

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

**October 6, 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, Tracey Hunsinger, Josiah Pierson, Ryan Pugh, and Andrew Rock. 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. Pierson to approve the minutes of the September 23, 2014, meeting. Seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved.

**Visitors:** Allison Czapp, Town & Country; Grant Boyer

**Police Commission Report:** Mayor Sloyer reported that the monthly allocation is \$44,529.41 plus \$825.00 in rent and utilities. He has not seen the proposed 2015 police budget but the chair and vice chair are working on it. The hope is to have it by the end of October. They are also close to finalizing the chief's contract which expires December 31, 2014. Police utilities should be addressed once Pennsburg Borough moves upstairs in the building and the utilities are metered separately.

**Mayor's Report:** On the same day as the Halloween parade, the Grand Theater is having a showing. Mayor Sloyer may have to adjust the approved road closure times and will work with all parties concerned to make sure cars are off the street.

**Solicitor Items:** Atty. Kramer looked into a potential ordinance with regard to truck deliveries on Main Street obstructing traffic and causing a safety hazard. The statewide code (Title 75 Section 3351 Subsection A) indicates that parking of this kind is a violation. This then becomes an enforcement issue for police. Atty. Kramer relayed that Mr. Fry has seen deliveries take place from Third Street the last couple of times, and the violation may no longer be an issue. Atty. Kramer asked Council if they want him to continue to pursue this or wait to see if it has taken care of itself. Council asked Atty. Kramer to contact Chief Devlin and let him know his findings and report back to Council.

Atty. Kramer and Mr. Fry were present at a meeting which took place between Home City Ice and Pennsburg Borough to discuss noise and traffic disruptions affecting the quality of life for residents who live along Penn Street in Pennsburg Borough. Some complaints were made prior to issues having already been resolved by Home City Ice. It was also discovered that what was originally suspected to be Home City Ice truck traffic was in fact truck traffic unrelated to them and some from businesses outside East Greenville Borough. Atty. Kramer reported there was good collaboration between all parties, and Pennsburg Borough solicitors did a good job facilitating the discussion.

**Water Committee:** Supervisor's report was emailed to Council. Grant Boyer reported that the plant is back to normal levels after a leak discovered by leak detector pods was repaired.

**Zoning/Planning:** Code officer's report was emailed. The first section draft of the flood plain ordinance is being reviewed by the Planning Commission.

**Road Committee:** Road supervisor's report has been emailed.

Concerning the Arlington Street reconstruction, there are contractor issues with a drainage pipe installed on Mr. Savarese's property which are being resolved. A soft spot on the roadway was also a concern which necessitated a joint meeting with Cowan Associates, the Borough and the contractor.

Mayor Sloyer asked about the progress of sidewalk inspections. He stated he was approached by a resident in the 500 block of Main Street who asked how Council intends to keep Main Street uniform in accordance with the revitalization plan and who is going to pay for it. Mr. Fry plans to finish inspecting a large portion of the sidewalks by the end of October. Sidewalks on Main Street in the Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Street blocks are in this round of inspections. There has been no word yet, but the hope is to get a preliminary announcement of grant awards by the end of the year for the multimodal streetscape grant which was applied for in June. Mr. Fry anticipates sidewalk challenges in the 500 block and asked what the expectation is for homeowners. Mr. Pierson said he spoke with Brian O'Leary who said not to expect money to be there for revitalization like in the past. Next year Council will need a plan to address homeowners who don't do anything to fix their sidewalk.

Most of the design work for expanding the parking lot at Bank and Washington Street has already been completed. Mr. Fry anticipates receiving a basic set of specifications and bid documents shortly after the new year.

Council was given information about applying for a grant through the Department of Transportation called Green Light – Go relating to traffic signals. Mr. Fry asked if Council is interested in applying to upgrade the traffic pole at Fourth and Main Streets because we may need to spend money getting preliminary studies done so a scope of the work and cost estimate can be prepared. The circuitry is fine, but pole should be upgraded and overhead wiring and masts may need attention in the next couple of years. This project would not be eligible for funding until Year 2 of this grant program (state fiscal year of July 2015 - June 2016).

**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, Ms. Hunsinger – aye. Motion carried. Mr. Rock made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report, seconded by Mr. Pugh. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock - aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Huff - aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye. Motion carried.

Council gave approval to shop out worker's compensation insurance for 2015.

Mr. Rock anticipates budget meetings to start mid-month.

**Personnel Committee:** Concerning Planning Commission, Robert McCluskie has not officially resigned but has verbally indicated he can no longer make meetings due to working second shift. Mayor Sloyer will contact him to find out if he will be officially resigning. Mr. Pierson offered to serve on Planning Commission if there was a vacancy.

**Property Committee:** There is a dead tree at Third and State Street on the island of property between two ordained streets that the Borough maintains by mowing the grass and shoveling sidewalks. Mr. Pierson made a motion to remove the tree. Seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved.

Mayor Sloyer inquired whether or not the interior cameras are operational at the Colonial Village clubhouse since there is a possibility the building will be used later this month. Wiring is already intact, and Mr. Rock and Mr. Huff indicated they would get the cameras installed.

**Recycling /Waste Mgmt Committee:** Report on file.

Mr. Pierson advised that Weis Markets would like to sell our trash bags but cannot as of now.

**Sewer Authority:** Mayor Sloyer was wondering if Mr. Quinn was given the impression by Council that UMJA's request to treat Blommer's waste would be approved. Mr. Boyer, UMJA board representative, indicated he didn't get that impression from Mr. Quinn. There are still a lot of steps in the process, and Blommer is currently under a contract with the Upper Hanover Authority. Council discussed the possibility of having a joint meeting with all parties concerned. Council instructed Atty. Kramer to reach out to the solicitor for the Upper Hanover Authority to find out where they are in the process.

**Revitalization:** No word yet on the grant application for Main Street streetscape.

**Regional Planning:** Mr. Pierson advised that Brian O'Leary gave a presentation of the county plan at a recent meeting. It was attended by about 50 people and showed open space and preserved farms in the area.

**Emergency Management:** Mr. Fry inquired how the police are going to handle radio upgrades. Will they be in the budget or separate? Mayor Sloyer said he believed each municipality would purchase a portion of any radios based on their allocation. Mr. Fry will check with the fire company to see if any radio purchases are expected. Any interest-free loans offered by the county must be taken through the municipality. East Greenville Borough Public Works department was given one county-owned radio to maintain and use for disaster response. Both Randy Reinhart and Toby Cole were recently trained to use it.

**Borough Manager Updates:** Mr. Fry announced that Second Street has been recommended for a CDBG grant. This project would be a total reconstruction of Second Street between Main and Washington Streets to include new curbing and sidewalk. He will have more details next month.

Mr. Rock made a motion to close the 400 block of Washington Street from 6 to 10 p.m. on October 9, 2014, for fire prevention week. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

**Correspondence:** None.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Being no further business, Mr. Pierson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Rock. Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Submitted by:

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Sharon Kachmar, Secretary/Treasurer