

BOROUGH OF EAST GREENVILLE

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 25, 2013

Call to Order: Mr. Pierson called to order the June 25, 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, Ryan Pugh, Andrew Rock, Leon Steinert, and Tracey Hunsinger. Also present were: Ryan Sloyer, Mayor, Steven Kramer, Solicitor, and James Fry, Borough Manager.

Approval of Minutes: Hearing no additions or corrections, Mr. Huff made a motion to approve the June 3, 2013, minutes. Seconded by Mr. Rock, and unanimously approved.

Visitors: Mr. Shane Dierolf of East Greenville, Mr. John Sheeran from the UPSD and Ms. DeAnn Mensch from the Town & Country.

Mr. Pierson asked Mr. Dierolf to approach Council with his fencing request. He would like to replace the fencing he removed when cleaning up his property. He asked Mr. Fry about replacing the fence. Mr. Fry told him placing the new fence in the same location would be in the right of way for Long Alley and he would need Council's approval. Mr. Huff made a motion to allow Mr. Dierolf to replace his fence in the right of way of Long Alley with the understanding is the Borough would need to do work in the alley's right of way he must remove the fence at his expense. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Mr. John Sheeran from the Upper Perkiomen School District addressed the situation on Jefferson Street in front of the middle school. Mayor Sloyer read the response from the school district stating they favor turning Jefferson Street between 5th & 6th Sts. into a one-way street, southbound. Mayor Sloyer suggested having the one-way in place by the start of the school year, but a question concerning a traffic study was raised. Mr. Fry will ask our engineers for their input. Mayor Sloyer also suggested prohibiting left turns from Jefferson Street, southbound, forcing southbound traffic towards 4th Street. Mr. Huff suggested parking restrictions and timed parking in front of the middle school. Mr. Pierson brought up the possibility of making it a school zone. More information is needed for a decision.

Police Commission: No report.

Mayor's Report: No report.

Solicitor: Atty. Kramer reported the PMRS Ordinance has been advertised and is ready for approval. A motion to approve Ordinance No. 2013-02, Amending the Municipal Pension Plan was made by Mr. Rock and seconded by Mr. Pugh. Motion approved by a vote of 6 Yeas and 0 Nays.

Water Committee: Mr. Rock brought up Mr. Mark Saddington's water billing issues tabled from the June 3, 2013, meeting for a decision. After some discussion, Mr. Rock made a motion to offer a payment plan in the amount of \$1,034.80 and waive any finance charges on this amount. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved. Mr. Rock also reported the Tank Maintenance proposal is pending.

Source Water Protection: No Report.

Zoning/Planning: No Report.

Roads: Mr. Steinert reported that Long Alley was not in shape to use the PMM sealcoating process. Railroad Street and the Garage driveway were sealed. Sixth Street is a candidate for the sealcoat process. Painting curbs and lines should be finished within the next 2 weeks. Mr. Fry suggested the sealcoating process we used may need to wait until the fall to avoid tracking the materials off of the road. He also reported on quotes for body repairs to the old truck at \$31,000.00 versus a new truck costing between \$100,000.00 - \$160,000.00. Mr. Steinert reported the road crew would like to work on July 4th and use July 5th as the holiday. By common consent Council declined to allow the road crew to switch holidays. Mr. Steinert also read a letter he received from William & Susan Klinger regarding a late payment on their trash bill. They are requesting a waiver of the \$22.00 late charge. After a discussion, by a vote of 4 to 2 Council denied waiving the late fee. Yeas were: Josiah Pierson and Leon Steinert. Nays were: Andrew Rock, Timothy Huff, Ryan Pugh, and Tracey Hunsinger.

Finance Committee: No Report.

Personnel: No Report.

Property: Ms. Hunsinger reported that they are still reviewing the Parking Draft Ordinance. Ms. Hunsinger reported on the issues with driving on the access road to the field behind the properties on Hamilton, Colonial and Valley Rd. The access road is being used more and more as a thorofare and parking lot. It is Borough property and we are unable to maintain the field because of the improper usage. Council discussed barring the access on Hamilton Rd. to the open field behind the homes. Mr. Fry will investigate the best way to prevent resident access, possibly with a gate and or chains. The repairs of the Bieler Park sign are nearly completed.

Waste Management: No Report.

Recycling: No Report.

Sewer Authority: No Report.

Revitalization: No Report.

Regional Planning: No Report.

Emergency Management: Mr. Fry had nothing new to report on the radio upgrades from the county.

Borough Manager Updates: Mr. Fry presented to Council for discussion the new policy for handling stray cats. The Borough Ordinance maintains the Borough is responsible for the removal of the cat, not the resident. The Animal Control Officer works through the Police Department and mainly handles dogs. A written copy of the policy will be forwarded to Council for their review before the July 1, 2013, meeting.

Other Business: Mr. Huff made a motion to approve hanging the Community Day Banner on August 20, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Rock and unanimously approved. Mr. Huff made a motion to approve requesting road closure from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm for Community Day on September 7, 2013. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

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:

James L. Fry