for 2013. They decided on completing a part of the project up to \$25,000.00 with a 25% match by the Borough. A motion was made by Mr. Rock to approve sending a Letter of Intent to the Schuylkill River Restoration Fund requesting consideration for the 2013 grant program. Seconded by Mr. Young and unanimously approved.

Zoning/Planning: Mr. Fry reported we are waiting on Cowan Associates to approve the Final Escrow Release for the Home City Ice Project. Mr. Young asked about road conditions on Washington St. in front of Home City Ice. Mr. Fry stated that because it was an existing use and Home City Ice was going for a conditional use we couldn't ask them to do road repairs.

Roads: Mr. Steinert reported on the meeting they had tonight. He mentioned a complaint about speeding on Jefferson Street in front of the Middle School and if the borough could do anything about the problem. We have flashing lights but would need approvals and would be very costly. The block between 5th & 6th street in front of the school is not a designated school zone. The buses pick up-drop off in the rear of the school. Mr. Fry mentioned there are two kinds of school zones; advisory and regulatory, the later being enforceable by the Police department. Mr. Fry would like to ask the Police for their opinion before we go forward on a project that could be very costly. Mr. Fry reported on talking to the School District re-doing our Traffic/Parking Ordinance to allow a No Parking Zone immediately in front of the school entrance. Mr. Huff thought it would be a good idea to explore that idea. Mr. Pierson asked about creating an additional crosswalk in front of the school. It is another idea to explore. A complaint was received about the condition of Washington & 2nd Sts. We currently have one quote on overlaying Washington St. from the Pennsburg borough line to 2nd St. and two additional quotes are needed. Street sweeping is scheduled for April 11, 2013. Crack sealing will begin after street sweeping is done and the weather is warmer. More information on the Long Alley road repair is coming. The HUD grant to finish Arlington St. is ready to be signed and filed with the county.

Finance Committee: No Report.

Personnel: Mr. Huff reported that Mr. Fry interviewed two additional candidates for the part-time recycling position and roads when needed. On Mr. Fry's recommendation, Mr. Huff made a motion to hire Mr. Bill Yambor and Mr. Roger Leister part-time employment for the recycling position and roads when needed. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Property: Mr. Fry reported on an appeal to a violation notice for 143 Cherry Street - an unregistered vehicle on the property. Mr. Gerhart is asking for a waiver till the end of April to complete the work and get the car registered. A motion was made by Mr. Huff to grant the appeal to Property Code Maintenance Section 302.8 allowing Mr. Gerhart to keep the car on his property unregistered till April 30, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Young and unanimously approved. Ms. Hunsinger brought up a request from the Roads Department to replace the Entering East Greenville Borough sign located at the Pennsburg/East Greenville borough line on Main Street. Mr. Pierson commented on how the UPVCC and Perk Up are working on the Gateway Sign project to make the three Boroughs connected through similar signage. Mr. Pierson doesn't know what the timeframe will be for the designs. More information will follow. No updates on the parking issues at the water plant and the Clubhouse parking. Nothing on the Tot Lot and the Bieler Park sign is still undergoing repairs. Ms. Hunsinger reported that she is trying to schedule a property committee meeting before the next Council meeting.

Waste Management: No Report.

Recycling: Atty. Tomlinson reported the RLG Americas signed agreement has been received. Mr. Rock made a motion to approve the final agreement with RLG America's. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved. Atty. Tomlinson mentioned RLG Americas would like to start recycling as soon as possible.

Sewer Authority: No Report.

Revitalization: Mr. Pierson reported that the UPVA is working on new ideas for the community such as; Welcome Baskets for new residents, First Fridays for local businesses on Main Street to remain open later. They also are looking to coordinate an event for National Music Day on June 21, 2013, to have music at some of the local businesses.

Regional Planning: Mr. Pierson reported they have chosen a design firm for the Gateway Sign Project and will be supplying the company with all the information to get started on the project.

Emergency Management: Mr. Fry reported on a meeting in April with Pennsburg Borough's representative, Police Department, Fire Company and East Greenville's representative to discuss the radio upgrade proposed by the county. The county is offering collective financing on a negotiated loan and it is a onetime offer, including discounts on the radios and equipment, 10 year warranty, and they pay the interest on the loan. The number of radios needed will be discussed at this meeting.

Correspondence: A request from 436 Fourth Street to waive the late fee for trash bill was received. Request denied. A letter was received from Mr. Merwarth sponsor of "Freedom Fest 2013" requesting relief from water usage for the event scheduled on July 4, 2013. A motion was made by Mr. Huff to waive water usage for the July 4th event. Seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved. Mayor Sloyer sent a letter informing Mr. Merwarth we will not be able to supply Fire Police for the event and do not support the use of volunteers to direct traffic. A letter was received from the EGFC requesting Washington Street between 4th and 5th Streets be closed from the hours of 4:30 pm to 12:00 am for their annual carnival on July 10 – 13, 2013. A motion was made by Mr. Huff to grant the EGFC request for road closure during their annual carnival. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved. A letter was received from Upper Perk Valley Association requesting to hang a banner from October 7 to 21, 2013, and have Main Street closed from 6-9:00 pm on Sunday, October 20, 2013, for the Halloween parade. A motion was made by Mr. Huff to approve hanging the banner. Seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved. A motion was made by Mr. Young to approve the request to close Main Street on October 20, 2013, for the Halloween parade. Seconded by Mr. Huff and unanimously approved.

Motion to Adjourn: Being no further business, Mr. Huff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm and seconded by Mr. Rock. Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm.

Submitted by:

Kathleen M. Chilton, Borough Secretary