

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

December 16, 2014

Call to Order: Mr. Huff called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Attendance: The following Council members were present: Timothy Huff, Josiah Pierson, Ryan Pugh, and Leon Steinert. Also present were Mayor Ryan Sloyer, Stephen Kramer, Solicitor, James Fry, Borough Manager, and Sharon Kachmar, Borough Secretary/Treasurer. Councilman Andrew Rock arrived at 7:15 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Pierson to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2014, meeting. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Visitors Present: None.

Finance Committee: Mr. Huff announced that the budget for 2015 was reviewed by council and properly advertised. Mr. Pierson made a motion to adopt the 2015 budget, seconded by Mr. Steinert. Roll call vote: Mr. Pugh – yea, Mr. Pierson – yea, Mr. Huff – yea, Mr. Steinert - yea. Motion passed.

Mr. Pugh made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Mr. Steinert. Roll call vote: Mr. Pugh – yea, Mr. Pierson – yea, Mr. Huff – yea, Mr. Steinert - yea. Motion passed.

The fee schedule update for 2015 was presented to council at the last meeting. It contains a few small changes to some of the fees. Mr. Pugh made a motion to adopt the 2015 fee schedule as presented. Seconded by Mr. Steinert and unanimously approved.

Mr. Fry informed council that the cost for worker's compensation insurance for 2015 through AmeriHealth Casualty Services, our current provider, is \$18,907.00. This quote was provided by Lechner & Stauffer. Brown & Brown, our current liability insurance agent, asked to quote our worker's compensation insurance through the same provider. They are meeting with Borough employees later this week. The premium is due before the next Borough Council meeting. Mr. Pugh made a motion to accept the lowest bid or if tie to insure through Lechner and Stauffer, seconded by Mr. Steinert. Roll call vote: Mr. Pugh – yea, Mr. Pierson – yea, Mr. Huff – yea, Mr. Steinert - yea. Motion passed.

Other Business: Mr. Huff indicated that the tax rate will remain the same for 2015 as it was in 2014 at 6.250 mills. Mr. Pugh made a motion to advertise Ordinance 2015-01. Seconded by Mr. Steinert and unanimously approved.

The Multimodal Transportation Fund grant application through PA Department of Transportation was rejected. This application was for Phase VII streetscape enhancement on Main Street between 4th and 5th Streets.

There will be an open house for the new condominiums at 413 Jefferson Street on December 22nd from 3 to 7 p.m. Mr. Kyle Hoff, property owner, is hosting.

Concerning the Arlington Street Reconstruction Project, Cowan Associates recommends approval of Change Order No. 1, Payment Request No. 1 as amended and Change Order No. 2. Mr. Fry reported that Change Order No. 1 is for some extras, Payment Request No. 1 is for a major portion of the work minus a punch list item not completed and Change Order No. 2 is for a time extension. Mr. Fry indicated there has been difficulty with the contractor. Contract specifications require them to pay for the engineering of improper work and review and administration by

the engineer in getting the work corrected. They have refused to pay those invoices. An extension was filed for the grant until June 1, 2015, to allow for the work to be done and paperwork submitted. The amount that is being withheld from the original payment request is 150% of the value of the work in case the Borough has to rebid the project to get the work completed. Mr. Pugh made a motion to approve Change Order No. 1 for the Arlington Street Reconstruction Project in the amount of \$465.00. Seconded by Mr. Steinert and unanimously approved. Mr. Pugh made a motion to approve Payment Request No.1 for 100% payment of contract totaling \$54,362.50 minus an estimated amount of \$8,100 to complete outstanding work which comes down to \$46,262.50 per Cowan Associates, seconded by Mr. Steinert. Roll call vote: Mr. Pugh – yea, Mr. Pierson – yea, Mr. Huff – yea, Mr. Steinert - yea. Motion passed. Mr. Pugh made a motion to approve Change Notice No. 2 to extend the time of the contract for 183 days until May 1, 2015, to insure all work is completed. Seconded by Mr. Steinert and unanimously approved.

Mr. Huff wants to thank the Upper Perk Police Department, Chief Mike Devlin and all officers for their diligent work in resolving the situation that occurred in Pennsburg and insuring residents of East Greenville were safe throughout the last two days. Also, a thank you to the Montgomery County SWAT teams and all of the additional departments that provided units to patrol the area over the last two nights. Our department showed it was up to the task of dealing with a situation like this.

Mayor Sloyer cautioned council to watch expenses on the approved budget for 2015. The earned income tax revenue line item was raised to \$320,000. Because of fluctuations in past years, he feels it is not something to bank on.

Motion to Adjourn: Being no further business, Mr. Pugh made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Steinert. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Submitted by:

Sharon Kachmar, Secretary/Treasurer