

BOROUGH OF EAST GREENVILLE

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

September 3, 2013

Call to Order: Mr. Pierson called to order the September 3, 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, Timothy Huff, James Young, and Leon Steinert. Also present were: Ryan Sloyer, Mayor, Steven Kramer, Solicitor, James Fry, Borough Manager and Kathleen M. Chilton, Borough Secretary.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the August 27, 2013, were circulated and made available to the public. A motion was made by Mr. Young to approve the August 27, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved.

Visitors: Ms. Sharon Kachmar and Mr. Randy Reinhart of East Greenville and Ms. DeAnn Mensch from the Town & Country.

Police Commission: Mayor Sloyer reported the Police allocation is \$42,462.60 and rent/utilities are \$825.00. He reported that East Greenville Borough approved the Police contract and Pennsburg's Borough council will be reviewing the contract at their meeting tonight.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Sloyer had no update for the clubhouse other than the Ordinance is still in progress. He asked Mr. Huff to look at the camera system at the clubhouse, there was an incident over the weekend and he questioned whether the camera had picked it up. Lastly, he thanked everyone who signed up to help with Community Day and asked that they meet at Borough Hall on Saturday morning at 7:30am.

Solicitor: Atty. Kramer presented Resolution No. 2013-10, establishing numbered parking spaces at the Clubhouse for advertisement. Mr. Young made a motion to advertise Resolution No. 2013-10. Seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved. Mayor Sloyer asked about advertising the Resolution. Mr. Fry remarked that Resolutions need to be advertised if they are regulatory in nature. Atty. Kramer will check if we do need to advertise and let Mr. Fry know. Atty. Kramer reviewed the Animal Control Ordinance and it is ready for advertisement. Mayor Sloyer asked about non-payment of fines and if we can issue citations or is it automatic. Atty. Kramer has no specific language to cover this but he states the owners will be responsible for paying the costs when picking up the animal at the SPCA and will have the fine to deal with. The Borough has the option of taking the animal's owner to small claims court. Mr. Rock made a motion to advertise the Ordinance amending the Animal Control Ordinance. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved. Atty. Kramer reported on the Ordinance amending Chapter 73 "Property Maintenance" Section 302.3 prohibiting vehicular obstruction of sidewalks, curbs, and similar paved areas. He has added vehicles including but not limited to: conventional motor vehicles, commercial vehicles, trucks, trailers, motorcycles and recreational vehicles. It will be ready for approval to advertise at the next meeting. He presented the draft of the Clubhouse rules and regulations for Council to review. Mr. Steinert asked about including service dogs and Atty. Kramer will add to the draft. Lastly, Atty. Kramer has reviewed the PECO 5 year lease agreement. It seems to be a standard agreement, but he has questions on Section 1- Use of Premises. Mr. Fry explained this section and showed a diagram of how the unit will be installed. Section 4 discusses the annual increase of \$30.00 per month to the lease agreement and Section 6 which allows PECO to make alterations at their discretion. Mr. Fry reported PECO understands any work must be done during business hours and they have to give the Borough prior notification. Mr. Pierson asked if we should ask for more of a monthly increase

than offered. Mr. Rock asked if we had an estimate on the Water Tank maintenance agreement and Mr. Fry reported we have no figures at this time. Mr. Huff asked if the money received could go into the General fund and Mr. Fry remarked that it would go in the Water fund, but the auditors should be asked for their opinion. Mr. Fry discussed with Council his conversation with the PECO representative who drafted the agreement and since this is unique to them because they only have gas service in our area and no electric facility to mount this equipment. So PECO feels this is a fair and standard agreement. After the 5 years we will be able to negotiate the agreement for the long term or month to month. Mr. Huff asked about checking on cell phone leases, but this is a different type of agreement. PECO is taking full responsibility for any damage or injury through an insurance policy that the Borough will approve. Mr. Pierson asked how the equipment will be mounted and by the diagrams given us it is attached with clamps. Cowan will review attachment for approval. The Borough will be responsible to pay for the electric service to PECO's equipment costing approximately \$40.00 per month. To install a separate electric service would involve bringing service into the tank and possibly damaging the tank wall or running service from the garage and fishing service wires into the conduit. The PPL cost is built into the monthly payment. Mr. Rock asked about ways to monitor the electric and bill back to PECO. Mayor Sloyer asked if we can request additional monies monthly to pay the electric costs. Atty. Kramer reported they will most likely pay in full once a year and Mr. Huff asked if the payment will be made in the beginning or end of the calendar year. Atty. Kramer would need to find out from PECO. He also remarked that 30 days notice to terminate the agreement and all monies paid upfront will be paid back upon termination. Lastly, Atty. Kramer reported there is no arbitration clause and he believes PECO will not add this to the agreement. After some discussion, Mr. Rock made a motion to accept the PECO lease agreement. Seconded by Mr. Huff and unanimously approved.

Water Committee: The Water Supervisor's report is available for review. Mr. Rock discussed the approval of safety harnesses for the Water Department since it exceeds budgeted line item. Mr. Rock reported he reviewed the budget and there is another line item for equipment. Mr. Huff made a motion to purchase the safety harnesses. Seconded by Mr. Young and unanimously approved.

Source Water Protection: Mr. Rock reported the SWP meeting will be held at Borough Hall on Thursday, September 19, 2013, beginning at 10:30am.

Zoning/Planning: The Code Officer's report is available for review. Nothing from Planning Commission or House Bill #2530 and the sidewalk repair plan is still in progress.

Roads: The Road Supervisors report is available. Repairs on Long Alley will be started soon and additional traffic issues at 3rd & Cherry and Washington St. are on hold at this time. Mr. Fry will follow up with the engineers. The time limit parking signs for Jefferson Street in front of the Middle School have been ordered. Repair of the storm sewer at Railroad Street will be done by the end of the week. Mr. Reinhart, Road Supervisor was present to discuss the purchase of a dump truck. Two trucks were at the garage for Council to inspect, a 2004 Freightliner and a 2014 International. Council agreed the 2004 Freightliner was not worth the asking price of approximately \$58,000.00. Mr. Reinhart reported that the 2014 International was fully loaded and just what the Borough would need. The cost would be \$124,000.00 with the possibility of the dealer knocking off another \$2,000.00. Depending on the loan the interest rates would range from 2.69 to 2.99. Right now the Borough is not in a position to purchase a new truck and Mr. Fry recommended we start a capital fund to help finance the truck and or look for available grant money. Council decided more discussion is needed and Mr. Reinhart will continue to look at dump trucks.

Finance Committee: Mr. Huff made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Mr. Young and unanimously approved. Mr. Huff made a motion to accept the August Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Mr. Young and unanimously approved.

Personnel: Office staff concerns will be brought up in executive session.

Property: Mr. Pierson reported parking at the Water plant is ongoing and restricted access to the open area behind Hamilton and Valley Roads and Colonial Drive will be completed by the end of the week.

Waste Management: Bag sale report is available for review.

Recycling: Recycling Report is available for review. Mr. Fry reported the electronics container is being locked at night and on weekends. We have been getting computers, keyboards, and other small electronics as well as TV's.

Sewer Authority: No Report.

Revitalization: No Report.

Regional Planning: Mr. Pierson reported that the Way-finding signs committee has chosen a design and he hopes to have something for Council to review at the next meeting.

Emergency Management: No Report.

Borough Manager Updates: Mr. Fry reported that Montgomery County is holding a Storm Water Symposium in October and he will be attending.

Correspondence: No Report.

Other Business: No Report.

Executive Session: Mr. Pierson called an executive session at 8:30pm to discuss a personnel matter. The regular meeting was reconvened at 9:20 pm. A motion was made by Mr. Huff to offer Ms. Kachmar full time employment beginning September 9, 2013, including three year's time credit towards vacation, sick time and enrollment in the Borough's pension plan. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Motion to Adjourn: Being no further business, Mr. Huff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:25 pm and seconded by Mr. Young, meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Submitted by:

Kathleen M. Chilton, Borough Secretary