

# **BOROUGH OF EAST GREENVILLE**

## **BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES**

**August 5, 2013**

**Call to Order:** Mr. Huff called to order the August 5, 2013, meeting of Borough Council at 7:32 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**Attendance:** The following Council members were present: Ryan Pugh, Andrew Rock, Timothy Huff, and Tracey Hunsinger. Also present were: Ryan Sloyer, Mayor, Steven Kramer, Solicitor, James Fry, Borough Manager and Kathleen M. Chilton, Borough Secretary.

**Approval of Minutes:** Mr. Rock asked for a correction to the July 23, 2013, minutes to include Mr. Saddington's water issue was a unique case which was investigated and led to a reduction in his billing. Seconded by Mr. Pugh, and unanimously approved.

**Visitors:** Rep. Marcy Toepel and Mr. Bill Bushnell from the 147<sup>th</sup> Legislative District. Mr. Robert McCluskie, Mr. & Mrs. Doug Bricker, Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Grainger, Mr. Robert Gery, Ms. Marie Holtje and Ms. Chrissy Croisette of East Greenville. Mr. Wayne Doyle from Cowan Associates, Mr. Stuart Bush from Open Line and Ms. DeAnn Mensch from the Town & Country.

Rep. Marcy Toepel took a few minutes to thank Council for allowing her to use the Borough Hall to meet with residents. She explained for the next 18 months she will be our Representative but will be losing East Greenville Borough due to redistricting. She encouraged everyone to call with any state needs or questions.

Mr. Doug Bricker discussed problems with stray cats and cats causing traffic problems and problems in general. He had an article from Hanover Twp. in Lehigh County addressing this problem by encouraging local governments to regulate cats as they would dogs. A copy was given to Council for further review. Mrs. Granger mentioned how they are finding dead animals around their properties because of these roaming cats.

**Police Commission:** No Report.

**Mayor's Report:** Mayor Sloyer reported on a meeting next week with local Fire Police for the Perk Up Half Marathon on August 25, 2013. Mayor Sloyer also reminded everyone that Community Day is September 7, 2013, and he needs help with the event.

**Solicitor:** Atty. Kramer has the Resolution naming officials able to receive confidential tax information from Berkheimer ready for adoption. Mr. Rock made a motion to adopt Berkheimer's confidential tax information Resolution. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved. Atty. Kramer gave Council an update on the Animal Control Ordinance defining some of the responsibility and language. So he is still in the process of working on it. Atty. Kramer also updated Council on the progress with the Parking Ordinance Draft and is preparing a Resolution to update the original Ordinance and an independent sheet with rules & regulations for the clubhouse. Mayor Sloyer asked about trailers parked in front yards that have to go over the curb. Atty. Kramer reported they are in the process of working on that as well.

**Water Committee:** The Water Supervisor's report is available for review. Mr. Rock reported scraping old brass is ongoing as well as the Water Tank inspection report. Mr. Fry reported PECO delayed their signal testing because of bad weather. They are considering using our water tank as a location to do remote meter readings by placing an antenna on top of the tank. Mr. Fry will be meeting with PECO representatives to review their findings.

**Source Water Protection:** Mr. Rock reported the SWP meeting will be held at Borough Hall on Thursday, September 19, 2013, beginning at 10:30am.

**Zoning/Planning:** The Code Officer's report is available for review. Mr. Huff asked Ms. Croisette to address Council concerning the violation she received for a trash issue. Ms. Croisette briefly explained they have a home based business and need to put out more than the allowed 4 trash bags per week. She thought she could use another trash company because they have a business. Mr. Fry informed Ms. Croisette our Borough code states they cannot use an outside company but can make arrangements with the current contracted trash hauler for additional removal of trash bags and cardboard. He gave her the code requirements and zoning permit paperwork for operating a home occupation business. Ms. Croisette asked Council if she could have a couple of weeks to take care of the issue. Council approved her request.

**Roads:** The Road Supervisors report is available. Repairs on Long Alley will be started soon and additional traffic issues are ongoing with the focus on Jefferson Street. The traffic issues on the 500 block of Jefferson Street were addressed by Mr. Wayne Doyle from Cowan Associates, engineers for the Borough. Mr. Doyle stated the main issue is parents stopping/parking in front of the Middle School and letting the children out. The children are then running across the street around traffic to get into school. Speed humps and signals with flashing lights will not be effective for Jefferson Street since traffic is already stopped and or moving slowly when approaching the school. Mr. Doyle feels the best option is to deal directly with the school district and using traffic calming devices. Mr. Doyle commented that making Jefferson a one-way street the Borough would need to do a traffic study and meet with all the residents on the 500 block. He suggested with Borough and school district approval narrowing the street, have parking on one side and wrapping the curbs out into the cart way so the travel way is restricted. Cars can then pull over and children will not be out on the road. This will impact the residents on this block. Mayor Sloyer commented the best idea would be no stopping, standing or dropping off in front of the school. Mr. Doyle said this would be an enforcement issue. The buses drop off at side of the school, leaving no separate area for parents to drop off. Mayor Sloyer suggested we make it no parking, standing or stopping in front of the school and reach out to the school for their help along with the Borough's to enforce compliance. Mr. Doyle commented painting lines on the road along with enforcement does work. Mr. Huff mentioned his concern that parents will start dropping off on nearby streets causing additional issues with traffic. Ms. Marie Holtje had concerns of making Jefferson one way and causing a back up on the 400 block of Jefferson. Mayor Sloyer reported the Borough has limited time parking signs that can be put back up in front of the middle school. Ms. Holtje also asked about a crossing guard to help enforce safety issues. Mayor Sloyer replied crossing guards do not have legal authority to stop parents from stopping/parking in front of the school. He will speak with Chief Devlin to start enforcement the first day of school. Mr. Fry reported we should hear about the HUD Grant by the end of August to finish Arlington Street. He will talk with Cowan to get the bid specs and any adjustments needed to bid by the end of this year.

**Finance Committee:** Mr. Rock made a motion to pay the bills. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved. Mr. Rock made a motion to accept the July Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Ms. Hunsinger and unanimously approved.

**Personnel:** Mr. Douglas Bricker accepted an appointment to the Police Review Board for a 2-year term. A motion was made by Mr. Pugh to approve Mr. Bricker to the Police Review Board for a 2 year term. Seconded by Mr. Rock Pugh and unanimously approved. Council thanked Mr. Bricker for his willingness to serve the community. Mr. Huff reported to Council that our Dental Insurance with United Concordia was up for renewal. They are offering a 2 year lock in for an 8.5% rate increase. Mr. Rock made a motion to accept United Concordia's Dental Insurance for the 2 year renewal rate. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

**Property:** Ms. Hunsinger asked Mr. Fry about the proposed barricade to restrict parking on a Borough owned property between Hamilton & Valley Rds. and Colonial Drive. Mr. Fry reported a letter has been prepared but he was waiting on updates concerning the parking Ordinance for Colonial Village. Mr. Kramer reported that this is Borough owned property and the parking vehicles on said property would be trespassing, giving the Borough the right to restrict accessibility at any time. Ms. Hunsinger is concerned about driving up over curbs to get the vehicles on to their properties. Mayor Sloyer said the draft Ordinance will address driving over the curbs. Mr. Fry will have the letter sent to those residents bordering the open field that any vehicles, trailers, campers, etc. would have to be removed by August 26, 2013. The repairs of the Bieler Park sign are nearly complete.

**Waste Management:** Bag sale report is available for review. Mr. Pugh mentioned placing an order for Borough trash bags. Ms. Chilton reported on the quotes received and different ways of packaging the bags. After some discussion Council decided to remain with our current supplier. There was no increase in price so the bags remain the same \$22.44 per case bringing the order to \$8976.00. Council discussed eliminating inserts with the bags because the information is on our website and additional information will be placed in the Town & Country when necessary. Mr. Fry would like residents to go on our website and Facebook for Borough information.

**Recycling:** Recycling Report is available for review.

**Sewer Authority:** No Report.

**Revitalization:** No Report.

**Regional Planning:** No Report.

**Emergency Management:** No Report.

**Borough Manager Updates:** Mr. Fry reported to Council the Fire House would be getting the engine room floor resurfaced and they might need to keep one of the trucks at the Borough garage. Council had no objection.

**Correspondence:** Road closure request was received from the Upper Perkiomen Valley Assn. for their Annual October Fest to be held on October 26, 2013, with a rain date of October 27, 2013. They are asking for the road to be closed from Front Street to Fourth Street from 8:00am to 5:00pm. Mayor Sloyer remarked that they would have to go to Pennsburg's Council to close Front Street and Mr. Fry reported Penn Dot will need a detour plan. Mr. Rock made a motion to grant the request if the road closure was from the Borough line to Fourth Street. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

**Other Business:** Nothing to report.

**Motion to Adjourn:** Being no further business, Mr. Rock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm and seconded by Mr. Pugh, meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm.

Submitted by:

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Kathleen M. Chilton, Borough Secretary