

BOROUGH OF EAST GREENVILLE

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 6, 2013

Call to Order: Mr. Pierson called to order the May 6, 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, and Tracey Hunsinger. Also present were: Ryan Sloyer, Mayor, Steven Kramer, Solicitor, Kathleen Chilton, Borough Secretary, and James Fry, Borough Manager.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Rock made a motion to approve the April 23, 2013, minutes corrected by e-mail. Seconded by Mr. Huff, and unanimously approved.

Visitors: Mr. James Boesch, Ms. Linda Henson, Ms. Jan Henson and Mr. Robert McCluskie from East Greenville. Mr. Gene Yerger and Ms. Dot Dornsife from Brode & Brooks Realtors. Ms. Jeanne Cove of the Upper Perkiomen Valley Library, Mr. Scott Roth from Red Hill, and Mr. Matthew D'Ippolito from the Town & Country.

Mayor Sloyer took some time to publically acknowledge the people that helped fix up the clubhouse on April 13, 2013. On behalf of himself and the Borough of East Greenville he thanked all of the volunteers and awarded them with a Certificate of Appreciation. He also thanked the local business that provided materials for the building and food for the volunteers.

Police Commission: Mayor Sloyer reported on the monthly allocation of \$42,462.60, plus the rent. The contract negotiations are ongoing. Mayor Sloyer mentioned the closure of State Street for The Perkiomen School's graduation on May 25, 2013. Mr. Fry is taking care of the matter. He also reported the damaged door at the clubhouse will be replaced after payment has been received from the responsible party.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Sloyer reported the work outside of the Clubhouse has been finished and painting inside has also been completed. Exterior lights and the bathroom need to be completed. He added an Ordinance for public parking at the clubhouse including trailer/work truck parking will be addressed as well as parking these types of vehicles in front yards is still be reviewed.

Solicitor: Atty. Kramer reported on information received from PMRS pertaining to updates on the pension plan. He asked if the Borough would file an extension to allow him time to review the agreement. The Ordinance will have to be advertised. Mr. Huff made a motion to advertise the pension plan agreement. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved. A motion was made by Mr. Rock to approve the pension plan Ordinance pending solicitor approval. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved. The office will send a letter to PMRS requesting an extension. Mr. Fry asked about the Tax Collector and how she was going to dispose of the records. Mayor Sloyer mentioned it would be the tax collectors responsibility.

Water Committee: The Water Supervisor's report is available to review. Mr. Rock reported on switching the water plant's phone and internet from Verizon to Comcast. Mr. Fry reported the SCADA system is compatible to Comcast and he will check on pricing to switch from Verizon to Comcast at the water plant for the next meeting.

Source Water Protection: No Report.

Zoning/Planning: Code Officers report is available for review. Mr. Fry reported the Planning Commission approved the final draft of the Parking Improvement Study. Mr. Huff asked for more time to review the final draft. Mr. Fry

reported the Planning Commission is looking to meet with the county planner under our planning assistance contract. They review all Ordinances, zoning, subdivisions and land development. It is called a Green Review for energy efficiency. It will be a comprehensive review that will start over the next couple of months. Mr. Pierson asked if Ms. Marley Bice would be doing the review. Another representative on the commission will be conducting the review. The sidewalk plan is being reviewed and Ms. Chilton will contact Red Hill Borough for their amended Ordinance as a guideline.

Roads: The Road Supervisor's report is available for review. Mr. Fry reported the Arlington Street property issue has been resolved. Mr. Fry discussed repairs to Long Alley. He mentioned a micro-surfacing using a polymer modified masterseal, which is a re-surfacing without an overlay. It is oil mixed with sand which will level the street and might be a good alternative to Long Alley. We can buy the materials and rent the equipment. In the future if this type of repair works well we can buy the equipment to do the job ourselves. The Sealmaster representative would like to demonstrate the machine. The Borough would buy the materials, meet with the representative and schedule the demonstration. Mr. Rock made a motion to have Sealmaster come down and re-surface a section of Long Alley with the Borough purchasing the materials pending Mr. Fry's approval of the project. Seconded by Mr. Huff and unanimously approved. Mr. Fry reported he sent all information about speed bumps and stop signs to Mr. McMackin at Cowan Associates. Mayor Sloyer questioned Mr. Fry about why would we have to do a traffic study for a Borough owned street. Mr. Kramer will look it up for the Mayor and Mr. Fry repeated over the years we have looked out different options for this issue and traffic studies were always needed. Past discussions have included making Third Street one-way West and Fourth Street one-way East, but the bridge is a problem for fire trucks. Ms. Hunsinger mentioned the poor visibility at Third and State Sts. because of the parking along both sides of the street. Mr. Fry has no updates on our CDBG grant for the Arlington Street Reconstruction. Mr. Fry asked Council to consider sending a letter to Ferraro Foods about not parking in front of Mario's Pizza on Main Street and delivering to the rear. The reasoning is because of multiple accidents involving the decorative lamp posts being damaged by their trucks. Mayor Sloyer asked Council to unanimously approve sending them notice so they know up front it is backed by our Council. Mr. Rock made a motion to send Ferraro Foods a letter requesting they make deliveries to Mario's Pizza at the rear of the building. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved. Mr. Fry reported on the FEMA reimbursement from Hurricane Sandy have been received. The total check is \$5,803.64 with \$1,312.02 for the UP Police, \$461.25 for recycling, \$3,198.77 for General fund and \$833.60 for Water fund. Mr. Fry suggested we put the General fund portion towards the roads. Mr. Huff made a motion to add the FEMA reimbursement to the General fund earmarked for road repair. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved. Mr. Huff would like to recognize Mr. Fry for all the time and work he put into the application to get the Borough this refund. Mr. Huff made a motion out of incentive pay to reward Mr. Fry with a \$150.00 for his hard work on this project.

Finance Committee: Mr. Huff made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved. Mr. Huff made a motion to accept the April Treasurer's report. Seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved.

Personnel: Mr. Huff mentioned that we still have a vacant seat on the Police Review Board for a 2 year term.

Property: Ms. Hunsinger reported the Bieler Park sign repairs are in progress. Parking at the Clubhouse is still in discussion and an Ordinance is proposed. Ms. Hunsinger discussed with Council the electric pricing for the upcoming agreement. After some discussion a motion was made by Ms. Hunsinger to remain with our current supplier Constellation/Exelon for a 2 year agreement at 0.06712 kWh. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Waste Management: Bag sales report is available for review.

Recycling: Recycling report is available for review. Mr. Fry reported that our E-recycling container is full and will be picked up this week.

Sewer Authority: No Report.

Revitalization: No Report.

Regional Planning: Mr. Pierson reported a New York design firm has been chosen for the Gateway Sign Project. He mentioned there will be a stakeholders meeting on May 29, 2013, at the Knoll Museum. Mayor Sloyer added Mr. Cliff Weber is circulating petitions with misinformation concerning the Gateway Sign Project and if you want to know the real facts contact the UPVCC or the Regional Planning Committee.

Emergency Management: Mr. Fry had nothing new to report on the radio upgrades from the county.

Correspondence: A request was received from Rep. Marcy Toepel's office to attend the August 5, 2013, Council meeting and prior to the meeting open Borough Hall to meet with constituents from 6:30 – 7:30 pm. Council approved the request and Mayor Sloyer will be available to open Borough Hall for Rep. Toepel. A letter was received from the Freedom Fest committee asking for a donation to offset the costs of the event. Council has donated the use of water for the day at no cost.

Other Business: Mr. Pierson recognized Ms. Jeanne Cove, Librarian at the Upper Perkiomen Valley Library. She thanked Borough Council for their generous donation to the Library and talked about a few of the upcoming programs. Ms. Chilton reported on the UPSD Volunteer/Public Servant Appreciation breakfast on June 5, 2013, being held at Hereford Elementary School starting at 9:00 am. Mayor Sloyer asked Mr. Fry about the Parking Ordinance for Jefferson Street at the Middle School. Can the Borough make it no parking all day in front of the school, in case an emergency vehicle is called during school hours? Mr. Fry reported that it was a time limited parking area and no longer needed so the signs were taken down. After some discussion, it was decided to look at the Ordinance and possibly make an amendment to adjust the time. Ms. Chilton reminded Council that Senator Mensch's Safety Conference is being held on May 23, 2013, at the Milford Township Building from 6:00 – 9:00 pm. Need to R.S.V.P. by May 9, 2013.

Motion to Adjourn: Being no further business, Mr. Rock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 pm and seconded by Mr. Huff. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Submitted by:

Kathleen M. Chilton, Borough Secretary