

# **BOROUGH OF EAST GREENVILLE**

## **BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**July 1, 2013**

**Call to Order:** Mr. Pierson called to order the July 1, 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, Ryan Pugh, Andrew Rock, and Tracey Hunsinger. Also present were: Ryan Sloyer, Mayor, Steven Kramer, Solicitor, and James Fry, Borough Manager and Kathleen Chilton, Borough Secretary.

**Approval of Minutes:** Hearing no additions or corrections, Mr. Rock made a motion to approve the June 25, 2013, minutes. Seconded by Mr. Pugh, and unanimously approved.

**Visitors:** Mr. Mark Saddington, Mr. Bob McCluskie, and Ms. Kathleen Bieler of East Greenville and Ms. DeAnn Mensch from the Town & Country.

Mr. Saddington approached Council about their decision to decline his request to waive his water bill when the meter was replaced and registered unbilled water in the amount of 197,000 gallons. The Borough has offered him a payment plan extending the payments for 12 months with no finance charges. He believes he is unfairly being charged for what he sees as a faulty meter. Council discussed going over water records to see what rates were being charged over the 35 years he has owned the house and possibly using those figures to adjust his billing. He also requested he be notified every month when his payment is due and Council declined the request. There are numerous residents on payment plans and it is their responsibility to follow the schedule they are given. Mr. Saddington will be notified by letter with the adjusted cost and a new payment plan.

Ms. Kathleen Bieler, Tax Collector, presented a letter to Council so they would be aware of the changes Uninvest Bank is making to the tax collector's account. They will be charging a Monthly Fee, Per Item Fee, and a Per Deposit Ticket Fee, starting in August of 2013.

**Police Commission:** Mayor Sloyer reported on the July allocation as \$42,462.60 and the monthly rent/utilities as \$825.00. Negotiations are still ongoing for the new police contract.

**Mayor's Report:** Nothing on the Clubhouse. He is working with the Fire Police for coverage at the Perk Up Half Marathon. Mayor Sloyer brought to Council's attention some concerns at Home City Ice and asked if a letter could be sent addressing some issues such as; hours of operation, the refrigeration units running on the trucks and the use of Washington Street instead of Penn Street for truck traffic. If they are changing stipulations of their conditional use they need to come before Council. A motion was made by Mr. Rock to approve sending a letter to Home City Ice requesting any changes to the agreement with the Borough be brought to Council. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved. Mayor Sloyer also asked if Council would approve a letter to the residents of the 500 block of Jefferson Street asking them to attend the July 23, 2013, meeting to discuss the options and the steps we are taking for improving the traffic issues in front of the Middle School. Mr. Rock made a motion to approve sending a letter to the residents of the 500 block of Jefferson Street. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

**Solicitor:** Atty. Kramer reported on the new written procedures to the animal control policy. They were sent to Council for review and are ready for approval. Mr. Rock made a motion to approve the new procedures for the animal control policy. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

**Water Committee:** Mr. Fry reported on a water issue on Washington Street at Home City Ice that would be repaired Tuesday morning. The street might be closed for one way traffic during the repairs. Mr. Rock reported the Tank Maintenance proposal is pending.

**Source Water Protection:** No Report.

**Zoning/Planning:** Code Officers report is available for review.

**Roads:** Long Alley repairs are ongoing. Mr. Fry reported he spoke with the engineers about a traffic study for the 500 block of Jefferson Street. The study will observe multiple issues, including making Jefferson Street a one way, parking issues, alternative routes, how emergency services will travel. It will not include car counting. Mr. Rock asked about the time frame is we wait to talk to the residents for their input. Ms. Hunsinger asked if all our concerns can be addressed in one traffic study. Mr. Fry said the engineer can address all the issues and advise us concerning the study. If the Borough wants to have an Ordinance in place for the start of the school year we need to start the study as soon as possible. A motion was made by Mr. Rock to approve the traffic study. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

**Finance Committee:** Mr. Rock made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved. Mr. Rock made a motion to accept the June Treasurer's report. Seconded by Ms. Hunsinger and unanimously approved.

**Personnel:** The East Greenville Borough Facebook page is up and running. We still have a vacancy on the Police Review Board for a 2-year term.

**Property:** Ms. Hunsinger reported that they are still reviewing the Parking Draft Ordinance and will have a property committee meeting before the next Council meeting. Mr. Fry reported the road crew is looking at 4' by 4' posts with a chain to block the access road behind the properties on Hamilton, Colonial and Valley Rd. A letter will be sent to the residents bordering this area before final a decision is made. The repairs of the Bieler Park sign are nearly completed.

**Waste Management:** The bag sales report is available to review. Mr. Fry reported we will need to place an order for borough trash bags in August.

**Recycling:** Recycling report is available for review.

**Sewer Authority:** No Report.

**Revitalization:** No Report.

**Regional Planning:** Mr. Pierson reported at the June 27, 2013, grant opportunities from Marcellus Shale were discussed, a presentation on land stewardship and open space was done and the design company chosen for the Gateway Sign Project will be at the September meeting with some preliminary designs.

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

**Borough Manager Updates:** No Report.

**Other Business:** Nothing to report.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Being no further business, Mr. Rock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm and seconded by Mr. Pugh Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Submitted by:

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Kathleen M. Chilton, Borough Secretary