

September 8, 2009
East Greenville, PA

Council President, Douglas G. Bricker called the regular September 8, 2009 meeting of East Greenville Borough Council at 7:30 p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Answering the roll call were: Mayor Ryan J. Sloyer, Douglas G. Bricker, Gary Bilger, John Naylor, Josiah Pierson, and Marita Thomson. Also present were: Donald W. Huff, James Fry, Atty. Tomlinson, 3 visitors and 1 member of the press.

The minutes of the regular meeting of August 3, 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 Sandra Kassel, Business Manager of the Upper Perkiomen School District. Ms. Kassel presented an overview on the new EIT Tax Collection Law, which is Act 32 of 2008. She told Council that the state got involved because of some bad tax collection practices in western Pennsylvania. There are a number of outside collectors, with Berkheimer being the best. Each municipality must appoint a collector and Ms. Kassel is willing to serve. The actual collections should start in 2011 or 2012. She noted that it will be more work for the employers as they must withhold the rate where the employee lives. Currently Ms. Kassel has been appointed by Red Hill Borough and Hereford Township. Mayor Sloyer asked who would oversee the commission. Ms. Kassel stated that there will be checks and balances. Ms. Kassel stated that delinquent collections could be a problem. She also noted that she is not looking for any reimbursement for serving. On a motion by Mr. Pierson and a second by Mr. Naylor, which passed, by resolution Council appointed Sandra Kassel as Primary Voting Delegate and Marita Thomson as Alternate Voting Delegate to the Act 32 Tax Collection Commission for the Borough of East Greenville.

POLICE COMMISSION:

Mayor Sloyer reported that the allocation for September will be \$ 38,006.17. The commission is now involved in contract talks with the officers. Mayor Vicki Lightcap has invited Mayor Sloyer and John Lear to a meeting in October on regional police services.

SOLICITOR ITEMS:

Atty. Tomlinson presented Council with **ORDINANCE 2009-06**. **ORDINANCE 2009-06** amends the code of ordinance of the Borough of East Greenville adding thereto a new Chapter, designated Chapter 58, entitled Outdoor Burning, regulating outdoor burning within the Borough; setting time limits, type of material to be burned, and establishing the conditions under which outdoor burning may be permitted. On a motion by Mr. Pierson and a second by Ms. Thomson, which passed, Council adopted ORDINANCE 2009-06. Mr. Naylor and Mr. Bilger voted no.

ZONING-PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Mr. Pany, the engineer for the Life Span land development is, requesting waivers on 3 sections of our land development ordinance. The sections of the ordinance that waivers are requested for are Section 85-22.A(2)(a), Section 85-22.A(2)(b) and Section 85-27. After review and a recommendation of approval from the Planning Commission, on a motion by Mr. Bilger and a second by Mr. Naylor, which passed, Council granted preliminary approval of the plan and granted the 3 waivers as requested.

WATER COMMITTEE:

Mr. Bilger informed Council that the Water Supervisor's report is available for review. The amount of the H2O Grant approved is \$60,000.00, and is not enough for us to consider taking on such a large project. On a motion by Mr. Bilger and a second by Mr. Pierson, which passed, Council declined acceptance of the grant. There is nothing new to report on the Growing Greener Plus Grant application. Mr. Boyer is working on a Public Notification System to notify residents when there is an emergency.

ROADS COMMITTEE:

Mr. Fry reported that the traffic signal at the south east corner of 4th and Main Streets was damaged by Alan Myers Construction while doing H\C curb cuts for Penn-Dot. The pole was pushed on which caused a short circuit that burned all the wiring for the controllers of the light. We are filing a claim with our insurance carrier. The system was repaired by Signal Service at a cost of about \$10,000.00. Mr. Fry informed Council that he has informed all employees that there is a freeze on all non-essential spending. One of the period street lights in the area of the Owls Home has concrete on it from one of the curb cuts that was installed. Mr. Fry will inspect the pole.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

Mr. Naylor informed Council that he has secured 3 quotes for new Holiday Lights and that Display Sales is the lowest quote at \$5,702.00. On a motion by Mr. Naylor and a second by Ms. Thomson, which passed, Council approved the purchase of 15 Snow Flake Lights for \$5,702.00.

WASTE MGMT COMMITTEE

Mr. Pierson reported that the Recycling Report is available for review. Bag sales for August were \$9,385.00. Mr. Pierson presented Council with Change Order # 1 for Phase IV of the Main Street Revitalization Project. The cost is an additional \$360.00 to use High Early Concrete for the Uninvest Driveway Apron. There was some damage to a section of new sidewalk that will be replaced by McCarthy Masonry & Concrete. The rain water trough at Titanium Finishing has been installed.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

There was nothing to report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Ms Thomson reported that all was in order. On a motion by Ms. Thomson and a second by Mr. Bilger, which passed, Council approved paying the bills for September and accepted the Treasurer's Report for August. The MMO for 2010 was presented to council. On a motion by Ms. Thomson and a second by Mr. Bilger, which passed, Council increased the mileage rate for use of personal vehicles to \$.55 per mile. On a motion by Ms. Thomson and a second by Mr. Bilger, which passed, Council accepted the MMO for 2010. Ms. Thomson informed Council that Ms. Kachmar would like to attend a workshop on budgeting. The cost is \$60.00. On a motion by Ms. Thomson and a second by Mr. Naylor, which passed, Council approved the Budget Workshop for Ms. Kachmar. On a motion by Mr. Pierson and a second by Ms. Thomson, which passed, Council approved the transfer of our phone service from Verizon to Comcast. Mr. Naylor abstained.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Sloyer reminded everyone that Community Day is this Saturday, September 12th. He will need help beginning at 7:30a.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Perkiomen Watershed Conservancy's request for an ad in their awards banquet program was discussed. On a motion by Mr. Pierson and a second by Mr. Naylor, which passed, Council approved a \$75.00 advertisement. On a motion by Mr. Pierson and a second by Ms. Thomson, which passed, Council approved the following: EGFC request to close Washington Street between 4th Street and Bank Street and close 4th Street between Hickory Alley and Washington Street on October 4th for their annual car show. Approval of Special Service for Fire police at the Halloween Parade October 25th rain date October 27th. Approval of the closure of Main Street for the Halloween Parade on October 25th rain date October 27th.

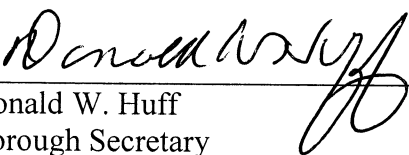
A thank you letter was received from the William Stevens family.

There being no further business, Pres. Bricker adjourned the meeting at 8:46p.m.



Douglas G. Bricker, Council Pres.

ATTEST



Donald W. Huff
Borough Secretary