

East Greenville Borough Council

Meeting Minutes
November 1, 2010

Opening: The regular meeting of the East Greenville Borough Council was called to order at 7:30 PM on November 1, 2010, in Borough Hall by President Jennifer Boyer.

Present: Mayor Ryan Sloyer, Jennifer Boyer, Tracey Hunsinger, John Naylor, Josiah Pierson, Ryan Pugh, and Marita Thomson. Also Present was Attorney Barry Tomlinson, James Fry, and visitors D. Finn, P. Kolletzki, Donald and Carol Huff, Lisa Ayain, Bob Gery, Kathleen Bieler, and Jen Kirkwood of the Town and Country Newspaper.

Mayor Sloyer recognized Donald Huff for his years of service to the Borough as Secretary, Treasurer, Council Person, and Mayor. Mayor Sloyer presented Mr. Huff with a plaque, a gift card, and a card from Council.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the October 4, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved as distributed.

Visitors: No visitors asked to be recognized.

Police Commission: President Boyer skipped the police commission report at this time.

Solicitor: Attorney Tomlinson reported that the Colonial Village Association property acquisition is moving forward and he expects an agreement of sale to be worked out in the near future. The tax collection resolution for the collection of the Earned Income tax has been prepared and is ready for Council's approval. The tax administrator will be Berkheimer Associates. Pres. Boyer requested to delay the approval of the resolution until the resolution number is available later in the meeting.

Water: Mr. Naylor gave the Water Supervisor's report. The water plant has been shut down for the upgrade and maintenance work. The upgrade work will be completed by Eastern Environmental including the replacement of the filter media and the installation of the air-assisted backwash system. Other maintenance will include the replacement of the backwash tank valve, cleaning of the sedimentation basin, and the installation of well monitoring equipment.

Zoning/Planning: The Code Enforcement Officer's report was reviewed. The Buchinski variance that was denied in September 2010 on 300 Main Street is being appealed. There is another zoning hearing scheduled for November 17, 2010, for 240 Main Street.

Roads: Ms. Thomson reviewed Road Supervisor's report, which outlined the work performed during October by the Road Crew.

Police Commission: Mayor Sloyer reported the proposed 2011 allocation would be \$491,348.70 plus the utilities. This is an increase from \$469,000.00 in 2010. A major factor in the increase is health care insurance costs. Mayor Sloyer reported that the commission discussed the regional police issue at the last commission meeting. The state has reported that the cost for the regional police study would not be free for municipalities that currently have regional police. This issue is closed.

Property: Ms. Hunsinger reported there is some information available on the World War I veterans plaque placed at 258 Main Street. A newspaper article from 1919 was given to the Borough. More information will be reported upon as it is available.

Waste Management: It was reported that the collection of additional plastic has started and will be announced to the public shortly.

Personnel: Mr. Pierson reported Donald Huff has retired as Borough Secretary during October.

Revitalization: A motion to approve pay request #2 from McCarthy Masonry and Concrete for work on Phase 5 of the Main Street Revitalization program for \$54,069.26 was made by Mr. Pierson, seconded by Ms. Thomson, and unanimously approved. A motion to approve change order #2 by McCarthy Masonry and Concrete in the amount of \$1,780.00 to provide and install an additional 4 square yards of concrete, provide and install an additional 11 square yards of concrete driveway apron, and provide and install 4 square yards of additional paver utility strip was made by Ms. Hunsinger, seconded by Mr. Pierson and unanimously approved. Mr. Pierson thanked Council for hanging the Halloween parade banner and asked permission for the Borough to hang the Christmas Parade banner. Council approved the request by common consent.

Sewer Authority: no report.

Open Space: no report.

Finance: The treasurer's report and bill list was prepared by Treasurer Kachmar. Ms. Thomson made a motion to approve the reports as presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Pierson and was unanimously approved. Ms. Thomson reported that the Borough is soliciting quotes for the propane gas supply for 2011. More information on the quotes will be available at the November workshop. Ms. Thomson gave a brief report on the tax collection committee. Ms. Thomson made a motion to increase the Zoning Hearing Board application fee to \$500.00 from \$350.00. Mr. Pierson seconded the motion and all voted in favor. A motion was made by Ms. Thomson to increase the water and trash certification fee from \$15.00 to \$25.00 for the certification of these accounts for the resale and rental of properties within the borough. A second to the motion was made by Ms. Hunsinger and was unanimously approved. A motion to increase the weekend well duty pay from \$27.50 to \$35.00 per day was made by Ms. Thomson and seconded by Ms. Hunsinger. President Boyer abstained due to a conflict of interest. The motion was approved. A motion to increase water rates by 5% effective January 1, 2011, as laid out

in the water system master plan was made by Ms. Thomson and seconded by Mr. Pierson. The motion was unanimously approved. The tax collection resolution, number **2010-10** appointing Berkheimer Associates as the tax administrator for the E.I.T. was made by Mr. Pierson, seconded by Ms. Thomson, and approved unanimously. Ms. Thomson reported the Consumer Price Index for 2009 was 2.7% and 1.1% for 2010. Some minor changes to the proposed 2011 budget have been made. Ms. Boyer reported a minor increase of the Regional Planning Contract for 2011. This will be provided as soon as it is available. Kathy Bieler reported she will continue to collect the per capita and real estate taxes.

Correspondence: It was mentioned that a thank you from the Upper Perkiomen Valley Library was received for the Borough's annual allocation to the library. The borough also received a thank you from Fire Policeman Roland Bashore thanking the Borough for help in closing Main Street for the Halloween parade.

Ms. Finn of Colonial Drive addressed Council regarding the plans for the Colonial Village Association property. Pres. Boyer replied that the Borough has not developed any specific plans as of yet for the property. Ms. Finn requested Council be sympathetic to the parking problems in the Colonial Village development. Ms. Finn also addressed the trick-or-treat night. Ms. Finn stated she believed that the volume of children trick-or-treating in the development creates a hazard. Council replied that they did not restrict parking for a church group requesting to use part of Blaker Drive for a function during trick-or-treat night for that reason.

President Boyer recessed the meeting to convene an executive session at 8:07 PM for a contractual personnel matter.

The meeting reconvened from the executive session at 8:47 PM. Ms. Thomson made a motion to approve the Police Chief's contract as stated during the executive session. The motion was seconded by Mr. Naylor and unanimously approved. A motion by Ms. Thomson to grant a \$250.00 incentive payment each to Mr. Fry and Mrs. Kachmar was seconded by Ms. Hunsinger and unanimously approved. A motion to approve a loan of \$20,000.00 from the water fund to the general fund checking account was made by Ms. Thomson and seconded by Mr. Pierson. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM by President Boyer.

Respectfully submitted,

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