

BOROUGH OF EAST GREENVILLE

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

October 22, 2013

Call to Order: Mr. Pierson called to order the October 22, 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, Tracey Hunsinger, and Ryan Pugh. Also present were Mayor Ryan Sloyer, Steven Kramer, Solicitor, Barry Tomlinson, Solicitor, James Fry, Borough Manager, and Sharon Kachmar, Borough Secretary/Treasurer.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Mr. Pugh to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2013, meeting. Seconded by Mr. Huff and unanimously approved.

Visitors: Mr. Robert McCluskie, East Greenville; Ms. Cynthia Smith, Horizon Engineering; Ms. DeAnn Mensch, Town & Country; Mr. Gary Parzych, Parzych Construction

Ms. Smith of Horizon Engineering representing Knoll International of 329 Railroad Street addressed Borough Council seeking a waiver of Chapter 85 (Land Development) of the Borough Code for improvements to the loading dock area. The proposed improvements will angle the loading dock to 45 degrees and add paving to accommodate trucks to back in on that angle. The East Greenville Planning Commission recommended the waiver. Ms. Smith also shared preliminary plans for a future land development for the property which will include additions. Mr. Pugh made a motion to grant waiver for loading dock for Knoll. Seconded by Mr. Huff and unanimously approved.

Police Commission Report: Mayor Sloyer announced that the next meeting of Police Commission is Monday night.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Sloyer indicated that interior cameras need to be installed at clubhouse. Also need to obtain insurance if we intend to let people use the facility. Mr. Fry reported that plumbing leak was repaired but building still needed cover plates. Mr. Pierson suggested that money be put in the 2014 budget to replace ceiling tiles.

Solicitor Items: Atty. Tomlinson reported that an ordinance amending Chapter 73, Property Maintenance dealing with obstructions in sidewalks of public areas has been duly advertised and is ready for Council to take action. Mr. Huff made a motion to amend Property Maintenance Code, Chapter 73, Section 302.3 "Public Areas" by adopting **ORDINANCE 2013-04**. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Atty. Tomlinson informed Borough Council of a letter he received from Pennsburg Borough solicitor Atty. Garner with regards to a resolution concerning warrantless arrests that the Police Commission has adopted. Atty. Garner suggests both Pennsburg and East Greenville Borough Councils adopt this same resolution so there is no question as to the authority of the police officers. Atty. Garner has already prepared the resolution. This resolution would basically set up guidelines for how police officers can proceed to arrest someone without having an arrest warrant issued. Atty. Tomlinson asked council for approval to review and have it ready for the next meeting. He will also confirm whether or not we need to advertise.

Water Committee: Mr. Fry reported that the chlorine alarm sensor in the chlorine building has to be replaced. Also, the water supervisor is starting to rebuild the automatic control valve for well. In addition, a meeting is scheduled for tomorrow with PA Rural Water Association regarding MS4 education.

Source Water Protection: No report.

Zoning/Planning/Codes: Mr. Fry reported that Knoll International is working on a project that has a list of variances that will require a zoning hearing. Mayor Sloyer asked that Council be notified when it comes before the Zoning Hearing Board.

Mr. Fry asked for Council's consent for him to give notice to a rental property that he will be filing an administrative warrant to conduct a rental inspection. There is an ordinance in place which allows for rental inspections, and Mr. Fry wanted Council to be aware of the circumstances and his plan to send a warning letter before issuing the warrant. Common consent was given by Council to proceed.

Mayor Sloyer expressed his desire to see the sidewalk repair plan implemented. Mr. Fry has a copy of the draft plan which is mostly complete but needs approval. He offered to review it and distribute it to Council for approval at the next meeting on November 4, 2013.

Road Committee: Mr. Fry updated Council that cutouts and patches were done on Long Alley as well as West Fifth Street.

Mr. Fry reported that Jefferson Street no parking signs are up and police are monitoring the area. A policeman met with the middle school principal to discuss the issues with time restricted parking. One suggestion was to post a sign below the no parking sign designating that vehicles dropping off a half-hour in the morning and picking up a half-hour in the afternoon are to use emergency flashers. The Borough would be required to amend an ordinance to enforce this sign and flashers; however, prior to that it could be enforced by police on a temporary basis to see if it alleviates the problem. It was determined by Council to leave it the way it is for now, allowing more time for people to adjust. To be reviewed again at future Council meeting.

Mr. Fry believes the Arlington Street reconstruction CDBG application has been delayed due to the government shutdown. We hope to hear the status of our application by the end of the year.

Mr. Pierson asked Council to keep dump truck purchase in mind when budget is prepared. Mayor Sloyer suggests that roads be fixed before we get a new truck.

Finance Committee: Mr. Huff announced that the Finance Committee has the preliminary budget now and will be meeting soon to discuss it and intends to bring the budget to Council for their review in early December.

The quote for pothole repairs from Patch Management which was approved not to exceed \$4,200 at the October 7, 2013, was misinterpreted. We were billed for \$7,385 which was already discounted by \$4,012. Mr. Huff asked if he felt it was good faith mistake on the wording by the supplier. Mr. Fry said it was misleading, but we should have asked for a quote with the final price and no other numbers on it. Council was pleased with the pothole repair work and how much they got done. While it worked well where used, it would not be appropriate for all roads because the stone needs to be run in with traffic. Long Alley was not done due to a concern that oil might be tracked into a nearby business. Mayor Sloyer suggested asking business owner if there was a time of year less busy for them that might be a good time to do it. Mr. Huff made a motion to pay Patch Management for their invoice of \$7,385. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Personnel Committee: No report.

Property Committee: No report.

Waste Management Report: No report.

Recycling Committee: No report.

Sewer Authority: No report.

Revitalization: Mr. Pierson commented he thought the Halloween parade was a success. Mayor Sloyer relayed comments he heard about a problem with gaps in the parade. Mr. McCluskie, who will be helping plan next year's event, mentioned they will be working to reduce gaps.

Regional Planning: Mr. Pierson stated that agenda items for the meeting tomorrow night include MS4 and wayfinding status report.

Emergency Management: No report.

Borough Manager Updates: Concerning tennis courts at the high school, Mr. Fry indicated that the Borough Code prohibits municipalities from making donations to schools.

Mayor Sloyer asked that something be put in the budget for radio upgrades next year. Mr. Fry indicated he would like to get firmer numbers on radio cost.

Correspondence: Upper Perk Valley Association requested that the Borough close Main Street for the Hometown Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 1, 2013, and grant permission to hang a banner. Mr. Pierson asked that the Borough also hang the banner. Mr. Huff made a motion we hang the banner for the parade. Seconded by Ms. Hunsinger and unanimously approved. Mr. Huff made a motion that we close Main Street on December 1 for the Hometown Christmas parade from Front Street to Fourth Street. Seconded by Mr. Pugh and approved unanimously.

Other Business: None.

Executive Session: Mr. Pierson called an executive session at 8:19 p.m. to discuss a land purchase.

Regular meeting reconvened at 8:48 p.m. A motion was made by Mr. Huff to approve the purchase of the Owl's Home parking lot in the amount of \$40,000; \$1,000 of which will be an escrow held by Solicitor. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pugh. Roll call vote: Mr. Pugh - yea, Mr. Huff - yea; Mr. Pierson - yea, Ms. Hunsinger - yea. Motion approved. Motion for grant application to be submitted by Mr. Huff, seconded by Mr. Pugh, and unanimously approved.

Motion to Adjourn: Being no further business, Mr. Huff made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Pugh. Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Submitted by:

Sharon Kachmar, Borough Secretary/Treasurer