

**BOROUGH OF EAST GREENVILLE**  
**BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**September 8, 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, Josiah Pierson, Andrew Rock, Ryan Pugh, and Lee Steinert. 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. Rock to approve the minutes of the August 25, 2015, meeting. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved by all except Mr. Huff who abstained.

**Visitors:** Jeromy Schulz-Arnold; Keith Gerhart; Steven Brown; Sergei Blair, Town & Country

**Visitor's Comments:** Mr. Steven Brown, resident at 27 E. Sixth Street, addressed Council to ask if parking can be banned across the street from his driveway. He has a full-sized pickup truck and alleges he cannot maneuver to get out of his driveway when someone is parked across the street. The police referred him to Borough Council. Council took no action on the request.

Mr. Keith Gerhart questioned why the borough website didn't list Police Commission meetings. Those meetings are on the fourth Monday of each month, January through June in Pennsburg and July through December in East Greenville. This information will be re-posted on the website.

**Police Commission Report:** Mayor Sloyer reported the allocation for the month is \$48,157.05. According to the chief's report, East Greenville has had more crime than Pennsburg in the past several months.

**Mayor's Report:** The tentative date for moving the action park equipment to Borough property is September 26, 2015. Wires for the camera system have been run and the clubhouse is properly signed. Mr. Huff suggested adding signs that say the property is under camera surveillance.

**Solicitor Items:** No update on GoreCon or the Crown Castle cell tower contract. Atty. Tomlinson advised that another attorney has joined their firm and hopefully will help with the backlog.

Montgomery County Board of Assessment approved an assessment reduction at 474 State Street. A hearing for an assessment reduction at 326 Cherry Street is pending.

Council clarified that the update to the ordinance to enforce no trailer parking is to be for municipal-owned parking areas, not street parking.

**Water Committee:** Mr. Fry sent out the monthly report.

A meeting is scheduled with Carl Wischner at Cowan Associates and Corrosion Control to talk about the water tank paint repair. The issue is on the surface of the tank, not the interior.

**Zoning/Planning:** Code officer's report was distributed.

Received a letter from FEMA about flood plain maps. The Planning Commission needs to review and formerly approve the ordinance changes at their September 15, 2015, meeting.

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

Mr. Fry advised that the Second Street reconstruction project is still being designed.

The Upper Perkiomen Community Church at 258 Main Street requested permission to temporarily post no parking signs on the south side of Third Street between Main Street and School Alley when they use a lift on that side of the building to make some repairs. Mr. Pierson made a motion to approve no parking on the south side of Third Street for building work at 258 Main Street to be limited to a one-week period and coordinated with Jim Fry. Seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved.

**Finance Committee:** Mr. Rock made a motion to pay the bills, seconded by Mr. Pierson. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock – aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Huff – aye, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion carried.

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

The Minimum Municipal Obligation for the 2016 pension plan was distributed to Council for review on September 1, 2015. The amount to be budgeted for 2016 is \$24,163.00. Mr. Rock made a motion to approve the MMO worksheet, seconded by Mr. Pugh. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock – aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Huff – aye, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion carried.

In connection with the car show during Community Day, Steven Leber is requesting reimbursement for dash plaque supplies and printer ink. Mayor Sloyer suggested Pennsburg Borough pay for half of the expenses for this joint event. Mr. Rock said he would talk to Pennsburg Borough about that going forward. Mr. Rock made a motion to reimburse Steven Leber in the amount of \$175.64, seconded by Mr. Pugh. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock – aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Huff – aye, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion carried.

**Personnel Committee:** Two candidates for the water plant supervisor position will be interviewed by Council later this evening.

**Property Committee:** Concerning the award of a CDBG grant for handicap accessible improvements, we were recommended for a grant and are waiting for the official award. Mr. Fry will follow up.

Road supervisor Randy Reinhart estimates \$500.00 to replace the grass strip in the parking lot at the clubhouse with asphalt. Council did not want to add more impervious surface to that area and suggested rocks might look better. Since the issue is not being able to mow the grass because the cars park too close, Mr. Fry offered to get pricing for bumper blocks that are placed so the cars cannot overhang the grassy area.

Concerning the heat pump unit replacement at 442 Washington Street, Mr. Fry reported that the contractor will save the functional unit for us at no additional charge.

**Recycling/Waste Mgmt Committee:** Mr. Pugh advised that the reports are on file.

The next drop off date for electronic recycling is scheduled for September 19, 2015.

Pennsburg Borough did not approve paying an employee to man the electronic recycling container out of the joint Pennsburg/East Greenville recycling account. The suggestion was to hire Jeromy Schulz-Arnold as an employee to be paid by East Greenville Borough so he would be covered under worker's compensation insurance, and then invoice the joint recycling account for reimbursement of his wages. This would not affect either Borough's budget. Having a volunteer man the container may present a problem with insurance should there be an injury. It was decided that East Greenville Borough would pay Mr. Schulz-Arnold for the September 19, 2015, drop off and ask Pennsburg to provide someone to man the container in October. Mr. Huff said he would reach out to Kris Kirkwood at Pennsburg Borough to see if a resolution can be reached.

**Sewer Authority:** Nothing.

**Revitalization:** The Halloween parade is scheduled for Sunday, October 25, 2015. Mr. Pierson made a motion to authorize the use of Borough employees for road closures for the parade. Seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved.

**Regional Planning:** Nothing.

**Emergency Management:** Nothing.

**Borough Manager Updates:** Mr. Fry is working on getting loan documents for East Greenville Borough's half of the radio purchase for the police.

**Other:** At the September 4, 2015, Source Water Protection meeting, the East Greenville Borough Water Department was recognized with a certificate from the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection for outstanding efforts in developing an approved Source Water Protection Program for the Upper Perkiomen Region. Development of this program exemplifies a strong commitment to source water protection and providing safe drinking water to consumers. This award was presented to acting water plant supervisor, James Fry, and will be displayed in Borough Hall.

Mayor Sloyer advised that trick or treating will be Saturday, October 31, 2015, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Please leave your porch light on if you want to participate.

**Executive Session:** Mr. Huff called an executive session at 8:15 p.m. for personnel.

Regular meeting reconvened at 8:55 p.m.

Mr. Rock made a motion to hire Joel Pilgert for the water plant supervisor position at a rate of \$21.00 per hour for 90 days. After 90 days at \$22.00 per hour contingent upon positive references, background checks and a drug test. Motion was seconded by Mr. Pierson. Roll call vote: Mr. Rock – aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Mr. Pierson – aye, Mr. Huff – aye, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion carried.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Being no further business, Mr. Rock made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sharon Kachmar".

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Sharon Kachmar, Secretary/Treasurer