

November 2, 2009
East Greenville, PA

Council President, Douglas G. Bricker called the regular November 2, 2009 meeting of East Greenville Borough Council to order at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Answering the roll call were: Douglas G. Bricker, Jennifer Boyer, John Naylor, Josiah Pierson, and Marita Thomson. Also present were: James Fry, Donald W. Huff, Atty. Barry Tomlinson, 8 visitors and 1 member of the press.

The minutes of the regular meeting of October 5, 2009, having been circulated and a copy made available to the public, were presented for council's approval. There being no additions or corrections, Pres. Bricker declared the minutes approved as presented.

VISITORS:

Pres. Bricker recognized Mike Mumma of 218 W. Fourth Street. He informed Council that he thinks the proposed excessive noise ordinance is much too strict. He cited 42-2-A as too restrictive, which makes it illegal to use a horn or other warning device except as a reasonable warning. He feels that if residents want to celebrate such things as a sports team win, they should be able to do it for a reasonable time. Victor Faust of 222 W. Fourth Street stated that the ordinance has no decibel levels, which makes it a judgment call if it's too loud. Ms. Boyer stated that we assume most people will use common sense, and if we don't have some form of ordinance the police will have nothing to enforce. After some more discussion on the pros and cons of the ordinance, Atty. Tomlinson suggested that we take another look at the ordinance and consider the residents ideas. By common consent Council agreed to look at the ordinance again and make some possible changes.

POLICE COMMISSION REPORT:

In the absence of the Mayor, Pres. Bricker reported that the only thing to report was that the allocation is \$ 38,006.17.

SOLICITOR ITEMS:

Atty. Tomlinson noted that the Noise Ordinance is on hold and will be reviewed. The Outdoor Wood Fired Burners/Furnace Ordinance is ready to be advertised. On a motion by Ms. Boyer and a second by Ms. Thomson, which passed, Council approved advertising the ordinance for adoption at the December regular meeting.

WATER COMMITTEE:

Mr. Fry noted that there is no Water Supervisors report for October at this time. We have been working on the SCADA System much of the past month. Mr. Fry noted that we have people dumping leaves at the water plant property and we may need to limit access in the future. Someone suggested we could use cameras. Mr. Fry noted that with the size of the property cameras are not a good option. We expect to have the SCADA System up and running sometime in December.

The PA EPA is doing a study of watersheds of some of the larger water systems and would like to use our plan as a smaller system. Council had no objection. A letter has been received from Marianita Kleinot of 224 Jefferson Street requesting a waiver of the penalty fee for her water bill. She claims she did not receive the first one. Mrs. Kleinot was already extended a courtesy credit for a late fee this year. On a motion by Mr. Pierson and a second by Ms. Boyer, which passed, Council waived the penalty fee for the September bill. Mr. Bricker and Ms. Thomson voted NO.

ZONING-PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Ms. Boyer reported that the Code Officer's report is available for Council's review. The Regional Plan rewrite is ongoing. The Regional Planning Commission is looking at forming an electric consortium. There was a special exception zoning hearing for 114 Main Street (Bauman's Paint Store). The use was approved for Bridg-it Fabricators to use the building for their offices and storage.

ROADS COMMITTEE:

The Road Supervisor's report is on file for Council's review. We are waiting to hear from the county on the Hill Alley Project. There is nothing to report on the Middle School parking changes. We have had a request to install a H/C ramp at 704 Valley Road. Mr. Fry reported it could be done, but would be our responsibility to maintain it. After some discussion, by common consent, Council asked that Cowan Associates look at the project before making any decision. The Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy is offering its help with the MS4 storm water control education project. Their fee for the year 7 program is \$200.00. On a motion by Mr. Naylor and a second by Ms. Thomson, which passed, Council approved the expenditure.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

Mr. Naylor had nothing to report on the disposal of the old holiday lights. There was also nothing to report on the 3rd Street and Blaker Drive Park. A discussion was held with Pennsburg regarding a joint purchase of electricity. By common consent Council agreed to discuss the issue with Pennsburg Borough. Mr. Fry informed Council that we need to get a RFP out for electricity.

WASTE MGMT COMMITTEE:

Mr. Pierson reported that the recycling reports are on file for review. Trash bag sales were \$ 8,405.00 for October. On a motion by Mr. Pierson and a second by Mr. Naylor Council approved a loan transfer from the Water Fund to the General Fund of up to \$154,555.38 to pay for request # 1 from McCarty Masonry & Concrete.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

The Personnel Committee has approved the self-evaluation forms to be completed by employees. Ms. Boyer would like to have a meeting with the personnel committee to discuss the manager's job description.

Mr. Fry noted that we have a McCarthy bill that has the trees as being done. On a motion by Mr. Pierson and a second by Ms. Boyer, which passed, Council approved paying the bill less the amount determined necessary to cover the trees.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Ms. Thomson reported that all is in order. On a motion by Ms. Thomson and a second by Mr. Pierson, which passed, Council approved paying the bills for November. On a motion by Ms. Thomson and a second by Mr. Naylor, which passed, Council accepted the report of the Treasurer for October. After a brief explanation by Mr. Fry concerning the Morgan's Court Savings Account, on a motion by Ms. Boyer and a second by Mr. Pierson, which passed, Council approved closing the Morgan's Court account and moving the funds to the General Fund.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A thank you letter was received from the County Revitalization Board for our hosting their September meeting. A letter was received from Aqua-PA concerning the possible purchase of our water system. This will be referred to the water committee for review. A banner request was received for the Hometown Christmas Parade Committee. They will put the banner up November 23, 2009 and remove it December 7, 2009. On a motion by Ms. Boyer and a second by Mr. Pierson, which passed, Council approved the banner request.

At 8:23 p.m. Pres. Bricker called an executive session. At 8:40 p.m. Council reconvened.


On a motion by Mr. Pierson and a second by Mr. Naylor, which passed, Council approved having Cowan Associates do a traffic study at the following intersections; Third & Jefferson Streets and Sixth & Jefferson Streets.

There being no further business, Pres. Bricker declared the meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.



Douglas G. Bricker, Council Pres.

ATTEST:


Donald W. Huff
Borough Secretary