

BOROUGH OF EAST GREENVILLE
BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
December 5, 2011

Call to order: Ms. Boyer called to order the December 5, 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 Mayor Ryan Sloyer, Barry Tomlinson, Solicitor, Jim Fry, Borough Manager, and Kathleen Chilton, Borough Secretary.

PUBLIC HEARING – UP VALLEY REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN:

Ms. Boyer introduced Mr. Eric Jarrell from the Montgomery County Planning Commission to give an overview of the Upper Perkiomen Valley Regional Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Jarrell started by giving some background and demographics of the region. The remainder of the presentation discussed existing land use, goals & objectives for the region, natural & historic resources, open space, community facilities, transportation, economic revitalization, housing, and lastly future land use. Council presented **Resolution No. 2011-07 - Resolution to Adopt the Upper Perkiomen Regional Comprehensive Plan**. A motion was made by Mr. Pugh to adopt Resolution No. 2011-07 The Upper Perkiomen Regional Comprehensive Plan as presented and seconded by Mr. Pierson. Motion unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes: The November 22, 2011, minutes having been read, Ms. Thomson made a correction concerning the Yard Sale Ordinance. The Yard Sale Ordinance has been tabled and not at the Solicitor's office for review. A motion was made by Mr. Pugh to approve the minutes as amended and seconded by Ms. Thomson. Motion unanimously approved.

Visitors: Mr. Andrew Rock and Mrs. Kathleen Bieler of East Greenville, Mr. Eric Jarrell from the Montgomery County Planning Commission, and Ms. Jenni Kirkwood from the Town and Country.

Police Commission: Monthly Allocation is \$39, 928.05 and utilities are \$825.00. The Mayor reported a new heating and AC systems was installed and two police cars needed repairs. The yearend meeting of the Police Commission will be on December 19, 2011.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Sloyer presented the 2011 Revitalization Award received from the Montgomery County Revitalization Board. East Greenville Borough Streetscape Enhancement and the Grand Theater Restoration were this year's recipients.

Solicitor Items: Settlement for the three parcels the Borough is purchasing from the Colonial Village Assn. will be on December 6, 2011. Atty. Tomlinson is asking for approval of a \$5,000.00 check for closing costs. Mr. Pugh made a motion to issue the \$5,000.00 check made payable to Tomlinson & Gerhart for closing costs and seconded by Ms. Thomson. Motion unanimously approved. Atty. Tomlinson discussed the Local Service Tax and the business owners who have not paid the tax. A LST delinquent letter will be sent certified mail to the business owners requesting payment be received by December 30, 2011.

Water Committee: The report is available to review. Mr. Fry reported they are repairing the chipping paint on the north side of the water tank and the special paint has been received. Mr. Fry also reported on the cost of renting a lift to repair the paint. The rental cost with insurance would be about \$1,600.00 per day. Mr. Fry is checking on options for getting the job done by an outside company.

Source Water Protection: No Report.

Zoning/Planning: The Code Officer's report is available to review. Sign Ordinance is under review. Mr. Fry reported a meeting with Global Customs will be held on December 7, 2011, to discuss the condominium building

project for 413 Jefferson Street. Mr. Fry also reported the Conditional Use Hearing for Home City Ice will be held on December 21, 2011.

Roads: Road supervisor's report is available to review. Ms. Thomson reported we received Final Payment Application #3 for the Third St - Hill Alley Drainage Project from Betta Construction in the amount of \$7,999.95. Cowan Associates verified application #3 and recommends payment. A motion was made by Ms. Thomson to approve payment application #3 for \$7,999.95 for Betta Construction and seconded by Mr. Pierson. Motion unanimously approved. Ms. Thomson reported we received Payment Application #3 for the Sixth & Arlington Sts Reconstruction Project from Floyd G. Hersh, Inc. in the amount of \$36,379.36. Cowan Associates verified application #3 and recommends payment. A motion was made by Ms. Thomson to approve payment application #3 for \$36,379.36 and seconded by Mr. Pugh. Motion unanimously approved.

Finance: A motion was made by Ms. Thomson to pay the bills as presented and accept the Treasurer's report for November and seconded by Mr. Pugh. Motion unanimously approved. Ms. Thomson reported a Line of Credit from Univest Bank was approved. Ms. Thomson made a motion to advertise a Resolution to increase Permit Fees for the January 3, 2012, meeting and seconded by Mr. Pugh. Motion unanimously approved. Ms. Thomson asked Council to consider increasing the Debit Card limit from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00. After discussion, Ms. Thomson made a motion to increase the Debit Card limit to \$1,000.00 effective immediately and seconded by Mr. Pugh. Motion unanimously approved. Ms. Thomson made a motion to close the account and refund escrow money in the amount of \$1,219.80 for the JFlex subdivision at Second & Washington Sts. and seconded by Mr. Pierson. Motion unanimously approved. Lastly, Council discussed the 2012 Budget. After discussion on the General Fund, Water Fund and Highway Aid fund, Ms. Thomson's recommendation was a water rate increase of 5% with an additional increased percentage to customers using in excess of 30,000 gallons and Council agreed. A motion was made by Ms. Thomson to advertise the 2012 budget as presented and seconded by Mr. Pugh. Motion unanimously approved.

Property Committee: Ms. Boyer reported on a letter received from Mr. Brian O'Leary of the Montgomery County Planning Commission addressing our concerns on the parking lot behind Borough Hall. The MCPC would like to see the parking lot used as parking for local business's and Borough Hall business and finds it acceptable for Council to regulate parking behind the Borough Hall. The MCPC offered two options they approve of which are posting the lot as No Overnight Parking or issuing a time limit for parking. Council discussed the options presented and issues with safety came up because we are getting close to winter and snow removal for the lot and having designated spots for Borough employees. A discussion of appropriate wording for the signage will be addressed at a later meeting. Council agreed to allow PPL to remove the four overhead lights on Main Street. The street lights provide enough lighting and no residents have complained. Ms. Boyer reported on the propane quotes for 2012 for Council to discuss. Eddinger's and Trexler-Haines both quoted \$1.79 per gallon for 2012. There would be additional switch over costs to go with Trexler-Haines. A motion was made by Mr. Pugh to approve the quote from Eddinger's at \$1.79 per gallon for the 2012 heating season and seconded by Ms. Thomson. Motion unanimously approved.

Revitalization: Ms. Thomson reported a Payment Request Application #1 was received for the Phase 6 Streetscape Enhancement Project from Floyd G. Hersh, Inc. in the amount of \$89,776.35. URDC verified payment application #1 and recommends payment. A motion was made by Ms. Thomson to approve payment application #1 to Floyd G. Hersh, Inc. in the amount of \$89,776.35 and seconded by Mr. Pierson. Motion unanimously approved.

Waste Management: November Bags sales report is available for review. There were several comments that the trash bags strings are ripping.

Recycling: The November recycling report is available for review. Christmas tree chipping will be done during the month of January.

Sewer Authority: Mr. Pugh passed around for Council to review UMJA's plan to update and expand. He also reported the board would be meeting on December 6, 2011, and should have more information on the Borough's request concerning the 10% raise given to the superintendent.

Personnel: Mr. Pierson reported the Safety Committee completed training to become a certified safety committee. The Borough will be receiving a 5% discount on the workman's compensation insurance for 2012. A letter of interest was received for the open seat as the UP Library Representative. It will be discussed at a later meeting.

Regional Planning: No Report.

Emergency Management: Mr. Fry reported that the Montgomery County Office of Emergency Preparedness asked if the Borough could store a light generator for them.

Correspondence: Nothing to Report

Other Business: Mrs. Kathleen Bieler, Tax Collector, addressed Council about the Tax Collector Ordinance and her concerns on checks received with insufficient funds. Atty. Tomlinson will check on the Ordinance and work on preparing an amendment. He will report back to Council in January.

Motion to Adjourn: There being no further business Mr. Pugh made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:22 pm, seconded by Ms. Thomson. The meeting was adjourned at 9:22 pm.

Submitted by:

Kathleen M. Chilton, Secretary