

BOROUGH OF EAST GREENVILLE

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 27, 2013

Call to Order: Mr. Pierson called to order the August 27, 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, Ryan Pugh, Andrew Rock, Timothy Huff, James Young, Leon Steinert, and Tracey Hunsinger. Also present were: Ryan Sloyer, Mayor, Barry Tomlinson and Steven Kramer, Solicitors, and James Fry, Borough Manager.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Huff made a motion to approve the July 23, 2013, minutes as corrected. Seconded by Mr. Rock, and unanimously approved. Mr. Huff made a motion to approve the August 5, 2013, minutes. Seconded by Mr. Young, and unanimously approved.

Visitors: Mr. Duane Wickard, Upper Perkiomen MS and Ms. DeAnn Mensch from the Town & Country.

Mr. Pierson asked Mr. Wickard to address council concerning the drop off and pick up of students in front of the middle school. He reported the police were out the first two days to look at traffic and spoke with parents. They also held class meetings to emphasize the correct procedure for walkers and students being picked up. They must use the crosswalk at 5th & Jefferson Sts. Mr. Wickard has assigned five teachers outside to direct students to the intersections. Mayor Sloyer reported the school parking signs were taken down, basically it comes down to enforcement. Mayor Sloyer would like to see information go home to the parents explaining the procedure for dropping off and picking up students. If procedures cannot be followed maybe drastic measures will be put in place. Mr. Wickard agreed to send out information but is hesitant on talking about drastic measures since this is coming from the Borough and not the school district. He would like to request parents follow the existing traffic laws and emphasize that students must cross at the corner crosswalks not directly in front of the school. Mayor Sloyer suggested the letter should state that the school district is working in conjunction with the Borough to alleviate the traffic concerns and that the police will continue to monitor the area. Mr. Wickard pledged the schools continued support for the safety of all students.

Police Commission: Mayor Sloyer reported Mr. Kris Kirkwood is the new Police Commission Chairman. The Commission still working on the new contract.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Sloyer asked Mr. Fry for an update on the clubhouse and he reported needing cover plates in almond or whatever color was there before, tables and chairs were set up, some clean-up has been accomplished and the bathrooms need to be painted. Security cameras are being repaired. Mr. Huff will also check on the system since he is familiar with how they operate. Mayor Sloyer also reminded everyone that Community Day is September 7, 2013, and he needs help at the Moon bounce and the Slide.

Solicitor: Atty. Kramer gave Council an update on the Animal Control Ordinance, the Draft has been completed, along with a summary outlining the changes. The entire chapter has been rewritten with some significant changes including everything Council has talked about. Mr. Kramer pointed out that we are trying to curb the behavior to improve the cat problem in our community. Clubhouse parking approved to advertise will be considered at the September 3, 2013, meeting. Ordinance amending the Property Maintenance code for prohibiting parking in lawns, front yards, on sidewalks and crossing over curbs is being reviewed. The Clubhouse rules are proposed to be similar to the Bieler Park rules including requiring children to be supervised at all times and the question of age limit is being discussed. Mr. Pierson had concerns with uniform rules for all Borough property when renting the

clubhouse. Atty. Kramer said those issues can be addressed in a rental agreement. Ms. Hunsinger will schedule a Property Committee meeting to discuss these issues.

Water Committee: Mr. Rock reported meeting with Mr. Grant Boyer about updating the SCADA computer at the Water Plant and getting the static IP address up and running. Mr. Fry met with PECO representatives and requested a sample agreement for Council and the solicitor to review. One concern was they could not answer what the value of the lease agreement would be so they will research and get back to us with a dollar figure. PECO is definitely interested in using our facility. Mr. Rock met with Mr. Fry to discuss the Water Tank inspection. The representative has a medical issue so another representative will do a presentation for the maintenance plan. Mr. Fry mentioned we are looking at the beginning of October for his visit.

Source Water Protection: No Report.

Zoning/Planning: Mr. Young reported nothing from Planning Commission and he asked Mr. Fry about the House Bill 2530. Mr. Fry believes this bill has passed and he will get the information. The sidewalk repair plan is still being reviewed. Mr. Young discussed the EG Fire Company's request for a dumpster permit. It will be used during the replacement of the engine room floor. Mr. Young made a motion to waive the dumpster permit fee for the EG Fire Company. Seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved.

Roads: Mr. Steinert reported all curbs, crosswalks and police lines have been painted. Weeds in Colonial Village have been sprayed. A storm sewer pipe is being repaired on Railroad Street and curb boxes for the water plant are being replaced as needed. The road crew is planning some blacktop work when the weather permits and crack sealing should be done by the end of September. Mr. Pierson asked about the Winter Service agreement with Penn Dot received August 12, 2013. Mr. Fry would like to have the agreement approved as soon as possible. Mr. Young made a motion to approve the 5 year Winter Service agreement with Penn Dot. Seconded by Mr. Steinert and unanimously approved.

Finance Committee: No Report.

Personnel: No Report.

Property: Ms. Hunsinger reported on the parking issues at the water plant. Mr. Fry mentioned they are checking on the amount of split rail fencing needed to protect the intake vault. Mayor Sloyer asked about fencing the entire area as discussed at a previous meeting. Mr. Fry reported they plan on putting up post and every other post would have the rails to allow the Fire Company access. Ms. Hunsinger mentioned the letter received from Ms. Bittner at 410 Colonial Drive questioning the decision to restrict access on the Borough owned property behind her home. Mr. Fry informed Council we have parking permits that can be filled out in the office to allow residents to park vehicles overnight that would be otherwise prohibited along any Borough Street. Emergency vehicles will have access if needed to the area behind their homes. Mr. Young made a motion to install the chain fence and lock to block access to the field behind Hamilton & Valley Rds, and Colonial Drive. Seconded by Mr. Huff and unanimously approved.

Waste Management: No Report.

Recycling: Mr. Fry gave an update on the electronics container. An overabundance of TV's was a problem earlier this month. A decision will need to be made to handle the amount of TV's dropped off. He mentioned the containers are being locked at night and on the weekends. The possibility of restricting this service to residents only was mentioned. Mr. Fry reported Pennsburg will be discussing this issue at their upcoming Council meeting.

Sewer Authority: No Report.

Revitalization: Mr. Pierson reported October Fest is planned for October 26, 2013. The UPVA is also working on the Halloween and Christmas parades.

Regional Planning: UPVCC has scheduled a meeting on August 28, 2013, concerning the Wayfinding Sign Project at 7:00pm in the Chamber office.

Emergency Management: Mr. Fry reported an e-mail went out concerning the purchasing of the radios from the county. They are looking at sometime late 2014. The radios will be purchased through Motorola.

Borough Manager Updates: No Report.

Executive Session: Mr. Pierson called an executive session at 8:21pm to discuss a personnel matter. The regular meeting was reconvened at 8:55pm. A motion was made by Mr. Huff to approve the contract between the Upper Perk Police Commission and the Upper Perk F.O.P. as presented to Borough Council by the Mayor. Seconded by Mr. Steinert and unanimously approved.

Motion to Adjourn: Being no further business, Mr. Rock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 pm and seconded by Mr. Huff, meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm.

Submitted by:

James L. Fry, Borough Manager