

March 11, 2009  
East Greenville, PA

Council President, Douglas G. Bricker called the postponed regular meeting of East Greenville Borough Council to order at 7:30p.m. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Answering the roll call were: Mayor Ryan J. Sloyer, Douglas G. Bricker, Gary Bilger, Jennifer Boyer Thomas Kolb, Josiah Pierson and Marita Thomson. Also present were: James Fry, Donald W. Huff, Atty. Tomlinson, 9 visitors and 1 member of the press.

The minutes of the regular meeting of February 2, 2008, having been circulated and a copy made available to the public, were presented for Councils approval. There being no additions or corrections, Pres. Bricker declared the minutes approved as presented.

#### VISITORS:

Pres. Bricker recognized Harry Bierbach of 329 Blaker Drive. Mr. Bierbach is a member of the Colonial Village Association. The Association wishes to abolish itself and would like to donate any of the land owned by the association to the Borough. The Association has a lawyer who will be assisting them in having the association abolished. Atty. Tomlinson asked Mr. Bierbach to have their attorney contact him to discuss the matter. They hope to have the process completed by the fall of this year. Any money in the association bank account will be donated to The Open Line. Mr. Fry suggested that maybe some of the money could go to the Borough Park & Recreation Fund as the land will be used for that purpose. Mr. Bierbach agreed to discuss it with the association.

Angela (last name unknown) informed Council that she would like to start a taxi service in the valley. She was asked what type of vehicles she would use and she responded probable mini vans. She passed out information sheets to Council and Pres. Bricker stated Council would discuss the matter at the next workshop meeting on March 24, 2009.

#### POLICE COMMISSION REPORT:

Mayor Sloyer reported that the allocation for March is \$ 38,006.17. The new officers have begun working. The commission is considering adopting a new ordinance for the Boroughs. The new ordinance will change the way the allocation is calculated. He is asking that we approve advertising the ordinance for possible adoption at the April regular meeting. On a motion by Mr. Kolb and a second by Mr. Bilger, which passed, Council instructed the solicitor to advertise the ordinance. Mayor Sloyer noted that Pennsburg Borough will be advertising the ordinance also.

#### SOLISITOR ITEMS:

Atty. Tomlinson presented Council with **ORDINANCE 2009-02**. Ordinance 2009-02 establishes an Audit Committee to consist of the President of Borough Council, who shall serve as chairman, and the chair of the Finance Committee, and the chair of the Personnel Committee, who shall be members. Said committee to investigate, of its own volition or on complaint of other municipal officers or employees, the perpetration of acts

of fraud, as defined herein, by any officer, employee, or person working on behalf of the Borough. And assuring confidentiality and freedom from retaliatory action of all persons reporting fraud. On a motion by Ms. Boyer and a second by Mr. Kolb, which passed, Council adopted **ORDINANCE – 2009-02.**

Atty. Tomlinson presented Council with **RESOLUTION 2009-07.** Resolution 2009-07 establishes charges to be imposed by the Borough of East Greenville upon persons submitting, for local agency review, preliminary plans for the subdivision of land or for land development, intended to defray such engineering and legal expenses as the municipality might incur during the plan approval process, providing for a return to the applicant of the unused funds collected, placing a limit on the amount of the charge assessable to an applicant on account of any proposed project and designating those circumstances the occurrences of which will allow the Borough to seek replenishment of escrowed funds. On a motion by Mr. Pierson and a second by Ms. Thomson, which passed, Council adopted **RESOLUTION 2009-07.** Atty. Tomlinson also informed Council that the Buchinski property settlement has been completed.

#### WATER COMMITTEE:

Mr. Bilger reported that the Supervisors report is available for Councils review. We pumped 5,689,000 gals. of water in February. A number of water meters were replaced. There was a water leak on Blaker Drive that was repaired. The SCADA upgrade proposal is \$13,050.00 and we have budgeted \$12,000.00. The upgrade is to allow remote monitoring. On a motion by Mr. Bilger and a second by Mr. Kolb, which passed, Council approved accepting the proposal and having the work completed.

#### ZONING-PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Ms. Boyer informed Council that the Code Officer's Report is available for review. Ms. Boyer addressed the matter of the Dead Bolt requirement in our code. On a motion by Ms. Boyer and a second by Mr. Pierson, which passed, Council approved having Chapter 73 amended by deleting this requirement.

On a motion by Ms. Boyer and a second by Ms. Thomson, which passed, Council approved having Mr. Fry attend a seminar on March 19, 2009

Ms. Boyer informed Council that the Rober 3 lot subdivision on Railroad Street has received preliminary and final approval from our Planning Commission and a recommendation that Council grant preliminary and final approval. On a motion by Ms. Boyer and a second by Mr. Bilger, which passed, Council granted preliminary and final approval of the Rober 3 lot subdivision on Railroad Street and also granted a waiver to SECTION 85-29.G. Section 85-29.G required that driveways provide a stopping area and the grade shall not exceed six (6) percent for a length of 20 feet from the ultimate right-of-way line. The proposed driveway grade of lot # 1 will have an eleven point three (11.3) percent and the driveway for lot # 2 will have a ten (10) percent grade.

On recycling Ms. Boyer informed Council that we have receive a letter from DEP telling us that we will receive a check for \$19,791.00 for recycling in 2006. The amount is for all the municipalities in the valley that participated. Ms. Boyer will check to set that we follow all the rules before we accept any of the money.

## ROADS COMMITTEE:

Mr. Kolb reported that he has the Road Supervisors report and it is available for Councils review. On the 3\Third Street drainage project we are waiting for Cowan Associates to provide the numbers for the application. It will be submitted before the April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline. The Hickory Alley drainage problem will be fixed this spring. The water problem in Cherry Alley can be fixed by installing an asphalt berm. Mr. Fry informed Council he has filed an appropriations request for federal money to help with the repair of Sixth Street and Arlington Street. There is a curb cut on Third Street that needs to be looked at. Mr. Fry will check on it.

Pres. Bricker recognized Scott McMackin of Cowan Associates. Mr. McMackin informed Council that he has removed the volley ball court from Plan D. He met with Beth Pilling of the Montgomery County Planning Commission. She offered help with filing the application to upgrade the Tot Lot Park. She also asked that we look at the Colonial Village open land as a possible open space project. Scott would like to move forward with this sketch plan as changes can be made at a later date. Mr. Fry noted that we will need to adopt a resolution to file the application and to look at the Colonial Village property. The plan has to be presented to the Montgomery County Revitalization Board. Ms. Boyer wondered if the CVA can send a letter to the revitalization board about the possible donation of the land to the Borough. Atty. Tomlin noted that his office has a copy of the standard open space resolution.

Ken Small a Colonial Village resident wondered why Council doesn't ask CV residents what they like. He likes Plan B because it is mostly walking paths and picnic tables. He thinks Plan D is a bad mistake. Mayor Sloyer noted that we have a lot of good kids and we need to get them off the streets. Ms. Boyer noted that the UPVRPC survey showed that the most needed activities was for the pre-teens and teens. Mr. Kolb asked everyone what about maintenance of the properties. Will our employees have the time and equipment to maintain such a large amount of property. It's a great plan but if we can't maintain it, it's a bad idea. There was continued discussion of the pros and cons of the plans. Ms. Boyer stated that we have a police department to police the property. Mayor Sloyer asked that the residents help the police by calling when they see something that is wrong. The police can't be everywhere. Someone asked about a neighborhood watch. Ms. Boyer stated that if the Borough residents do their homework and come up with a plan Council will look at it. Mrs. Finn a resident of CV said that the Borough has a blind eye when it comes to CV. Council took offence at the remark. Mrs. Finn was reminded that if she sees things that are wrong or unsafe she should call the Borough to report it. Like the police we can't be everywhere. We have on code officer and he does a good job, Ms. Boyer noted. The Mayor noted that when we adopted an ordinance regarding campers, trailers, oversized vehicles, we first posted the signs in CV to help ease the parking situation. Ms. Boyer asked all the residents to come to meeting and learn what type of problems we deal with on lots of properties. Mr. Fry noted that he has issued over 100 violation notices so far this year.

It was decided that we will have a Special Meeting on March 24, 2009 prior to the work shop to consider adoption of a resolution to apply to the Revitalization Board for funding of the Tot Lot upgrade. Atty. Tomlinson will also have a resolution to cooperate with Upper Hanover Township and Red Hill Borough on an additional land purchase near Peevy Road.

WASTE MGMT COMMITTEE:

Mr. Pierson reported that the Revitalization Plan Re-write is in progress. On a motion by Mr. Pierson and a second by Mr. Kolb, which passed, Council approved filing an application to the Revitalization Board for Phase VI of the Main Street Revitalization Project.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

On a motion by Mr. Pierson and a second by Mr. Kolb, which passed Council made the following appointments:

**Police Review Board** – Tammy Bauman and Roger Leister 2 year term to expire December 31, 2010.

**Zoning Hearing Board:** - Ronald Sweinhart 3 year term to expire December 31, 2011.

**Planning Commission** – Karen Mauer, George Althouse and Debra Perlow 4 year terms expiring December 31, 2012

**Vacancy Board** – Jeff Bauman - 1 year term expiring December 31, 2009

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Marita Thomson reported all is in order. On a motion by Ms. Thomson and a second by Mr. Pierson, which passed, Council ordered the bill to be paid for March and accepted the report of the Treasurer for February.

A quote was received from Lechner & Stauffer that the cost to raise the Treasurer Bond to \$60,000.00 is an additional \$185.00. On a motion by Ms. Thomson and a second by Ms. Boyer, which passed, Council approved raising the Treasurer Bond to \$ 60,000.00.

The issue of charging residents for a “Reserved For” H/C sign was discussed. The cost would be \$15.00 per sign. Pres. Bricker did a survey of Council and all were in favor of the charge. On a motion by Mr. Kolb and a second by Ms. Thomson, which passed, Council approved charging \$15.00 for the “Reserved For” signs.

At 9:03p.m. Pres. Bricker called for an executive session on personnel.

At 9:24p.m. Council re-convened.

At 9:25p.m. Pres. Bricker adjourned the meeting.