

BOROUGH OF EAST GREENVILLE
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 6, 2015

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 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. Pierson to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2015, meeting. Seconded by Mr. Young and unanimously approved.

Visitors: Roberta Simmons, 449 Washington Street; Scott Roth, 104 Main Street; Sergei Blair, Town & Country; Doug Criddle, 274 Washington Street, Diane Criddle, 274 Washington Street

Visitor's Comments: Roberta Simmons who lives at 449 Washington Street addressed Council about the five lots she owns on Arlington Street. She is trying to decide what to do with the land and inquired if Borough Council would consider purchasing the land for open space. She felt it was worth \$50,000 to \$60,000. Council said they may look into grant opportunities with the county or state.

Scott Roth was present to support the potential placement of an action park at the old tennis court on the Colonial Village clubhouse grounds. Mayor Sloyer said the insurance would cost approximately \$750 a year, and there would be no setup required. A 10 ft. piece would be eliminated. Council wanted to continue moving forward with the project.

Discussion ensued about kids loitering in the alley behind the Upper Perk Community Life Center which is located at 104 Main Street. The kids loitering are not the same kids attending functions at the center. Cameras are installed and no loitering signs are posted on the Life Center property. Increased police presence has helped in the past. However, this is the second year in a row with the same issues in that area. Mr. Huff stated residents need to call when issues arise since the police cannot be there at all times. Mayor Sloyer had spoken with Atty. Kramer concerning drafting a no loitering ordinance. Atty. Kramer said he found a couple of ordinances that could be tailored, but you must be cautious when you restrict people's mobility that you don't infringe on constitutional rights. Council did not approve any further investigation into an ordinance by the solicitor, but rather asked Atty. Kramer to provide them with the sample ordinances he mentioned. Since a curfew ordinance is already in place, it was suggested that the police be asked to enforce the curfew.

Police Commission Report: Mayor Sloyer announced that the monthly allocation is \$48,157.05.

Mayor's Report: Vandalism at the Colonial Village clubhouse was caught on camera and the tape was sent to the Upper Perk police.

Solicitor Items: Arlington Street repairs were performed by GoreCon. Our engineers will review the work. Once they sign off on the repairs, Atty. Kramer will discuss reimbursement of costs associated with the extension of this project.

Atty. Kramer presented Resolution 2015-05 for approval. This resolution pertains to applying for a Community Development Block Grant for the upgrades to make the Colonial Village clubhouse handicap accessible. Mr. Pierson made a motion to adopt Resolution 2015-05, seconded by Mr. Young. Roll call vote: Mr. Pugh – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Huff – aye, Mr. Young – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye. Motion carried.

Water Committee: Mr. Huff mentioned that the Water Supervisor's report is on file.

Zoning/Planning: Mr. Hunsinger remarked that Code Officer's report is available.

Road Committee: Mr. Young reported that the Road Supervisor's report is available for review.

Mr. Young made a motion to overlay Washington Street from Second Street to Fifth Street not to exceed \$19,300, seconded by Mr. Pugh. Roll call vote: Mr. Pugh – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Huff – aye, Mr. Young – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye. Motion carried.

A quote is being solicited for a thinner overlay on Jefferson Street. Crack sealing will be performed throughout the Borough.

Late May 2015 is the target for bidding on the Second Street reconstruction grant project.

Finance Committee: Mr. Young made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Mr. Pugh. Roll call vote: Mr. Pugh – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Huff – aye, Mr. Young – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Pierson made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. Seconded by Mr. Young and approved unanimously.

The Open Space CD in the amount of \$1,190.15 is up for renewal. Mr. Young made a motion to keep the Open Space CD at QNB, seconded by Mr. Pugh. Roll call vote: Mr. Pugh – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Huff – aye, Mr. Young – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye. Motion carried.

Personnel Committee: Ms. Hunsinger asked if there were any changes to the Winter Maintenance Policy that was presented at the last meeting. Hearing no comments, a final draft will be given to Atty. Kramer for review before adoption by Council.

The third party administrator for the Borough's CDL drug and alcohol testing program is being changed by PSAB to FirstLab. Ms. Hunsinger made a motion that we enter into an agreement with FirstLab for the CDL drug and alcohol program. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Property Committee: The bid opening for the parking lot improvements is April 15, 2015.

Recycling/Waste Mgmt Committee: Electronic recycling container has not yet been replaced. This may take another week because they are switching transportation companies. Mayor Sloyer questioned if we got any information about potential changes Pennsburg Borough may want to make to the joint recycling center. Mr. Fry has not gotten a response from an email he sent to Bruce Lord. It was suggested Mr. Pugh, committee chairman, reach out to them.

Branch chipping starts this week, weather permitting.

Sewer Authority: Nothing.

Revitalization: Mr. Pierson reported that Love Upper Perk got approved to take over the Fourth of July events from FreedomFest and will be renaming it Hometown Fourth of July.

Regional Planning: Mr. Pierson reported that at the last meeting they had an ADA speaker who offered a free audit for municipal buildings. Mr. Pierson will forward his business card to Mr. Fry.

Concerning the wayfinding sign, Council would like to place the regional gateway sign in the brick pavers on the sidewalk in front of the Community Life Center, which would require a PennDOT permit.

Emergency Management: Nothing.

Borough Manager Updates: Nothing.

Correspondence: Three requests were received for sidewalk repair extensions. Concerning 133 Third Street, Mr. Pierson made a motion to extend the sidewalk repair into August 2015. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Mr. Pierson made a motion that we extend 519 Jefferson Street sidewalk repair to the end of October 2015. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

The resident at 440 West Fourth Street requested a three-year extension. Mr. Pierson made a motion that we extend 440 Fourth Street sidewalk repair until the end of April 2016 with the condition that they patch any unsafe conditions temporarily. Seconded by Mr. Young and unanimously approved. Council also clarified that they would be willing to consider amending the extension if the resident wanted it re-evaluated next year.

Concerning the sidewalk plan for the Borough, Mayor Sloyer wants Council to address how to handle sidewalk inspections on Main Street from Fourth Street to Sixth Street which were not updated with the streetscape revitalization. Mr. Fry said setting grade for those sidewalks is an issue. Mr. Fry will do some inspections on Main Street, evaluate what is there and then review with Council. It is not likely that grant money will be available in the near future to continue with the streetscape. It was suggested the Roads Committee meet to discuss options on how to handle that as well as address properties without existing sidewalks.

Mayor Sloyer reported that the YMCA changed the route for their 5K run/walk race, and it will no longer be in the Borough.

Motion to Adjourn: Being no further business, Mr. Pierson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Submitted by:



Sharon Kachmar, Secretary/Treasurer