

BOROUGH OF EAST GREENVILLE

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

June 28, 2011

Call to order: Ms Boyer called to order the June 28, 2011, meeting of Borough Council at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Attendance: The following were present: Josiah Pierson, Ryan Pugh, Jennifer Boyer, Marita Thomson, Tracey Hunsinger, James Young, Barry Tomlinson, Jim Fry, and Kathleen Chilton.

Approval of Minutes: The June 6, 2011, minutes were approved on a motion made by Ms. Thomson, seconded by Ms. Hunsinger, and approved unanimously.

Visitors: Ms. Peggy Schmidt representing Partnership TMA of Montgomery County spoke about a new program "Bike on UPV". It is a bike sharing program with 10 bikes available for use throughout the Upper Perkiomen Valley. There are bike racks located at Univest Bank and the YMCA. Also present was Mr. Robert Gery of East Greenville and Ms. Jenni Kirkwood from the Town and Country.

Police Commission: A letter was received from Montgomery County on a proposed upgrading of Police communications. The two options available are: A band width upgrade done at no cost by Nextel or purchase new radios for the Police Department. Montgomery County is offering assistance by allowing municipalities to fund the project over a ten (10) year period at an interest rate of 4%. A motion was made by Mr. Pierson to advertise our participation in the county funding of four (4) new radios for the Police Department over a ten (10) year period at 4% interest and agree to undertake the rebanding as specified in FCC standards. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved.

Solicitor Items: Attorney Tomlinson reported the agreement of sale for the Colonial Village Property has been extended to the end of August. Atty. Tomlinson reported a minor change was made to the proposed ordinance amending the Uniform Construction Code for the Borough. It was advertised and will be discussed at the July 5, 2011, Council meeting. Information was sent to all parties involved in the new Trash contract talks. Atty. Tomlinson reported thirteen (13) liens were filed on residents for nonpayment of Trash and Water bills.

Water Committee: The recommendation to install a Fire Hydrant at 6th Street before the 6th & Arlington Street project continues to be discussed. Mr. Fry reviewed the master plan and reported to council other locations in the Borough that would be in greater need of a new fire hydrant. Two suggestions were Blaker Drive in Colonial Village and State Street between 4th & Forge. A water committee meeting will be scheduled to review the master plan and prioritize best locations for hydrants.

Source Water Protection: No Report.

Zoning/Planning: The Planning Commission sent a letter with its recommendations for the subdivision on W. 5th Street. It will be addressed at the July 5, 2011 Council meeting. The Yard Sale Ordinance has been tabled for discussion at a later date. A request for an Inter-municipal Agreement for Inspections was received from Milford Township. It concerns sharing of services and Council decided more information is needed. Mr. Fry also discussed the Accessibility Plan Review & Inspections. He commented that standards are changing and this information is in its early stages so more information is needed.

Roads: The Third Street – Hill Alley Drainage Project notice of award was sent to Betta Construction. They are in the process of securing their Performance Bond and Certificate of Insurance. Mr. Fry would like to meet with residents in the area and the project could possibly start by the end of July. Ms. Thomson asked Mr. Fry about the Montgomery County Conservation District review. He reported everything is in order and the Borough is ready to receive bids for the Sixth & Arlington Sts Reconstruction Project. A motion was made by Ms. Thomson to advertise the bid notice for the Sixth & Arlington Sts Reconstruction Project, seconded by Mr. Pierson. Motion approved.

Property Committee: We are waiting for an estimate to replace the entrance doors at Borough Hall and the Water Plant. Council reviewed the rules for using the Borough's public parks and added three additional guidelines for usage. A motion was made by Ms. Hunsinger to adopt the three (3) additional guidelines numbers 10, 11, and 12 to section 62-1 named Borough Playground. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pugh and approved unanimously.

Waste Management: No Report.

Recycling: No Report.

Personnel: The Personnel Committee met on June 27, 2011. A recommendation was made after ninety (90) days of service to give Kathleen Chilton a one dollar an hour raise. A second recommendation was made to give a \$250 incentive bonus for completion of Disinfection/Distribution Certification. A motion was made by Mr. Pierson to give Kathleen Chilton a one dollar an hour raise and seconded by Ms. Hunsinger. Motion approved. A motion was made by Mr. Pierson to award an incentive bonus of \$250.00 to Randy Reinhart and Toby Cole if they complete their Disinfection/Distribution Certification and seconded by Mr. Pugh. Motion approved.

Regional Planning: Mr. Pierson reported on the upcoming bridge construction on Route 29. Regional Planning has written a letter to PennDot requesting they keep one lane open during the construction. A motion was made by Mr. Pugh for the Borough of East Greenville to support the Regional Planning Commission by sending a letter requesting one lane to be kept open during the bridge construction, seconded by Mr. Pierson. Motion approved.

Revitalization: Mr. Fry is waiting for an update on the Walkway Light repairs. A meeting was held on June 2, 2011. Phase 5 extension progress report, the conduit was replaced and we are still waiting for PP&L to install service. Phase 6 Progress Report, we are waiting for two (2) temporary easement agreements. Mr. Fry was contacted by PP&L about making the overhead street light removal permanent. Council decided to leave them off for another month to collect more feedback.

Sewer Authority: No Report.

Finance: Ms. Thomson will report on the CD renewal at the July 5, 2011 Council meeting. A request for relief of a finance charge was received from David Kuhn and no action was taken. Life Span requested a release of the funds in their escrow account. Mr. Fry reported the As Built Plans are being reviewed by our engineers and we are waiting on the report. A motion was made by Ms. Thomson for Council to approve the release of funds in their escrow account less the amount recommended to hold by the engineer. Motion was seconded by Mr. Young and approved unanimously.

Emergency Management: Mr. Fry had no Report.

Mayor's Report: New procedures were presented for the use of Special Services for East Greenville Fire Police. Council discussed the procedures and a motion was made by Ms. Thomson to accept the new procedures for Special Services for East Greenville Fire Police and seconded by Mr. Pugh. Motion approved.

Correspondence: Council received a request from Upper Perk Valley Association for Main Street to be closed for the duration of the Halloween Parade and to hang a banner in East Greenville. The paperwork needed was given to Liz Herman. A Thank you letter was received from Open Line for the Borough's donation. An invitation was received from St. Philip Neri Church to attend a Community Service of Remembrance for the Upper Perkiomen Valley. It will be held on Sunday, September 11, 2011.

Other Business: No other business to report.

Executive Session: Ms. Boyer called for an executive session at 9:01 p.m. for possible litigation.

The executive session was adjourned and the meeting reconvened at 9:10 p.m.

Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Pierson made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Hunsinger. The meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm.

Submitted by:

Kathleen M. Chilton, Secretary