

BOROUGH OF EAST GREENVILLE
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

July 28, 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, Leon Steinert and James Young. Also present were Mayor Ryan Sloyer, Barry Tomlinson, 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 July 6, 2015, meeting. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved by all except Mr. Huff who abstained.

Visitors: Jeromy Schulz-Arnold; Sergei Blair, Town & Country; Marita Thomson; Richard E. Egan; Dan and Shirl Desch; Mariane Whitaker, Tessalynn Cudrew, Grant Boyer; Paul Ulicny; plus 1 other visitor

Visitor's Comments: Mr. Richard Egan complained about speeding cars on Main Street. Mr. Huff said the police are aware of it, and he will ask them to step up enforcement. Mr. Fry was asked to get pricing on a speed display sign.

Mr. Dan Desch asked Council if he could change the block party road closure that was approved at the last meeting from August 15 to August 29. Mr. Young made a motion to close Jefferson Street from Fifth Street to Water Alley on August 29, 2015, from 2 to 8 p.m. with a rain date of August 30, 2015. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Mr. Paul Ulicny informed Council about the parking lot paving project he has planned at The Globe Inn on Fourth Street and how it would interface with Long Alley. He was inquiring if the Borough wanted to participate in a joint paving project and provided a handout which outlined areas to be milled if the alley was not paved at the same time as well as a quote for paving Long Alley from Fourth Street to the end of his parking lot. The cost for Yarnall Paving to pave Long Alley would be \$4,412.00, and Mr. Ulicny offered to pay half of that charge. Mr. Huff remarked that Long Alley has been long neglected, and the Borough should pay for the paving. Mr. Pierson made a motion that Long Alley be paved per the specified dimensions at a price not to exceed \$4,500.00, seconded by Mr. Young. Roll call vote: Mr. Pugh – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Huff – aye, Mr. Young – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion carried. Mr. Ulicny will contact Yarnall to get the job scheduled. Mr. Fry agreed to get a quote on paving the rest of Long Alley and Cherry Alley.

Police Commission Report: Mayor Sloyer reported that the second quarter pension report is on file. The county radios were priced at almost \$50,000. East Greenville Borough's portion will be about \$22,000 with Pennsburg Borough's share to be about \$27,000 in accordance with the ordinance that governs how costs are split among the boroughs for the police department. Installation will be another \$1,500 to \$2,000. Mayor Sloyer reported that there was a lengthy discussion about the minutes of the previous meeting because the tape recorder was broken during the discussion of the anonymous donation and fees the solicitor was charging. It was tabled until next month. The solicitor suggested a copy of the bylaws be formally requested from the U.P. Officer's Association which will help to clarify and end the discussion. The commercial insurance renewal is going up \$9,000 next year, mainly due to worker's compensation claims.

Mayor's Report: Waiting on date for moving action park equipment.

Community day entertainment has been booked. Mayor Sloyer will be selecting and awarding the community service awards. He suggested it was time for Council to take a bigger part in the planning and organizing of this event and suggests a chairperson be selected to head up that committee. Mr. Huff thanked him for his service.

Solicitor Items: Atty. Tomlinson requested an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss potential litigation.

A resolution in support of legalizing medicinal cannabis in Pennsylvania was discussed by Council. Council asked that the draft resolution be finalized for possible adoption at the next meeting.

Water Committee: Mr. Grant Boyer thanked the sitting Council and employees as well as past Council for supporting him for the past 15 years of his employment where he served as Road Supervisor and more recently Water Plant Supervisor. His last day of employment is tomorrow. Mr. Huff thanked him for his service and leadership and wished him good luck in his future endeavors.

Mr. Fry informed Council about the need for a new chlorine analyzer to replace one of the three which went bad. Mr. Pierson made a motion to purchase Hach Model CL17 chlorine analyzer for an amount not to exceed \$3,400.00, seconded by Mr. Steinert. Roll call vote: Mr. Pugh – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Huff – aye, Mr. Young – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Fry and Mr. Boyer visited the Sellersville water plant to look at purchasing equipment which was decommissioned when their water system was sold. Sellersville is preparing to put equipment out for bid and suggested we make them an offer. Mr. Fry proposes a lump sum for a list of items we are interested in using at our plant. This would include the soda ash dispenser, turbidity analyzers for spare parts and some chemical feed pumps and equipment that is obsolete but could be used as parts. Mr. Young made a motion to move forward with an offer not to exceed \$15,000, seconded by Mr. Steinert. Roll call vote: Mr. Pugh – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Huff – aye, Mr. Young – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion carried.

Zoning/Planning: Minor changes are needed for the flood plain ordinance. Mr. Fry will make the changes and resubmit it to the county.

The Planning Commission released the Main Street study results to Council. They will release to the public soon.

Road Committee: An estimate of \$35,000 was received for a double slurry seal on Third Street from Main Street to State Street and then a single slurry seal on Third Street from State Street to the township line. Due to the cost, this project would need to be bid out. It was tabled until the next meeting.

Mr. Steinert observed several vehicles traveling the wrong way on the one-way section of Bank Street between Hickory Alley and Main Street, disregarding the Do Not Enter signs. He recommends white arrows be placed on the roadway. Mr. Fry will speak with Randy Reinhart, Road Supervisor, about looking into either stencils for painting arrows or taped arrows.

Mrs. Shirl Desch questioned the long wait time at the light at Fourth and Main Streets. Mayor Sloyer advised that the timing is regulated by PennDOT. Mr. Fry said we can ask them to look at it again when we apply for approval to do our signal upgrade.

The PennDOT winter maintenance agreement for 2015-2016 season is \$1,661.06 which covers State Route 29 from Front Street to Kraussdale Road. Mr. Young made a motion to approve the agreement. Seconded by Ms. Hunsinger and unanimously approved.

Finance Committee: Nothing.

Personnel Committee: It doesn't look probable that we will get a worker through the youth empowerment program since they don't have any applicants to place in our area. Our current part-time laborer for recycling is a student, so we may have to advertise again for part-time recycling help in the fall.

No one has applied for the crossing guard position advertised through Facebook at Fifth and Main Streets. An ad will be placed with the Town & Country. If we don't get any responses, we may need to move one of the other crossing guards to that location.

Property Committee: The parking lot expansion project at Bank and Washington Streets has started.

A quote was received for a heat pump unit at 442 Washington Street in the amount of \$8,965.00. Council asked that another quote be solicited for comparison.

Recycling/Waste Mgmt Committee: East Greenville Borough trash bags and stickers can no longer be sold at Subway due to their franchise agreement. They are currently sold at Borough Hall, Uninvest Bank and the EZ-Shoppe.

Electronic recycling will be restricted to residents of East Greenville and Pennsburg Borough only. Since identification will need to be checked, the container will have to be manned. Pennsburg Borough suggested it be opened one Saturday per month. We hope to have more information after Pennsburg Borough has their meeting.

Sewer Authority: Nothing.

Revitalization: Nothing.

Regional Planning: Nothing.

Emergency Management: Nothing.

Borough Manager Updates: Mr. Fry forwarded the proposed radio purchase for the UP Police Department to the county. The East Greenville Fire Department was not interested in this program.

Correspondence: Mr. Huff read a letter from Ed Buchinski dated 7/21/15. Mr. Buchinski thanked Mr. Jim Fry for taking immediate action to remove the trash bags from Subway due to the threat by corporate to pull their franchise. He also thanked Council and Mayor Sloyer for their understanding. Council was also thanked for closing Third Street during the visit from the American Theater Organ Society and for the \$6,000 donation made to the Upper Perkiomen Valley Ambulance Association.

Executive Session: Mr. Huff called an executive session at 8:38 p.m. to discuss personnel and possible litigation.

Regular meeting reconvened at 8:57 p.m.

Ms. Hunsinger made a motion to hire Grant Boyer on a part-time status with a \$500.00 monthly retainer and an hourly rate of \$25.00 an hour for water work, seconded by Mr. Young. Roll call vote: Mr. Pugh – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Huff – aye, Mr. Young – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion carried.

Ms. Hunsinger made a motion to hire Grant Boyer at a rate of \$15.00 an hour for snow plowing, seconded by Mr. Pugh. Roll call vote: Mr. Pugh – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Huff – aye, Mr. Young – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion carried.

Motion to Adjourn: Being no further business, Mr. Young made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Submitted by:



Sharon Kachmar, Secretary/Treasurer