

BOROUGH OF EAST GREENVILLE

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

February 4, 2013

Call to Order: Mr. Pierson called to order the February 4, 2013, meeting of Borough Council at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Attendance: The following Council members were present: Josiah Pierson, Timothy Huff, Ryan Pugh, Andrew Rock, and Tracey Hunsinger. Also present were: Mayor Ryan Sloyer, Barry Tomlinson, Solicitor, Kathleen Chilton, Borough Secretary, and James Fry, Borough Manager.

Approval of Minutes: The January 22, 2013, minutes were approved on a motion made by Mr. Pugh. Seconded by Mr. Rock, and unanimously approved.

Visitors: Mr. Randy Reinhart and Mr. Jacob Norton of East Greenville. Mr. Rob Jenkins of Palm and Mr. Matthew D'Ippolito from the Town & Country.

Police Commission: Mayor Sloyer reported the allocation for February is \$42,462.60 and the rent/utilities are \$825.00. He reported new officers were elected at the reorganization meeting of the Police Commission. Contract negotiations are coming up and they are looking to solve some insurance issues with the Animal Control Officer.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Sloyer updated Council on the Clubhouse project. The new exterior doors will be in over the next two weeks and be installed. We received two quotes out of the four requested to re-do the roof. One of the contractors contacted declined the job and one quote has yet to be received. The two quotes are; James Raftery at \$13,400.00 and Ridge Roofing at 13,650.00. Mayor Sloyer asked Council to approve James Raftery at \$13,400.00. Any additional plywood needed would be \$50.00 a cut sheet and the shingles are 30 year guaranteed. Mr. Huff made a motion to award the roofing job to James Raftery Homes, LLC for \$13,400.00 pending solicitor's review of his insurance certification. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved. Mayor Sloyer also updated Council on estimates he received for new security cameras at the Clubhouse. He met with a third contractor, Video Technologies, the cost for 8 new cameras outside, two inside and all related equipment, letting the contractor do the wiring and running cable would be \$3,799.00. If the borough would run the wiring and cables it could be done for \$3,199.00. They are offering the most reasonable estimate to date. The other two estimates were both approximately \$5,000.00 - \$6000.00. Mayor Sloyer commented on the great job the road crew has been doing during the past couple of storms.

Solicitor: Nothing to report.

Water Committee: the Water Supervisor's report is available for review. Mr. Rock reported that there has been no response to date from the owner of 130 Jefferson Street, concerning the high usage and water billing. A letter with a water payment plan was sent. He asked the secretary to call the owner and inquire on the status of the payment plan before further action is taken.

Source Water Protection: No Report.

Zoning/Planning: Code Officers report is available for review. Mr. Fry updated council on the House Bill 2530 – Regional building code board of appeals. It has been passed and is in effect. Mr. Fry reported that violation letters were sent to property owner for not removing snow from sidewalks in front of their properties within the 24 hour time frame required.

Roads: Road Supervisors report is available for review. The Sidewalk Repair Plan is still under review. Mr. Fry reported that only one grant application from HUD will be permitted for street work. We need to look at what is the priority and it might not be Arlington Street. We have quotes from Yarnall for paving Washington Street and an overlay of Long Alley. Mayor Sloyer asked Mr. Reinhart if there was anything we can do to improve Long Alley by the Globe Hotel. There are some options Council can review and discuss at the next Council meeting.

Finance Committee: Mr. Huff made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved. Mr. Huff made a motion to accept the January Treasurer's report. Seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved. Mr. Huff asked Atty. Tomlinson to report on the Pension Plan's Municipal contract Checklist. Atty. Tomlinson will be discussing the paperwork with Ms. Kachmar, Borough Treasurer and the forms will be completed for the next Council meeting. Mr. Huff reported on the refinancing of the PennVest loan. We received three proposals and information on issuing a bond. Mr. Huff presented the proposals from; Harleysville Savings Bank, Quakertown National Bank, and Univest Bank and Trust Co. Currently the Borough is paying a rate of 3.46% for the term of the loan. Univest Bank is offering 2.75% for 10 years and a variable for the remaining 42 months not exceeding 5.25% on the balance of the loan. Mr. Huff remarked worst case scenario and we pay the 5.25% for the remaining 42 months we will still save \$110,964.59. Univest has \$15,000.00 in legal fees. Harleysville Savings Bank is offering 2.85% for 15 years, with \$7,500.00 in legal fees. The only issue with Harleysville Savings is that we would have to maintain our primary deposit account with them, meaning transferring all banking accounts to Harleysville Savings. Quakertown National Bank is offering 3.10% for the life of the loan and legal fees between \$500.00 to \$750.00. Mr. Fry reported on a bond, it has multiple fees to file, legal fees and SEC filing. Mr. Huff made a motion to pursue refinancing the Penn Vest loan with Univest Bank and Trust at 2.75% for 10 years and the remaining 42 months capped at 5.25% and also re-mortgaging Borough Hall. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Personnel: Mr. Huff reported we still have vacancies on the Planning Commission and the Police Review Board. There is a part-time position open for the recycling department. We received an application from Joshua Mikiewicz. Mr. Huff made a motion to hire Joshua Mikiewicz to fill the part-time recycling position. Seconded by Mr. Rock, and unanimously approved.

Property: Mr. Fry reported on receiving an e-mail from Mr. Young discussing the parking issues at the Clubhouse. The e-mail was forwarded to Council and will be discussed at the next Council meeting. Mr. Jenkins reported on the repairing of the sign at Bieler Park. He told Council the original paint used did not hold up as expected. They plan to talk with Sherman Williams for their recommendations on the best paint to use. Mr. Jenkins will continue to update Council on the progress. Council discussed and decided to hold off removing any playground equipment from the Third & Blaker playground (Tot Lot). Council will continue to monitor the playground. We will keep the area clean and use fresh mulch this spring. Mr. Fry discussed the two quotes we received on the PPL Rebate program to lower electric costs. The estimate from Bergey Electric was \$3,507.00; cost to Borough would be \$2,475.00 and PPL rebate to contractor \$1,032.00. Valleywide Electric estimate \$2,747.00; cost to Borough \$1,528.00 and PPL rebate to contractor \$1,219.00. Valleywide estimated we would save \$789.00 a year and the investment would be paid back in 23 months. Council agreed to take advantage of the PPL direct discount incentive program and will finalize their decision at the next Council meeting. We received a letter from Crown Castle an affiliate of T-Mobile who manage and operate the cell tower site at 433 Main Street. Atty. Tomlinson reviewed the letter requesting an update on our information for the site lease and approved it for our Council president's signature.

Waste Management: The January Trash bag sales are available for review.

Recycling: Mr. Fry reported RLG Americas is interested in taking over our E-recycling. They sent us a proposal and additional information on their company. Mr. Fry is reading over the paperwork. He will discuss with Pennsburg Borough representatives and will report back at the next Council meeting.

Sewer Authority: No Report.

Revitalization: No Report.

Regional Planning: Mr. Pierson reported on the meeting January 23, 2013, to discuss the Design Grant for the Gateway signs. The municipality's responsibilities towards matching the \$25,000.00 grant would be less than anticipated due to an \$8,000.00 contribution. They have begun reviewing design firms.

Emergency Management: Mr. Fry reported he will attend the Emergency Declaration meeting and has the paperwork to fill out for relief from Hurricane Sandy. Mr. Fry reported he has set February 19th for the generator switch connection to be installed by Shermer & Sons Electric.

Correspondence: We received a letter from the Upper Perkiomen Ambulance Assn. updating us on the percentage of calls they serviced for East Greenville. It was 13.5% of all calls in 2012. We also received an invitation to the Annual PSAB Conference to be held May 5-8, 2013. The information is in the office for anyone interested.

Motion to Adjourn: Being no further business, Mr. Rock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm and seconded by Mr. Huff. Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Submitted by:

Kathleen M. Chilton, Borough Secretary