

BOROUGH OF EAST GREENVILLE

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

April 23, 2013

Call to Order: Mr. Pierson called to order the April 23, 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, James Young, and Leon Steinert. Also present were: Ryan Sloyer, Mayor, Barry Tomlinson, Solicitor, Kathleen Chilton, Borough Secretary, and James Fry, Borough Manager.

Approval of Minutes: The April 1, 2013, minutes were approved on a motion made by Mr. Young. Seconded by Mr. Rock, and unanimously approved.

Visitors: Mr. Robert McCluskie from East Greenville and Mr. Matthew D'Ippolito from the Town & Country.

Police Commission: Mayor Sloyer reported they are in contract negotiations with the FOP.

Mayor's Report: The clubhouse volunteer day on April 13th, was well attended. They also had a few volunteers on April 20th, to finish up the outside work. Mayor Sloyer reported the exterior of the clubhouse is finished with the exception of putting up spouting. The inside is three fourths of the way painted and cleaned up. Mayor Sloyer mentioned there was some vandalism over the weekend and damaged the new back door. The vandal was caught and the Borough will be pursuing full restoration. He also discussed an Ordinance for public parking at the clubhouse. Trailer/ work truck parking will be addressed as well as parking these types of vehicles in front yards. Discussion to be continued. Mayor Sloyer asked Council to think about a Road study designed by Cowan Associates to prioritize road work and maintenance scheduling. Mr. Fry reported the cost of a study would be expensive and feels the road committee should meet and decide what type of work they want Cowan to look at. Mr. Fry discussed looking at other options for the roads. Overlay is not always the solution we need to fix the problems under the road. Mr. Fry will ask Cowan on a price for a road study closer to budget time.

Solicitor: Atty. Tomlinson has prepared for approval Resolution No. 2013-09, Authorizing the Tax Collector to dispose of tax records pertaining to the years of 1982 and 2002. Mr. Young made a motion to approve Resolution No. 2013-09 authorizing the tax collector, Kathleen Bieler, to dispose of tax records from 1982 to 2002. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Water Committee: Mr. Rock reported on switching the water plant's phone and internet from Verizon to Comcast. Mr. Fry reported we can save money on the monthly bill but we will need to check and make sure the system will be compatible with Comcast. Scraping old brass from meters and parts is ongoing. Mr. Rock mentioned the Water Tank Inspection Report was available for review and commented on a few items of interest. Mr. Fry reported the company is offering a five year contract and all work needed will be done.

Source Water Protection: Mr. Rock reported our Letter of Intent to participate in the 2013 Schuylkill River Restoration Fund Grant was not approved.

Zoning/Planning: Mr. Fry reported the Planning Commission approved the final draft of the Parking Improvement Study. Mr. Young reported that we are still waiting for a list of Building Code Board of Appeals members. It was done through Regional Planning many years ago and we might have to re-appoint members. Mr. Young reported the sidewalk plan is being reviewed. Red Hill Borough is amending their Ordinance so we can check with them on

their new plans. Mr. Young asked about the complaints concerning speeding on Borough roads and residents asking for signage. Mayor Sloyer spoke with the Chief of Police and he suggested speed bumps for Blaker Drive and on Second Street going down to the ball fields. Mr. Fry reported that a traffic study will need to be done to put up signs. Mr. Steinert asked about the cost of signage versus speed bumps. Signs would be less expensive but Mr. Huff remarked about setting a precedent were other residents will want signs near their properties. Mayor Sloyer remarked that it is all about enforcement the police would need to be watching for offenders at all times. The YMCA will be building a new facility at the park and Mayor Sloyer asked if we could contact the Y to find out what the plans are for where the entrance will be. There was additional discussion concerning Jefferson Street by the Middle School and Third & Cherry Sts. Mr. Fry mentioned there are restrictions with speed bumps and he will check with Cowan for details.

Roads: Mr. Steinert reported that crack sealing is finished on Jefferson Street, except where cars were parked. Two or three days notice needs to be given when crack sealing is scheduled. We are looking at options for Long Alley repairs; overlay or micro-surfacing, which is a re-surfacing of the street and appropriate for Boroughs. Mr. Fry is monitoring the Arlington Street residential property. Mr. Steinert mentioned that a complaint concerning pot holes on Morris Rd. were fixed by the road crew. Crack seal needs to be purchased and Mr. Rock made a motion to purchase additional crack seal not to exceed \$2,000.00. Seconded by Mr. Steinert and unanimously approved. Mr. Young made a motion that crack sealing of all roads be done by the end of each calendar year. Seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved. Waiting for an update on the CDBG grant for the reconstruction of Arlington Street.

Finance Committee: Mr. Huff reported on two businesses that did not file their LST tax for 2012 according to Ordinance No. 2010-04. Mr. Huff made a motion to have Mr. Fry file a summary citation with District Court per the Ordinance for failing to file their LST tax. Atty. Tomlinson asked if we have been in contact with the business owners and several attempts in writing and by phone calls were made with no response. The motion was seconded by Mr. Young and unanimously approved. Mr. Huff reviewed the Uninvest Bank loan's adjusted amount of \$3,401,887.68. Mr. Huff made a motion to approve the amount of the loan. Seconded by Mr. Young and unanimously approved. Lastly, Mr. Huff made a motion to approve payment for an unbudgeted amount from the water fund of \$1,820.00 from Tomlinson & Gerhart invoice #8361. Seconded by Mr. Young and unanimously approved.

Personnel: Mr. Huff reported on the increase in premiums for our health insurance coverage. Pennsburg sent over the new costs and asked if we wanted to switch to the HMO Option 1A. The major difference is with prescriptions/drug formularies. Mr. Huff made a motion to switch to the HMO Option 1A for the health plan. Seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved. Mr. Huff will have the Personnel committee look at additional options going forward.

Property: Mayor Sloyer reported he talked with Rob Jenkins about the Bieler Park sign. It has been stripped down and they plan on staining it instead of re-painting. Mulching has been done around the playground. Mr. Fry will review the inspection program for the playground equipment, but reported Mr. Reinhart does a monthly inspection of the equipment.

Waste Management: No Report.

Recycling: Mr. Fry reported that chipping has started and the Electronic recycling is open and running smoothly.

Sewer Authority: Mr. Pugh reported that new officers were elected for 2013 at their reorganization meeting. Mr. Charles Shagg is Chairman, Adam Krisko is Vice-Chairman, Mr. Ralph Schmell is Treasurer, Mr. Ryan Pugh is Asst. Treasurer, and Ms. Lisa Naylor is Secretary.

Revitalization: No Report.

Regional Planning: Mr. Pierson reported on a meeting April 24, 2013.

Emergency Management: Mr. Fry reported he is waiting on the updated radio cost and the EGFC is interested in going forward. Mayor Sloyer mentioned the county is offering the loan interest free and a 10 year warranty. It will be financed between Pennsburg and East Greenville.

Correspondence: A request was received from the East Greenville FC to hang a banner for their annual carnival. Mr. Huff made a motion to approve EGFC to hang their banner and seconded by Mr. Rock. Mr. Rock amended the previous motion to approve hanging the banner from June 27 to July 18, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Huff and unanimously approved. A request to waive a late fee on the trash bill was received from Mr. Holtje at 444 Jefferson Street. No action was taken.

Other Business: A letter of Request to Comcast asking for the educational access channel to be opened for the High School. Other municipalities are relinquishing their rights to this channel so the High School can broadcast over Comcast. Mr. Huff made a motion to send a Letter of Support to our Comcast representative requesting our Educational Access channel be opened for use by Upper Perkiomen High School. Seconded by Mr. Huff and unanimously approved. Mr. Fry reported on a damage storm drain pipe at 143 Main Street. Work was being done and the pipe was broken by the construction company. At this time the pipe has been replaced and is working properly. Mayor Sloyer had a request from The Perkiomen School asking Council to approve the closing of Seminary Street from Third Street to the Borough Line for The Perkiomen School's graduation on May 25, 2013 from 9:00am – 1:30 pm. A motion was made by Mr. Huff to approve closing Seminary Street from Third Street to the Borough line for Perkiomen School's Commencement. Seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved. Mayor Sloyer asked Council to consider a \$150.00 donation from the General Budget's Incentive fund to recognize that group of people that have helped throughout the Clubhouse renovations from start to finish. A motion was made by Mr. Young to approve the \$150.00 donation from the General Budget's Incentive Fund. Seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved.

Motion to Adjourn: Being no further business, Mr. Huff made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 pm and seconded by Mr. Rock. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Submitted by:

Kathleen M. Chilton, Borough Secretary