

August 3, 2009
East Greenville, PA

Council President, Douglas G. Bricker called the August 3, 2009 regular 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: Mayor Ryan J. Sloyer, Douglas G. Bricker, Jennifer Boyer, Thomas Kolb, John Naylor, Josiah Pierson, and Marita Thomson. Also present were: James Fry, Donald Huff, 6 visitors and 1 member of the press.

The minutes of the July 6, 2009 meeting, having been circulated and a copy made available to the public were presented for Councils' approval. On a motion by Ms. Thomson and a second by Ms. Boyer, which passed, the minutes were approved as corrected.

Pres. Bricker called on Atty. Tomlinson to conduct a Public Hearing on a proposed amendment to the Zoning Ordinance. The ordinance amends Section B of Section 95-142 of the Code of Ordinances of the Borough of East Greenville to allow for a change, by special exception addressed to the jurisdiction of the Zoning Hearing Board, from one nonconforming use of property to another. Atty. Tomlinson asked for any comments or questions from all present. There being none, on a motion by Mr. Pierson and a second by Ms. Boyer, which passed, Council adopted **ORDINANCE 2009-05**. The Public Hearing was then closed.

VISITORS:

Pres. Bricker recognized Mike Schwenk of Jefferson Street. Mr. Schwenk objected to the time limit proposed in the Borough new Burning Ordinance. The current time that the fire must be extinguished is 11:00p.m., he feel that that's too early. He stated many picnics go past that time. A general discussion ensued on other parts of the proposed ordinance. Mr. Naylor felt that the distance for property lines is too far. Ms. Boyer feels that the smoke is the biggest problem. Mr. Pierson suggested that the distance should be 20 feet from any dwelling and the time no fires should be burning should be 2:00a.m. to 7:00a.m. Ms. Boyer asked Mr. Fry if you burn what is proper, good wood, it burns clean with little smoke. Mr. Fry agreed but noted that persons with respiratory problems have less tolerance for smoke and it can cause problems with breathing. Anne Henry feels that if burning infringes on someone else it should be stopped. She stated even burning good wood can be harmful. Mr. Bowen noted that his 2 neighbor's burn and his house fills with smoke. Atty. Tomlinson stated that some ordinances have different distances and wording. Ms. Boyer stated that we need to do something that will help our emergency responders. Mr. Fry noted that if you look at our trash ordinance no one can burn. Mr. Naylor would like to see the distance set at 7 feet from a property line and 10 feet from a building. Mr. Schwenk said that is too close. Mr. Fry stated that increased distance means increased safety. Mayor Sloyer stated that the distances should be 20 feet from a building and 10 feet from a property line. Pres. Bricker asked for a motion to advertise. On a motion by Mr. Kolb and a second by Mr. Pierson, which passed, Council approved advertising the ordinance with distances of 10

feet from a property line and 20 feet from a building and there will be no burning after 12:00a.m. Mr. Naylor voted no.

Two residents of Colonial Drive asked if the Colonial Village Association is eliminated will the Borough take possession of the public property that the association owns. Pres. Bricker told the residents that Council would be interested but we can't guarantee we would take the property at this time.

POLICE COMMISSION REPORT:

Mayor Sloyer reported that the allocation for August will be \$38,006.17. The department will be using a new notification system to inform residents of any major emergencies. There is no cost to the department or the residents. More information will be available soon.

SOLICITOR ITEMS:

Atty. Tomlinson noted that the Excessive Noise Ordinance in draft form will be available at the August workshop meeting.

WATER COMMITTEE:

Mr. Fry reported that the Water Plant Supervisors report is available for review. Our H2O Grant application has been approved to \$60,000.00. Mr. Fry has asked the state if we can scale back the project by removing the new water main part of the application. We have received 1 quote for the sludge removal. It came from Potty Queen and is \$.081 per gallon. On a motion by Mr. Pierson and a second by Mr. Naylor, which passed, Council approved the quote and use of Potty Queen for the sludge removal.

Kathy Bieler asked if we clean out the storm water catch basins. She was informed that staff tries to keep up the best they can. Mr. Fry noted that we did a few major storm sewer projects this summer.

ZONING-PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Ms. Boyer reported that the Code Officer's report is available for review. On a motion by Ms. Boyer and a second by Mr. Pierson, which passed, Council approved an incentive payment of \$200.00 to Mr. Fry for obtaining his residential electrical inspector certification.

Ms. Boyer noted that Life Span is moving forward with their land development plan on Washington Street and they are now going in front of the Planning Commission.

ROADS COMMITTEE:

Mr. Kolb reported that the Road Supervisor's Report is on file for review. The Third Street & Hill Alley project has been approved by the HUD Office. We are still awaiting the final approval of the commissioners. Mr. Fry noted that the Middle School parking changes should be ready by October or November. Scott McMackin of Cowan Associates is working on the bid documents for the Washington Street overlay.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE:

Mr. Naylor reported that Display Sales has given a quote of \$5,702.00 for 15 Holiday light fixtures. Mr. Naylor will now have to obtain at least 2 more quotes. On a motion by Mr. Naylor and a second by Mr. Pierson, which passed, Council approved having Mr. Naylor obtain 2 additional quotes.

WASTE MGMT COMMITTEE:

Mr. Pierson reported that the recycling report is on file for review. The Phase III punch list is down to yellow curb painting as the state painted new double yellow lines on Main Street last month. The low bid for Phase IV was McCarthy Masonry & Concrete with a bid of \$242,488.20. On a motion by Mr. Pierson and a second by Ms. Thomson Council awarded the contract to McCarthy Masonry & Concrete in the amount of \$242,488.20 and approved the beginning of construction.

We have received the contract from Montgomery County for Phase VI. The amount of the contract is \$180,000.00. On a motion by Mr. Pierson and a second by Ms. Thomson, which passed, Council approved signing the contract with Montgomery County.

There is a chance we may use some of the excess grant money from Phase IV to do some electrical work in Phase VI if the county approves.

On recycling Mr. Pierson made a motion to move the recycling grant money received from the state to the Joint Recycling Fund. The motion was seconded by Mr. Naylor and passed by Council.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

On a motion by Mr. Pierson and a second by Mr. Naylor, which passed, Council approved hiring Anna Folk as a crossing guard with the concurrence of the Personnel Committee after their interview. Job descriptions are still being worked on.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Ms. Thomson reported that all is in order. On a motion by Ms. Thomson and a second by Mr. Kolb, Council ordered the bills for August to be paid and accepted the report of the treasurer. Ms. Thomson also reported that the audit report of the Borough Pension Fund is available for review.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Sloyer reported that Community Day is September 12th and he needs help. He also reported that he attended a Legislative Committee meeting last week. There was a lot of discussion about the closing of the Green Lane Nature Center. Each municipality is to send a letter to the county commissioners urging them to keep the center open. On a motion by Mr. Pierson and a second by Ms. Boyer, which passed, Council approved sending a letter.

Mayor Sloyer informed Council that Youth and Family Services is in need of some help financially. On a motion by Mr. Pierson and a second by Mr. Kolb, which passed, Council approved donating \$500.00 from the Community Day fund to Youth and Family Services.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A request for Fire Police has been received from Upper Salford Township to work at the Philadelphia Folk Fest on August 13, 2009 and a request has been received from Upper Hanover Township for Fire Police help at the dedication of Camelot Park on August 20, 2009. On a motion by Mr. Naylor and a second by Mr. Kolb, which passed, Council approved both special services for the Fire Police.

Joseph Arahill has requested an extension until August 31, 2009 to have his unregistered vehicle registered. On a motion by Mr. Pierson and a second by Ms. Thomson, which passed, Council approved the request.

Upper Hanover Township has requested that the East Greenville Fire Co. provide one vehicle for the dedication of Camelot Park on August 20, 2009. On a motion by Mr. Naylor and a second by Mr. Pierson, which passed, Council approved the request.

A request was received from the East Greenville Fire Co. to waive the fees associated with the renovations to the restroom facilities at the fire house. The fees could exceed \$510.00. Mr. Pierson didn't think we should waive the fees as the fire company is self sufficient. Mayor reminded everyone that the Fire Company provides a vital service to the community without being paid. On a motion by Mr. Kolb and a second by Ms. Thomson, which passed, Council approved waving the permits fees only, the Fire Company must still obtain all required permits. Ms. Boyer abstained.

Treasurer, Sharon Kachmar presented the following report:

GENERAL FUND:

Cash Balance – 07/31/2009		\$ (9,787.75)
Transfer from General Savings	4,000.00	
Transfer from Payroll Checking	102.15	
Receipts	<u>47,388.77</u>	
Total Receipts		51,490.92
Transfer to General Savings	10,000.00	
Transfer to Payroll Fund	13,700.54	
Other Disbursements	<u>16,119.97</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>39,820.51</u>
Balance – 08/31/2009		\$ <u>1,882.66</u>

GENERAL SAVINGS

July Interest	101.38	
August Interest	62.21	
Transfer from General Fund	10,000.00	
Receipts	<u>1,871.40</u>	
Total Receipts		12,034.99
Transfer to General Checking	4,000.00	
206 Loan Payment	<u>1,243.79</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>5,243.79</u>
Balance – 08/31/2009		\$ <u>158,979.93</u>

Payroll Fund:		
Balance – 07/31/2009		620.88
Transfer from Water Checking	\$ 6,744.60	
Transfer from General Checking	<u>13,700.54</u>	
Total Receipts		20,445.14
Disbursements	20,703.87	
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Balance – 08/31/2009		\$ 362.15

WATER FUND:		
Cash Balance – 07/31/2009		\$ 1,319.36
Transfer to Water Savings	3,000.00	
Receipts	<u>15,056.22</u>	
Total Receipts		18,056.22
Transfer to Payroll Fund	6,744.60	
Disbursements	<u>7,084.77</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>13,829.37</u>
Cash Balance – 08/31/2009		5,546.21


Savings Account:		
Balance – 07/31/2009		\$ 298,138.00
July Interest	153.21	
August Interest	<u>107.77</u>	
Total Receipts		260.98
Transfer to Water Checking	3,000.00	
PennVest Loan Payment	<u>25,150.46</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>28,150.46</u>
Balance – 08/31/2009		\$ 270,248.52

HIGHWAY AID FUND:		
Cash Balance – 07/31/2009		\$ 75.41
Void Check #10054	31.97	
Transfer from PLGIT Savings	<u>2,300.00</u>	
Total Receipts		2,331.97
Disbursements	<u>2,365.84</u>	
Total Disbursements		<u>2,365.84</u>
Cash Balance – 08/31/2009		\$ 41.54
Savings Account: PLGIT		
Balance – 07/31/2209		49,520.35
July Interest	\$ 9.30	
August Interest	18.76	
Transfer from Savings	<u>5,005.99</u>	
Total Receipts		5,034.055
Transfer to Checking	<u>2,300.00</u>	

Total Disbursements
Balance – 08/31/2009

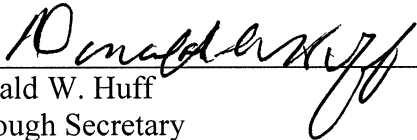
2,300.00
\$ 52,254.40

There being no further business, Pres. Bricker declared the meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.



Douglas G. Bricker, Council Pres.

ATTEST:



Donald W. Huff
Borough Secretary