

**BOROUGH OF EAST GREENVILLE**  
**BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 5, 2016**

**Call to Order:** Council President Mr. Young called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Attendance:** The following Council members were present: Joseph Arahill, Robert McCluskie, Leon Steinert, Marita Thomson and James Young. Also present were Mayor Ryan Sloyer, Michelle Forsell, Solicitor, James Fry, Borough Manager, and Sharon Kachmar, Borough Secretary/Treasurer.

**Visitors:** Bradley Schlegel of Town & Country

**Visitor Comments:** None.

**Police Commission Report:** Mayor Sloyer reported that the monthly allocation is \$50,921.40. Suggestions for representatives for the regional police meetings and drug task force were sent to Mr. Young who will address the topic later in the meeting.

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Sloyer advised he will getting a list together for people to volunteer for Community Day in September. The moon bounce will be covered again by Dale Nace from State Farm. Community service award presentations will also take place that day.

**Solicitor Items:** Atty. Forsell advised that she just received a draft from Comcast for their franchise renewal agreement and has started comparing it to the last contract. The biggest change she's noticed so far is the term of the contract from 10 years to 15 years with 5 year renewals.

Mayor Sloyer inquired if Atty. Forsell was in contact with Atty. Garner about the impound garage. Atty. Forsell advised she has not yet spoken with him.

**Water Committee:** Monthly report is on file. Mr. Steinert advised that the well control valve is still being started and stopped manually while waiting for repair. A quote was received from A.C. Schultes for \$988.00 to replace the well solenoid control valve with a spare and test the valve for proper operation. The quote was vague as to whether or not it included taking the control valve apart and cleaning and repairing it. Mr. Fry wants to clarify the quote but also wishes to proceed with the work prior to the next meeting. Ms. Thomson made a motion to allow the finance chairperson, water department chairperson and council president to grant approval for this expense once the total amount is known, seconded by Mr. Steinert. Roll call vote: Mr. McCluskie – aye, Ms. Thomson – aye, Mr. Arahill – aye, Mr. Young – aye, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion carried.

**Zoning/Planning/Codes:** Mr. Arahill advised that the code officer's report is on file.

**Road Committee:** Mr. Steinert presented the AMS quote to include Fifth Street road work for approval. The updated quote which included previously approved Third Street, combined Third with Fifth Street for a total of 15,500 square yards to perform a double bituminous seal coat with fog seal. Ms. Thomson made a motion to approve the quote received from AMS dated June 14, 2016, with revised prices for Third Street and Fifth Street for a total cost of \$58,900.00, seconded by Mr. McCluskie. Roll call vote: Mr. McCluskie – aye, Ms. Thomson – aye, Mr. Arahill – aye, Mr. Young – aye, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion carried.

A quote is being solicited from Yarnall for an overlay to the second block of Cherry Street.

In connection with the Second Street Reconstruction project, the change notice for proposed repairs at 145 Main Street has not yet been granted by the county. Mr. Young and Mayor Sloyer spoke with the property owner, Judy Hillegass. Ms. Hillegass wrote a letter to council dated June 30, 2016, wherein she asked for reimbursement of weed whacking services performed by her neighbor on the hill along the sidewalk. She complained that it was mostly weeds and had rocks and lumps of dirt in it. She wants the problem area to be leveled out so she can mow it. She also mentioned lattice area under her porch is banged up and has concrete on it. The grant process was previously explained to the resident by Mr. Fry and Todd Nagle of Cowan Associates. Because the project was performed with federal money under contract, the Borough cannot hire another contractor to do the work without bidding it out per contract requirements. If the county does not approve the change notice, the area will become a punch list item to be re-graded and re-seeded by the contractor, which is typical for these projects. However, it could be September before a good crop of grass would grow. To address another issue, Mr. Fry asked the Road Supervisor to put sand down on the sealing tar used in front of her garage. Mr. Steinert suggested the Borough maintain the property until it is resolved. Atty. Forsell advised that since the issues are a residual effect of the project, the Borough should take care of it. She suggested Council request written permission to maintain the property since it is not in the right of way. Ms. Thomson made a motion to pay the fee of \$100.00 to Judy Hillegass, 145 Main Street, for weed whacking and cleaning of debris and request permission to access her property to continue maintaining the slope grass area temporarily until a more permanent resolution is found, seconded by Mr. McCluskie. Roll call vote: Mr. McCluskie – aye, Ms. Thomson – aye, Mr. Arahill – aye, Mr. Young – aye, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion carried. Atty. Forsell will draft a response to Ms. Hillegass asking for written permission to maintain the area until it is restored.

**Finance Committee:** Ms. Thomson made a motion to pay the bills as listed on the July 2016 bill list, seconded by Mr. McCluskie. Roll call vote: Mr. McCluskie – aye, Ms. Thomson – aye, Mr. Arahill – aye, Mr. Young – aye, Mr. Steinert - aye. Motion carried.

Ms. Thomson made a motion to accept the Treasurer’s Report as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Arahill and unanimously approved.

**Personnel Committee:** Nothing.

**Property Committee:** Mr. Arahill reported that the plans for the handicap accessible improvements grant project are not yet final. Mr. Fry will follow up with the engineers.

Concerning the installation of the wayfinding parking sign, the UPV Chamber office was approached about paying for expenses above \$1,000.00. They requested a written quote from Reed Sign for comparison to the one received from Horizon Signs. Mr. Fry also advised that PerkUp was just awarded a wayfinding grant for \$275,000.

**Recycling/Waste Management Report:** Monthly reports are on file. Red Hill Borough sent a letter to Pennsburg and East Greenville Boroughs stating they will break from the tri-boro committee to go out on their own in the bidding process of the trash contract. Diane Stevens from Pennsburg asked Mr. Fry if East Greenville Borough Council made any decisions about breaking from the committee. Mayor Sloyer said we may want to investigate bidding on our own. Ms. Thomson believed we can do better pricewise if we stick together through the bidding process. Ms. Thomson and Mr. Fry plan to meet this week to finalize options for the bid documents. Council discussed using the bag system with totes as an option and continuing with in-house recycling due to the investment made in our recycling program. Ms. Thomson feels we can still work with the current bid documents as long as options are available. Mr. Arahill made a motion to submit for bids the way we have in the past with

cans as an option. Seconded by Mr. Steinert and unanimously approved. It was further clarified that recycling would be an option although this may be the wrong time to quote out recycling collection due to the current market trend.

Mr. Fry just received a draft of the report today from the engineering firm who performed a recycling study for East Greenville and Pennsburg under a DEP grant. He will forward it to Council. It may give guidance on changes for our current program.

**Sewer Authority:** Nothing.

**Revitalization:** Nothing to report.

**Regional Planning:** Nothing.

**Emergency Management:** Nothing.

**Borough Manager Updates:** Nothing.

**Correspondence:** Upper Perkiomen Valley Ambulance Association sent a thank you for the Borough's continued support and donation.

**Other:** Mr. Young appointed Mr. McCluskie to sit on the drug task force committee with himself.

Mr. Young appointed Ms. Thomson, Mr. Arahill and Mayor Sloyer to the regional police committee.

**Executive Session:** Mayor Sloyer called an executive session at 8:35 p.m. for contractual agreements.

Regular meeting reconvened at 8:51 p.m.

Police Chief and Officer's contract amendments have been executed by Police Commission and both Boroughs. Mayor Sloyer was asked to oversee all fire police activity for Perk Up Half Marathon in East Greenville, Upper Hanover, New Hanover and Douglass Township.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Being no further business, Ms. Thomson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Arahill. Meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Submitted by:




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Sharon Kachmar, Borough Secretary