

BOROUGH OF EAST GREENVILLE

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

August 23, 2011

Call to order: Ms. Boyer called to order the August 23, 2011, meeting of Borough Council at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Attendance: The following Council members were present: Jennifer Boyer, Josiah Pierson, Ryan Pugh, and Marita Thomson. Also present were: Barry Tomlinson, Solicitor, Jim Fry, Borough manager, and Kathleen Chilton, Borough secretary.

Approval of Minutes: The August 1, 2011, minutes were approved on a motion made by Mr. Pugh, seconded by Ms. Thomson, and unanimously approved.

Visitors: Mr. John Hahn of East Greenville and Ms. Jenni Kirkwood from the Town and Country.

Police Commission: No Report.

Mayor's Report: Ms. Boyer requested a need for volunteers to help at Community Days.

Solicitor Items: Attorney Tomlinson reported speaking with the attorney handling the property sale for the Colonial Village Assn. and they agreed to extend the extension to mid December. Mr. Pugh made a motion to extend the extension on the agreement of sale to mid December and authorize the Borough Manager to sign on behalf of the East Greenville Borough all paperwork pertaining to the sale of the Colonial Village property. Ms. Thomson seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Water Committee: A Water Committee meeting is scheduled for August 29, 2011, at the Water Plant.

Source Water Protection: No Report.

Zoning/Planning: Atty. Tomlinson reported on the review of Mr. John Hahn's pool request. After a discussion between Council, Mr. Fry and Mr. Hahn no action was taken. The Yard Sale Ordinance has been tabled for discussion at a later date.

Roads: The Third Street – Hill Alley Drainage Project is moving forward and we are waiting for a start date. There is a Pre-Construction meeting with Floyd Hersh, Inc. on September 1, 2011, for the Sixth & Arlington Sts Reconstruction Project. The East Greenville Roads Condition Report was received and Ms. Thomson will be scheduling a Road Committee meeting to discuss the report.

Finance: Ms. Thomson reported on the water overbilling in 2009-2010, that under billing also occurred. Ms. Thomson made a motion to debit the appropriate accounts according to the spreadsheet for the under billing, seconded by Mr. Pierson. Motion unanimously approved. Received real estate tax reimbursement requests from HUD on two properties in the Borough. More information is needed before reimbursements will be made. We received a request from Ms. Kathleen Bieler, Tax Collector, to look into amending Ordinance No#97-11. Uninvest is charging the tax collection account a fee for NSF on returned checks. The PA Tax Collection Manual allows the tax collector to bill the taxpayer issuing an NSF check for reimbursement of costs. Authorization to do so must be granted by a municipal ordinance. Ms. Thomson will make a call to Uninvest. Ms. Thomson made a motion to revise Ordinance No#97-11 (Authorization to charge fee) to allow the Tax Collector to charge customers for NSF bank fees, seconded by Mr. Pierson. Motion unanimously approved.

Property Committee: One estimate has been received and we are waiting for two additional estimates to replace the entrance doors at Borough Hall and the Water Plant. The Borough received a couple of complaints concerning safety issues and grass cutting at Colonial Village. A motion was made by Ms. Thomson to authorize the Borough staff to remove the swing set at the Colonial Drive playground, seconded by Mr. Pugh. Motion unanimously approved. A motion was made by Mr. Pierson to authorize the Borough staff to remove any and all debris on the roof of the Colonial Village Clubhouse, seconded by Ms. Thomson. Motion unanimously approved.

Revitalization: We are still waiting for an update on the Walkway Light repairs. Phase 6 Streetscape Enhancement Project had the bid opening on August 22, 2011. The low bid was \$180,361.70 from Floyd Hersh, Inc., it was reviewed and approved by the engineer and our solicitor. A motion was made by Mr. Pierson to accept the low bid of \$180,361.70 from Floyd Hersh, Inc. for the Phase VI Streetscape Improvements, and seconded by Mr. Pugh.

Motion unanimously approved. Additional time has been requested before Council decides to make the overhead light removal permanent.

Waste Management: Bid notice and information for the new Trash Contract 2012-2017 was sent to the three participating Borough's to review.

Recycling: No Report.

Sewer Authority: No Report.

Personnel: There is still a vacancy on the Police Review Board and the UMJA Board.

Regional Planning: No Report.

Emergency Management: No Report.

Correspondence: A sponsorship letter was read from the Upper Perkiomen Takedown Club and no action was taken. A letter from Comcast was read announcing their new Internet Essentials 2011 "Back to School" program.

Other Business: Ms. Boyer reported on information concerning the Hometown Press Newsletter. She talked about how it works, getting articles and information about the Borough out to the residents and there is no cost to the Borough. A motion was made by Ms. Thomson that at no cost to the Borough we should work with Hometown Press to create a Newsletter seconded by Mr. Pugh. Motion unanimously approved.

Motion to Adjourn: There being no further business, Mr. Pugh made a motion to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Ms. Thomson. Meeting adjourned at 8:36 pm.

Submitted by:

Kathleen M. Chilton, Secretary