

BOROUGH OF EAST GREENVILLE

BOROUGH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

March 7, 2011

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

Attendance: The following were present: Ryan J. Sloyer, Jennifer Boyer, John Naylor, Josiah Pierson, Ryan Pugh, Marita Thomson, Barry Tomlinson, Jim Fry, Kathleen Chilton, Christos Orphanides, and one member of the press.

Approval of Minutes: The February 22, 2011, minutes were approved on a motion made by John Naylor, seconded by Ryan Pugh, and approved unanimously.

Visitors: Mr. Christos Orphanides addressed the council with an invitation to a monthly dance held at the New Goshenhoppen UCC church on the third or fourth Friday of every month. Admission is \$9.00 and all monies go to their Handicapped Access fund. Food is available with three and a half hours of music to follow.

Police Commission: Monthly Allocation is \$39, 928.05 and utilities are \$825.00. Mayor Sloyer reported that Chief Devlin was recognized by his officers for his leadership. Chief Devlin presented his yearly awards for perfect attendance and outstanding performance. Officer James Lavin was named Officer of the Year.

Solicitor Items: Attorney Tomlinson reported an agreement from the Colonial Village Assn. was received. He is preparing a resolution and will look at the costs associated with the transfer of real estate and present that information at the next meeting.

Water Committee: Mr. Naylor presented the water supervisor's report. Mr. Fry reported that the well is back on-line with a new well pump, shaft and casing. The performance has improved. There was some discussion on the MS4 Consortium and the Borough's membership. We received membership information from PA Warn. It is an emergency assistance program that offers members assistance when a breakdown occurs or part is needed from other members of the group. Mr. Fry would like himself and Mr. Boyer to apply for membership; the cost would be \$25.00 annually. Atty. Tomlinson will review the agreement with Mr. Fry for any legal questions. Lastly, the water treatment plant will be receiving a 10 yr Director's Award from the Partnership for Safe Water. The ceremony will be held in Washington, D.C. on June 13, 2011.

Source Water Protection: No report.

Zoning/Planning: The code enforcement report was presented. The yard sale ordinance discussion is being continued as more information is needed. Planning Commission/Zoning Hearing reported that the updated signs requirement chapter is still being worked on as well as the parking improvement study report.

Roads: Ms. Thomson presented the road supervisor's report. Also presented was the road condition report which was passed on to Mr. Fry and Cowan Associates, naming six roads that need immediate attention. Crack sealing needs to be done this spring. Mr. Fry contacted the Borough Engineer regarding the water run-off problem at 206 Main Street. His suggestion was to do an elevation study, no cost estimates were available. Ms Thomson asked about the road maintenance plan. Mr. Fry reported that Cowan Associates is updating core samplings from the roads. Borough Council would like to have a 5-10yr maintenance plan in place for the 2012 budget. The Hill Alley drainage project is on schedule to prepare bids. The Sixth Street reconstruction project is awaiting county review. Borough received a letter concerning the VFW Parade and Fire Police request for May 30, 2011. Mayor Sloyer signed the letter and will check with Pennsburg Council to find out if East Greenville has to secure a permit themselves or if Pennsburg secures the permit to cover the entire parade.

Property Committee: The Voice Stream blacktop project at 433 Main was discussed. East Greenville Borough holds monies in escrow for the driveway blacktopping. Mr. Fry will look at the job and decide what action needs to be taken.

Waste Management: Mr. Pugh reported February trash bags and sticker sales; 940 bags and 46 stickers totaling \$4,805.00. Mr. Fry discussed ordering trash bags. He had three bids and all were similar in price. He suggested we remain with Springfield Paper; they are offering \$.21 per bag and refunding \$.20 for defective bags. A motion to order bags up to the cost of \$8400.00 from Springfield Paper was made by Mr. Pugh, seconded by Ms Thomson, and unanimously approved.

Recycling: Mr. Pugh presented the February recycling report. Ms Boyer mentioned the upcoming renewal of our trash hauling contract. Mr. Pugh will contact the representatives from the other Boroughs to get their input.

Personnel: Mr. Pierson made a motion to accept the updated job descriptions for the Borough secretary and treasurer, seconded by Mr. Pugh and unanimously approved. Police Review board and Vacancy Review Board were discussed. Mayor Sloyer may have candidates for the Vacancy Board and will report back at the March 22, 2011, meeting. Ms Boyer asked about abolishing the Police Review Board. No information has been found about this board, but she will continue looking for information and report back at the next Borough meeting.

Revitalization: The street light removal request made on January 5, 2011, is still in progress. Mr. Fry commented that with all the bad weather this winter the job may take longer. Mr. Fry reported on the walkway light repair between 3rd and 4th Streets. Gochnauer Electric checked the site and found water in the conduit light at 3rd Street to the north. They tried to get a fish tape through the conduit; it was blocked. They concluded damage was done during the installation of the handicap ramp. Penn DOT and Alan Myers were contacted. The process for making the necessary repairs is being discussed.

Sewer Authority: No Report.

Open Space: No Report.

Finance: A motion to pay the February bills as presented and to accept the Treasurer's report for February was made by Ms. Thomson. Mr. Naylor seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Emergency Management: Mr. Fry: No Report.

Mayor's Report: Mayor Sloyer reported plans for Community Day on September 10, 2011, are underway.

Correspondence:

A donation request was received from Perk Up. Council took no action on this donation request as no funding was budgeted. A fax was received from Patricia Watts asking her finance charges on a late trash bill be waived. Her request was denied.

Other Business: Mr. Orphanides had questions on the Borough's process for getting information on companies that make trash bags and offered his knowledge of additional companies available.

Executive Session: Ms Boyer called an executive session at 8:28 pm

Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Naylor made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Submitted by:

Kathleen M. Chilton
Secretary