

BOROUGH OF EAST GREENVILLE
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
February 10, 2017

Call to Order: Council President Ms. Hunsinger called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Attendance: The following Council members were present: Joseph Arahill, Tracey Hunsinger, Robert McCluskie, Jennifer Moran, Ryan Pugh, and Marita Thomson. Absent: None. Also present were Mayor Ryan Sloyer, Atty. Kramer, Solicitor, James Fry, Borough Manager, and Sharon Kachmar, Borough Secretary/Treasurer.

Executive Session: Ms. Hunsinger advised that an executive session was held at 6:45 p.m. due to pending litigation with police issues.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Ms. Thomson to approve the minutes of the January 24, 2017, meeting as submitted. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Visitors: 27 visitors signed in.

For the record, Mayor Sloyer clarified that East Greenville has and will continue to provide equipment for the officer's safety and well being. At no time has East Greenville been notified that there was an officer safety issue, and he is not pleased with the misinformation announced at the Pennsburg Borough Council meeting. Chief Devlin's February 9, 2017, email advised there are eight portable radios and six of them were working. The most officers on duty at the same time unless there is a special event are one to three officers. There are five mobile radios working in cars and one was recently replaced. At no Police Commission meeting over the past several months was it stated that there was a radio crisis, that there was no communication, and that the officer's lives and the community's safety is at stake. They have working radios, they are the old models, but they are in working condition.

Jim Raftery, 319 State Street, asked if East Greenville is holding radios and why.

Ms. Hunsinger replied that Mr. Fry was asked to pick up the radios and hold them at Borough Hall to allow Council members time to make a decision regarding the radios. East Greenville Borough obtained an interest free loan in the amount of \$22,157.98 on the new radio equipment. The radios are part of a county mandated upgrade that will take place sometime in late spring to early summer. The radios do not have to be used immediately. The police officers were not put in harm's way by having to use their current equipment for an additional two weeks. East Greenville's portion of the new radio equipment is paid for by East Greenville tax dollars and are property of East Greenville Borough. As everyone is aware, East Greenville has a withdrawal date of June 1, 2017. A letter has been prepared to be approved by Council stating that this new equipment is owned by East Greenville Borough, and at the time of withdrawal, they will be returned to East Greenville immediately. Pennsburg Council President has stated that if it was East Greenville's intention to leave, then to leave quietly and amicably. Pennsburg has stated they can afford to have their own department at their December meeting. As everyone is aware, Pennsburg has refused to enter mediation without adding a condition. At this point, both Boroughs will have to plan for their own departments since it appears Pennsburg is unwilling to enter mediation to save the department. Ms. Hunsinger advised it is her hope that Council will make a motion tonight to hand over the radios along with a letter which was written to protect East Greenville's financial interest in the equipment. The letter states that Pennsburg's refusal to mediate appears to be based on a misunderstanding of the mediation process which is expected to take three to four weeks depending on scheduling. The letter listed the serial numbers of the equipment and stated that if East Greenville ceases its membership in the Department, it expects to receive its portion of the radio equipment on the effective date of its withdrawal.

Kris Baccari, Upper Hanover Township resident, questioned why this was not done a month ago and if the radios have GPS. Mayor Sloyer said the radios were just recently released and he was not aware of the GPS feature.

Jim Raftery, 319 State Street, stated that Pennsburg is blamed for refusing to mediate because of their stipulation and Pennsburg is saying East Greenville is refusing to mediate by not moving their withdraw date back. He suggests one of the Boroughs needs to give in. Ms. Hunsinger advised that during pre-mediation discussions, they had offered to push back the withdraw date if mediation was going well.

Eric Grubb, 138 Main Street, didn't understand the purpose of the Mayor's January 25, 2017, letter. He was curious if anyone on Council had an opportunity to read it beforehand. He also advised he is still waiting for justification on spending on several line items such as parks and recreation and at the clubhouse.

Keith Gerhart, 143 Cherry Street, questioned figures put in the Mayor's letter including the statement that savings will run out in the next year or two and tax payers will see a 20 to 30% increase. He questioned how this is possible if the Borough had \$600,000 in reserves before rolling over \$118,000 into this year's budget. Is there a major expense coming? Mayor Sloyer said there is not a reserve of \$600,000. The money in the general fund savings at the end of the year must last until the tax monies start to come in around the end of March or beginning of April. Current reserves after anticipated expenses are at \$125,000 right now. Ms. Thomson suggested Mr. Buchinski may have been looking at restricted monies in that figure such as highway aid, water fund, or trash fund balances. Mayor Sloyer added that it's not a normal business model with steady income each month; it's based on a year model. A balance to get through the first quarter is needed at the end of the year or you have to borrow from the water fund or get a loan. Ms. Hunsinger added that \$92,000 was rolled over from savings in 2015 to balance the 2016 budget and \$100,000 was rolled over in 2016 for this year's budget. If we continue to roll over funds, we won't continue to have these reserves to get us through the first quarter. Mr. Raftery said according to Mr. Buchinski's presentation, East Greenville's reserve has grown year after year. Mayor Sloyer said we used to borrow for many years and now have gotten to the point where we don't have to do that anymore. Mr. Gerhart asked Ms. Thomson what the balance was on December 31, 2016. Joe Wenzel, 709 Morris Road, explained that fund balance is not necessarily cash in the bank but assets minus liabilities, and adjustments are typically made to that fund balance by auditors. Ms. Thomson said for those at the meeting who heard Mr. Buchinski's presentation and his statement that there was currently a \$600,000 balance, she discussed with him that the cash balance at the time of the meeting was \$400,000, and it was understood that at that point of the year, \$200,000 each month is a reasonable amount of money to expect to expense to the end of the year. Mr. Raftery asked if Mr. Buchinski's claim that East Greenville Borough has been increasing their reserves is correct. Ms. Hunsinger confirmed that it has grown and this has allowed the Borough to not borrow money from the water fund to get through the first three months. Mayor Sloyer added that the Borough cannot continue to live off of using rollover money. That started happening at the Police Department and that led to financial issues starting in 2012 and 2013, and Pennsburg Borough wanted to lay off officers. He stated you can't continue to be fiscally responsible and budget \$100,000 a year from savings plus absorb a \$20,000 to \$30,000 increase and expect to continue to have a savings if a catastrophe happens. Mayor Sloyer advised that \$100,000 is about 1 mil or a 16% tax increase. Ms. Thomson stated that the accountant did not advise they continue operating as they had in the past but to work on building up that buffer so money was there for the next year.

Ed Bieler, 546 Washington Street, asked why taxes were not raised gradually each year. Ms. Hunsinger replied that they didn't think the residents could afford tax increases in the recession so they made the budget work. Mayor Sloyer added that East Greenville has the highest millage rate in the school district. Concerning the Mayor's letter, Mr. Bieler asked if Council saw and approved the letter. Council acknowledged seeing the letter

before it was sent, but it was not approved by motion. Mayor Sloyer said he doesn't need Council approval to send out a letter. Mike Schwenk, 112 Jefferson Street, asked who paid for the letter. Mr. Hunsinger said it was paid for by the Borough and cost approximately \$800.

Ed Bieler, 546 Washington Street, asked when they might see a detailed plan and budget for the proposed police department. Ms. Hunsinger said the focus has been on mediation, not planning a department. She is hoping Pennsburg will re-consider mediation, and if not, Council will form a committee to plan their own police force. Eric Grubb, 138 Main Street, inquired about forming a committee with community involvement to research the cost of their own police department. Ms. Hunsinger asked if anyone on Council wants to make motion to form a committee to investigate only to get realistic costs. Ms. Thomson made a motion to form a committee, seconded by Mr. Pugh. Before voting, Council asked for public comment.

Lon Brinckman, 551 Washington Street, said he believes no one on council is competent or educated enough to figure out the needs of a new police department. He believes an emergency services study would need to be done which takes 6 to 9 months. Mike Schwenk, 112 Jefferson Street, says they ought to bag the entire thing until a new council and mayor is seated. Jim Raftery, 319 State Street, disagreed with Mr. Brinckman, wanted Council to continue with their motion but asked Council to push off the pullout date until December 31 and take time to investigate their own police department. Ed Bieler, 546 Washington Street, said he supports what Mr. Raftery says but doesn't see how it can be done before the June 1 pullout date. Eric Grubb, 138 Main Street, reminded Council he expressed financial concerns about the clubhouse and general fund during the December 5, 2016, meeting and asked about assembling a committee to research a police department. Dawn Leis, 424 Jefferson Street, found the Mayor's letter insulting and asked Council to get to mediation.

Ms. Thomson's motion to form a committee was unanimously approved by Council.

Ms. Moran made a motion to finish the contract with UPPD to December 31, 2017, seconded by Mr. Pugh. Roll call: Mr. McCluskie – no, Mr. Pugh – aye, Ms. Thomson – no, Ms. Hunsinger – no, Mr. Arahill – no, Ms. Moran – aye. Motion does not carry.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Sloyer reported that at the school board meeting their engineer insinuated there were no issues with the traffic studies done for the new middle school. It was brought up that all the municipalities were involved, but we haven't seen the outcome.

Solicitor Items:

Concerning a traffic study to research whether to move forward in preparing an ordinance to prohibit buses from turning onto W. Fifth Street from Main Street, Ms. Hunsinger and Mayor Sloyer spoke with the bus company and Karen Henry. Ms. Henry was going to talk to the bus drivers about who was using Fifth Street and get back to the Borough. She was in support of East Greenville's decision. Mayor Sloyer will follow up with her in a week or two.

Atty. Kramer stated that the Borough's Comcast agreement is 19 pages long, while a negotiated agreement with another in-house client at his firm was 40 pages long. He'd like to reach out to Brian Jeter at Comcast to discuss utilizing an agreement modeled after the other municipality but tailor it to East Greenville's needs. Margie Gehlhaus, 209 Cherry Street, asked if the Borough could look into RCN and didn't want to be locked into a 3-year contract. Atty. Kramer said Comcast cannot stop another company from competing in this area, but at this time no one is looking at coming into the valley to offer services. Joe Wenzel, 709 Morris Road, asked if the agreement that Atty. Kramer suggested we use to model our agreement after was with a municipality of similar size. Atty.

Kramer said yes, plus it has things in it that should pertain to most municipalities. For example, if we wanted to revoke, they had a provision saying that the cable stays and we can't force them to remove the cable lines. The other agreement states they shall be removed.

Mr. Fry sent out a draft of the mandatory recycling ordinance to the Recycling Committee for comment. Ms. Thomson said she wants to meet with Mr. Fry next week to review it in detail.

Water Committee:

Water supervisor's report is on file per Ms. Hunsinger. A discussion about the tiered rate structure needs to be done during a Water Committee meeting. Since the person to fill the Council vacancy will be on the Water Committee, that meeting will be scheduled after the new Council member is appointed.

Mr. Fry advised that the posting of water supply protection area signs, which were part of a grant many years ago, was on hold because the locations for posting were in two PennDOT districts. Now that the Upper Perk Valley Source Water Protection Plan has been established, and Upper Hanover Township Water Authority approved posting on either Route 29 in the Hereford area or on Limeport Pike, Mr. Fry is asking to split the cost of the signs with them. The locations selected by the Authority are priority areas for the signs that were selected by the committee but will still need final approval by PennDOT. Mr. Fry said this can be tabled until the Water Committee can meet.

Mr. Fry presented two quotes for the budgeted well pump pipe replacement. AC Shultes in New Jersey quoted \$17,345.00, ABS Electric in New Jersey quoted \$20,115.00, and the third company never responded. Mr. Fry asked Council to approve the quote of \$17,345.00. The replacement will be the piping that comes from the well pump to where it enters the system. This piping has been problematic, and it would be good to schedule the work as soon as possible. Ms. Thomson made a motion to approve the well pump pipe replacement by AC Shultes for a cost of \$17,345.00, seconded by Ms. Moran. Roll call: Mr. McCluskie – aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Ms. Thomson – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye, Mr. Arahill – aye, Ms. Moran – aye. Motion carries.

Zoning/Planning/Codes:

Mr. Arahill reported that the code officer's report consists of several permits for rentals, building, and electric. There were no zoning hearings. The Planning Commission has recommended adoption of the Main Street Study. The final draft from December will be emailed to Council for their review.

A written request was received from Alison Palmer to allow chickens in the Borough wherein she mentioned many benefits to raising backyard chickens such as eggs for the family and educational opportunities for children. Mr. Fry said an amendment would be needed to the nuisance ordinance if fowl were permitted. Council and the public discussed their concerns which included reservations due to having dense, small lots in the Borough, cleaning up after the chickens properly, and attracting rodents such as rats and mice. Council took no action on the request.

Road Committee:

Ms. Moran advised that the road department removed Christmas lights, performed salting, and other routine work in January. A quote was received from AMS for a wearing course on the entire length of Jefferson Street (approx. 13,500 square yards) for \$98,550.00, which includes milling paving notches and traffic control. Mr. Fry explained that it's an ultra thin bonded wearing course with a polymer binding that will not peel up and will be applied curb to curb. Mr. Arahill asked how long we could wait before the road gets beyond repair. Mr. Fry said it should be done in the next couple of years. The work is considered maintenance for bidding purposes and AMS

has a Costars approved contract. Ms. Hunsinger asked if any other roads need immediate attention this year. There is also a quote for applying a double bituminous seal coat with fog seal to be applied to Second Street from Main Street to the dead end and the entire length of Bank Street totaling \$9,000. Prices are for roughly 3200 square yards. The 200 block of Cherry Street needs total reconstruction.

Mr. Fry said he was scheduled for training on March 8, 2017, for this year's filing of the CDBG application. Last year the 200 block of Cherry Street was proposed for a complete re-build but was denied because we already had two open grants. He asked Council if they wanted to reapply for that same street due to the condition of the road and that the engineering is already done. It would include the crown being put back in the road and some drainage work. Ms. Moran added there are streets in Colonial Village also needing repair. The Road Committee will meet and come up with a recommendation.

Finance Committee:

Ms. Thomson made a motion to approve the bill list for February, seconded by Mr. Pugh. Roll call: Mr. McCluskie – aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Ms. Thomson – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye, Mr. Arahill – aye, Ms. Moran – aye. Motion carries.

Ms. Thomson made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report for January 2017 as submitted, seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

There are several old invoices for animal control charges that are uncollectable due to them being tenants who have moved out of the Borough. They are Invoice #91124 dated 8/15/14 for \$33.74, Invoice #95456 dated 2/6/15 for \$56.99 and Invoice #99014 dated 7/2/15 for \$80.24. Mr. Pugh made a motion to remove the animal control invoices, seconded by Ms. Thomson. Roll call: Mr. McCluskie – aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Ms. Thomson – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye, Mr. Arahill – aye, Ms. Moran – aye. Motion carries.

Mr. Fry advised that the auditors have finished their preliminary audit at the Borough and found no issues.

Personnel Committee:

Ms. Moran advised that there is a vacant Council seat, and letters of interest are due by February 17, 2017, at 4:00 p.m.

Property Committee:

Concerning the CDBG Project B-15-03-104 for building improvements, a tentative schedule has been released with advertising the week of February 20th and 27th, a prebid meeting on March 8th and bid opening on March 28th. The final schedule will be announced at the February 22, 2017, Borough Council meeting. Mr. Fry asked Council to approve advertising the week of February 20, 2017. Eric Grubb, 138 Main Street asked if the project included the clubhouse. He thinks the Borough should hold off on that in case it's turned into a police station. Mr. Fry advised that the handicap improvements still need to be done to make the bathrooms and entrance handicap accessible. Mayor Sloyer added that whether it's used as a clubhouse or police station that won't affect the grant.

Recycling/Waste Management:

Mr. Pugh advised that bag and recycling reports are on file in Borough Hall and that they are in the process of setting up a meeting with Pennsburg Borough to discuss the recycling center. Mr. Fry was informed by DEP that they will be in Pennsburg on March 1, 2017, at 11:00 a.m. to review equipment and assets. Pennsburg Borough doesn't want to meet until after the DEP appointment. Mr. Fry plans to attend the March 1 meeting and asked if

anyone on Council would be available. Ms. Hunsinger, Ms. Thomson and Ms. Moran indicated they were interested in attending.

Sewer Authority: Nothing.

Revitalization: Nothing to report.

Regional Planning: Mr. McCluskie advised that last spring the governor signed the bill to allow medicinal marijuana in the state. It's anticipated to take 18 to 24 months to get that program up and running. The county is working on draft ordinances for each municipality to tailor and adopt.

Emergency Management: Mr. Fry asked for approval to draft a mutual aid agreement with Upper Hanover Township for emergency management services. This will insure that certified emergency management officials can fill in for each other in their absences. Upper Hanover's emergency management official is Mike Wetzel. Mr. Fry can model a mutual aid agreement and submit it for review. Ms. Thomson made a motion to approve drafting the agreement. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Borough Manager Updates:

Mr. Fry advised that the 2017/2018 Costars salt contract is due. He proposes the same quantity as last year which was 125 tons of salt. This obligates the Borough to take delivery of at least 60 tons, and they may purchase up to 240% under that contract. Mr. Arahill made a motion to renew the salt contract and continue with current vendor, seconded by Ms. Moran. Roll call: Mr. McCluskie – aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Ms. Thomson – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye, Mr. Arahill – aye, Ms. Moran – aye. Motion carries.

A request was received from Pennsylvania One Call to designate April 2017 as Safe Digging Month. This celebrates their 45th year of continuous service to the Commonwealth with a focus on preventing injuries and damage when excavating. Ms. Thomson made a motion to prepare resolution template #1 to encourage the Safe Digging Month proclaimed for April. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Correspondence:

Montgomery County Tax Claim Bureau asked for acceptance of a \$500 bid each for parcels 06-00-03096-00-3 and 06-00-03104-00-4, both on Railroad Street. Atty. Kramer reminded Council that they cannot unreasonably withhold consent. Ms. Motion made a motion to accept the bids, seconded by Mr. Arahill. Roll call: Mr. McCluskie – aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Ms. Thomson – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye, Mr. Arahill – aye, Ms. Moran – aye. Motion carries.

The resident at 326 Cherry Street has not paid their December 2016 water bill and is requesting uninterrupted water usage. The husband was in a car accident and prior to that had health issues. The wife is the caregiver living on social security. Council discussed not shutting off the water service due to their hardship and offering a minimum payment plan with no interest. Council asked Mr. Fry to reach out to the resident to find out what they can afford to pay each month. Ms. Moran made a motion that water should not be shut off. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

The owner of 338 Cherry Street requested an exemption from the annual trash fee for one of the units at that property. He is leasing the unit to Knoll for design and development work and they use their dumpster across the alley. Mr. Pugh made a motion to approve the trash fee exemption conditioned upon them leasing to Knoll to exempt the trash fee. Seconded by Ms. Thomson and unanimously approved.

Police Commission Report:

Mayor Sloyer asked Council to approve East Greenville's portion of Gazan & John's Invoice #4627 for Police Commission solicitor services. Ms. Thomson made a motion to pay \$151.88, seconded by Mr. Pugh. Roll call: Mr. McCluskie – aye, Mr. Pugh – aye, Ms. Thomson – aye, Ms. Hunsinger – aye, Mr. Arahill – aye, Ms. Moran – aye. Motion carries.

Eric Grubb, 138 Main Street, asked why the Borough is paying two solicitors to be present at Police Commission meetings. Ms. Hunsinger said Atty. Kramer was asked to attend the reorganization meeting because East Greenville wanted to have representation, but he is not needed at every meeting. Mr. Grubb suggested they get rid of the Police Commission solicitor. Mayor Sloyer said the Police Commission solicitor represents the interests of the commission, not the individual interests of the Boroughs. Ms. Hunsinger added that in pre-mediation talks in January, they discussed not renewing with Gazan & John's office. Since mediation has not moved forward, they don't see the point in finding another solicitor. Jim Raftery suggested letting Gazan & John go and each Borough bring their own solicitor. Mayor Sloyer said the solicitor for the Police Commission represents both boroughs of the Commission and that East Greenville's solicitor will not attend the meetings unless he is needed to specifically represent our Borough. Angie Fegely, 501 Third Street, asked why keep the solicitor for four months but not the police until the end of the year? It was clarified that the portion East Greenville is paying for the month to the solicitor is around \$150, which is coming out of the monthly police allocation of \$53,631.49. Mr. McCluskie said he disagrees with what's being said about the Police Commission solicitor. He's received a lot of information from him, and he was always impartial. Pennsburg Borough asks the solicitor questions during the meeting then refuses to pay him.

Mr. Arahill made a motion to sign the intent to mediate document and wait to hear back from Pennsburg Borough to see if they will sign the other piece, seconded by Ms. Moran. This document requires both boroughs to sign before it can be presented to the Montgomery Bar Association for Mediation. Ms. Hunsinger estimates the process to mediate should last three to four weeks. Public comment was welcome.

Margie Gehlhaus, 209 Cherry Street, asked if there was a stipulation that the contract be extended through the end of the year. Ms. Hunsinger clarified there was not. Atty. Kramer advised they should amend the motion to provide that a time frame of whatever date you feel is appropriate to give them the opportunity to oblige. Ms. Gehlhaus said they have already agreed to mediation with a stipulation and what's the point of signing the document if you are not agreeing to the stipulation. Atty. Kramer said the Borough is trying to show they are committed by signing the actual agreement. Mr. McCluskie said mediation can be worked out before December. Keith Gerhart, 143 Cherry Street, said he had a meeting with two Pennsburg officials and they were willing to talk to him and answer questions and no one was upset. He feels they may entertain mediation if East Greenville is willing to meet them half way on the pullout date. Mayor Sloyer responded that they have talked about moving the date back once they get into mediation and see positive movement. James Raftery, 319 State Street, asked why the Borough cannot go to the end of the contract. Ms. Hunsinger said they will move the date if progress is made in mediation. The Police Commission is not functioning and the Borough can't keep going until December when you don't have a partner that is working with you. Anna Finn, 541 Colonial Drive, asked if a counter offer can be made with signing the mediation form. For example, push back the pullout date to October if mediation can be started by mid March. Ms. Hunsinger asked Atty. Kramer if they can enter mediation on those terms. Council liked the ideas discussed. Mr. Gerhart suggested adding a finish date. Atty. Kramer said they may not be able to dictate the schedule, but he would like to research it and reach out to the Montgomery Bar Association.

Mr. Arahill asked Atty. Kramer if the Borough could get a response back by the next meeting on February 22, 2017. Atty. Kramer believed so.

Mr. Arahill tabled his motion to sign the mediation document while the ideas presented are researched by Atty. Kramer.

Debbie Finn, 541 Colonial Drive, stated that Council has information that the general public is not privy to so it doesn't always make sense to them. She asked that if the pullout is June 1st, do they still have to pay the officers. Atty. Kramer said that's a legal issue and he's not able to divulge that information in a public meeting due to attorney client privilege.

Joe Wenzel, 709 Morris Road, advised that Pennsburg put something out saying the Police Commission offered to help pay the budget difference in 2017 due to finances and East Greenville rejected it. Their Council is telling their residents that money is not the issue and this makes East Greenville look like the fall guys. Mr. McCluskie said their offer could not be accepted because of the way the ordinance was written. Plus, it didn't even cover the increase for the year. Mr. Wenzel said he believes Pennsburg has no faith in successful mediation. He appreciates that East Greenville believes mediation would be a positive step forward and has made concessions to try to move forward and adjust the target date. Mr. Wenzel believes Council should consider giving a counter offer due date and put out a statement.

Ann Grubb, 138 Main Street, questioned Council about preparing for the pullout on May 31st. Ms. Hunsinger said an ordinance to create a police department would have to be in place and a chief hired. Atty. Kramer presumed that for an interim period of time they will need state police coverage since he doesn't believe there would be time to prepare all the legal paperwork. Ms. Hunsinger said they had stopped planning to create their own department to focus on mediation with Pennsburg Borough. John Dingle, 503 Jefferson Street, asked if legal documents are needed in place before you can form a police force. Mayor Sloyer said you can do the foundation work. Mr. McCluskie reminded the public that all of this is irrelevant if Pennsburg Borough gets serious about mediation. Debbie Finn said there should have been a plan in place before deciding to leave UPPD. Lon Brinckman added that if Council is serious about thinking mediation can work, call Pennsburg's bluff and avoid three lawsuits. Doug Criddle, 274 Washington Street, believes Council has lost the confidence and trust of the people and asked for the pullout date to be pushed back. Lynette Madden, 229 Main Street, asked why they don't just go with state police only, although that would not be her preference. Ms. Hunsinger said that is an option but the majority of people want some local police force.

Keith Gerhart, 143 Cherry Street, inquired how much it cost to send out the surveys last year compared to the Mayor's letter. The surveys were mailed with the water bills and went to the homeowners, whereas the Mayor's letter was sent to all homeowners and residents.

Motion to Adjourn: Being no further business, Ms. Moran made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Arahill. Meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.

Submitted by:



Sharon Kachmar, Borough Secretary