

**BOROUGH OF EAST
GREENVILLE
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

September 2, 2014

Call to Order: Mr. Huff called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Attendance: The following Council members were present: Timothy Huff, Josiah Pierson, Ryan Pugh, Andrew Rock and James Young. Also present were Mayor Ryan Sloyer, Stephen Kramer, Solicitor, James Fry, Borough Manager, and Sharon Kachmar, Borough Secretary/Treasurer.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Young to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2014, meeting. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Visitors: Allison Czapp, Town & Country; Kathleen Bieler; Ed Bieler; Ann Henry; Tom Henry; Samuel Nolt; Glenn Quinn, UMJA

Police Commission Report: Mayor Sloyer reported that the monthly allocation is \$44,529.41 plus \$825.00 in rent and utilities. Trouble continues with kids in the Jefferson Street area by the church. Police presence is increasing in that area. The Mayor requested no parking signs be posted for Community Day, September 6, 2014. A motion was made by Mr. Rock to post no parking on Main Street for Community Day from the southern Borough line to Fourth Street on both sides from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Motion was seconded by Mr. Young and unanimously approved. Mr. Rock also made a motion for no parking on Third Street from Main Street to School Alley to allow for a fire truck to park during Community Day. Motion was seconded by Mr. Young and unanimously approved.

Mayor's Report: Nothing to report.

Solicitor Items: Atty. Kramer asked Glenn Quinn of UMJA to give an overview concerning the request for approval by UMJA to treat waste from Blommer Chocolate. Mr. Quinn explained how Upper Hanover Authority has had a hard time treating their waste because of the large volume and lack of dilution due to proximity of the Authority to Blommer. He stated that UMJA can handle the volume, and because of the distance the waste would travel, dilution would not be an issue. They need the approval of East Greenville Borough, as the neighboring municipality, and release of 65 EDUs. Initially, they plan to pilot the waste by hauling it to the plant where it would be monitored and tested and put into the collection system. DEP would then need to review and approve the process. Once approved by DEP, UMJA would look for a suitable connection site so Blommer can hook into the system, possibly at Third and State Streets in East Greenville. Mr. Quinn then addressed several concerns and answered questions from Council and visitors. Mr. Huff and Mr. Pierson inquired about the type of waste and whether it would clog the pipes. Mr. Quinn replied that the majority of the waste is from cleanup and sanitation. Blommer has fail safes in place to insure that high solids such as butter fat are properly treated before discharge. He also explained that some fatty acids from the Blommer waste will be a benefit to the system as they switch from chemical phosphorous removal to biological removal of phosphorous. Mrs. Kathleen Bieler, East Greenville resident, was concerned about taking on industry from Upper Hanover Township. Mr. Ed Bieler, East Greenville resident, asked if there was currently a moratorium on sewer EDUs. Mr. Quinn explained that as they submit to DEP that infiltration/inflow has been reduced, they get EDUs released. No one in East Greenville is currently waiting for an EDU. Mr. Bieler is concerned that if Council approves this request, a precedent will be set making it more difficult to stop the next project which may not be as attractive. Mr. Quinn stated that it is project specific and would be considered on a permit by permit basis. Mr. Tom Henry, East Greenville resident, asked if UMJA is confident they can handle the high flow and whether or not other Upper Hanover industries are currently using the system. Mr. Quinn replied that they don't see the flow impacting East Greenville at all. At this time, there are no

other industries from Upper Hanover connected to their system. Mr. Huff asked about the potential negatives of this project. Mr. Quinn said worst case scenario would be operator error discharging a heavy fat that bothers the line. However, the likelihood of that happening is slim since they have a number of fail safes in place. Mayor Sloyer inquired if the expansion project at UMJA will need to be upgraded to accommodate Blommer. Mr. Quinn stated it would have no impact on their current plans. Mr. Huff asked Atty. Kramer to investigate and give Council an opinion about setting a legal precedent if they approve the treatment of waste from Blommer Chocolate.

Atty. Kramer researched filling a vacancy on the UMJA Board with a municipal employee. He sees no conflict of interest as long as basic requirements are met such as having residency and being a taxpayer of the Borough. Mr. Pugh made a motion to appoint Grant Boyer to the UMJA Board of Directors. Seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved.

Water Committee: Supervisor's report is available. In an effort to reduce unaccounted for water loss, Mr. Fry reported that the budgeted handheld leak detector used to pinpoint leaks was recently purchased. The water department also demoed a leak detection system that uses pods placed in the valve boxes to listen for leaks. That data will be available soon. They want to review the data and how the system works vs. the current technology and perhaps come back with a budget request in the future.

Zoning/Planning: Code officer's report is available via email.

Road Committee: Mr. Young reported that the road supervisor's report is on file.

The CDBG Arlington Street Reconstruction contract is in the process of being signed. The preconstruction meeting is tentatively scheduled for next week.

The dump truck should be available in a couple of weeks.

Mr. Rock made a motion to close Main Street from the southern border to Fifth Street for the Halloween Parade from 4 p.m. to 11 p.m. on October 26, 2014. Seconded by Mr. Young and unanimously approved. The rain date is Tuesday, October 28, 2014.

Finance Committee: Mr. Rock made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Mr. Pugh. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock - aye, Mr. Pugh - aye, Mr. Pierson - aye, Mr. Huff - aye, Mr. Young - aye. Motion carried. Mr. Rock made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mr. Young. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock - aye, Mr. Pugh - aye, Mr. Pierson - aye, Mr. Huff - aye, Mr. Young - aye. Motion carried.

Personnel Committee: A letter of interest was received from Stephen Granger to fill the Planning Commission vacancy. Mr. Rock made a motion to appoint Stephen Granger to the Planning Commission. Seconded by Mr. Young and unanimously approved.

Property Committee: A quote for \$14,700.00 was received from Luxton Tree Service for trimming trees on Main Street. Council discussed whether we could trim them ourselves. Mr. Fry commented that getting to the tops of the trees safely as well as traffic issues are a challenge. Council asked that another quote be obtained by a local contractor. Mr. Bieler asked whether it is the responsibility of the homeowner or the Borough to maintain the grates around the trees. Council was not sure and Atty. Kramer offered to look into it. Mr. Fry said we have taken the approach that the concrete and everything other than the trees and the lights are the homeowner's responsibility. The Borough has replaced the trees and done maintenance on them. Mr. Huff stated that if we are taking care of the trees, we should take care of the grates. Mayor Sloyer asked if we could look back in the notes since he recalled discussions about who would be the owners.

Recycling /Waste Mgmt Committee: Nothing to report.

Weis Markets is currently sold out of Borough bags. A letter was sent from the office about not charging sales tax, but we haven't heard back from them yet.

Sewer Authority: Nothing to report.

Revitalization: No report.

Regional Planning: Mr. Pierson reported that Regional Planning met last week. The major topic was a multiregional greenway study looking into parks and open space.

Emergency Management: Mr. Fry reported that he will be applying for his advanced certification for emergency management coordinator this week.

Borough Manager Updates: Nothing.

Correspondence: None.

Motion to Adjourn: Being no further business, Mr. Rock made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Young. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by:

Sharon Kachmar, Secretary/Treasurer