



BOROUGH OF GREENVILLE

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MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOROUGH OF GREENVILLE COUNCIL HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 6:30 p.m.

- 1. Call to Order** Council President Shipley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.
- 2. Invocation:** Rev. James Fleck, Bethel Life Worship Center
Flag Salute
- 3. Roll Call:** Brian W. Shipley, Council President
Pamela S. Auchter, Council Vice President
Thomas D'Alfonso Jr., Councilor
Theodore Jones, Councilor
Pete Longiotti, Councilor
Alfred L. Peden, Councilor
Jasson W. Urey, Councilor

Peter A. Candela, Mayor
James Douglas, Solicitor

Also present:

Matthew Adams	Nick Kusich	Frank Vanderslice, Tax Collector
Donald Agis	Dot Lewis	
Edna Mae Allender	Kelly Lininger	Staff:
Shelley Arnone	Janet Liszka	Dennis Stephens, Police Chief
Dolores Austin	Elsie Means	Steve Thompson, Fire Chief
Charles Bailey	Gary Mueller	Tracey Vale, Treasurer
Sally Bailey	Michelle Mueller	Scott Graubard, Public Services Director
Gary Beatty	Joanne Price	Don Patterson, Code Officer
Patty Beatty	Becky Schroyer	Nancy Little, Borough Secretary
Duane Beilstein	William Schroyer	
Paul Cianci	David Sherbondy	Media:
Anthony D'Alfonso	Richard Smith	Monica Pryts, Herald
Lucia D'Alfonso	Virginia Thompson	Caleb Stright, Record-Argus
Jason Davidson	Fred White	
Geri Dick	Kate Yasgur	
Leland Dick	Gloria Young	
Gail Fay	Joann Zuschlag	
Kathy Frederick		
Irene Gedeon		
Ron Gerber		
Terry Hayne		

4. Public Comments/Public Participation

Council President Shipley prefaced public comments by stating that due to the lengthy agenda public comments on agenda items only will be heard by council.

The following citizens expressed opposition to the proposed ordinance on rental inspections:

Gail Fay, 46 Davis Street, requested council discuss the ordinance with landlords prior to passage.

Ron Gerber, Hartstown, commented the inspection fee is another tax and recommends concentrating on bad landlords instead of inspecting good landlords, noting attitudes sour.

Gary Mueller, 701 Vernon Road, stated he has no blight properties and even landlords have no right to enter a rental without permission.

Fred White, 16 West Drive, recommends using the codes already on the books, enforcing what we have.

Nick Kusich, 16 Sheakleyville Road, commented whoever wrote the ordinance has never been a landlord.

Gary Beatty, 65 Donation Road, suggested inspecting empty apartments and issuing a certificate of occupancy. Mr. Beatty objected to the invasion of privacy, citing the 4th Amendment.

Jason Davidson, 39 North Race Street, protested violation of privacy. Mr. Davidson added he has a good landlord and inspections are not needed.

Chuck Bailey, 9 Penn Avenue, stated Greenville House has three yearly inspections now. He proudly maintains the high rise for all tenants.

Patty Beatty, 65 Donation Road, said Section 8 for low income housing already requires inspection. One more inspection is ridiculous and an invasion of privacy.

Lucia D'Alfonso, 124 West Main Street, commented on the borough manager resignation.

Gloria Young, 55 Harrison Street, stated she works the midnight shift and sleeps during the day. She is concerned about scheduling daytime inspections.

Paul Cianci, 682 Methodist Road, suggests the code officer follow what's on the books now and enforce what we have.

Sally Bailey, 9 Penn Avenue, said the average tenant age at the high rise is 82 years old. The tenants have three inspections a year now, which they take seriously. All inspectors are fully insured.

Tenant Matthew Adams, 25 Brockway Avenue, reached an impasse with his landlord to fix a leaking roof. Mr. Adams was unaware he could appeal to the code office for remedy and confirmed his landlord has agreed to make the repair.

Mr. Beatty requested a meeting with the code committee and landlords to discuss the proposal. Code Committee Chair Councilor Auchter thanked all in attendance and clarified that both residential and commercial property would be inspected. Councilor Jones read a statement opposing the ordinance, saying it would hurt the people of Greenville, council and the borough. Councilor Auchter recommended tabling the proposed ordinance and Councilor Longiotti concurred. A date and time will be set and landlords invited to work on the ordinance. Councilor Longiotti said the group would review the ordinance “line by line”. Councilor Peden invited all landlords and tenants to watch for advertising of the meeting and come back to “say your peace”.

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilor Auchter, seconded by Councilor Urey, that the August 9, 2011 minutes be approved as written. Motion carried.

6. Budget Report

Motion by Councilor Auchter, seconded by Councilor Peden, to approve the budget report. Motion carried.

7. Bills for Approval

Payroll	\$118,589.92
Administration/Buildings	7,105.71
Tax expense	4,042.67
Douglas and Joseph	1,250.00
Police	20,617.69
Fire	12,244.11
Code, Zoning & COG Department	2,414.25
Streets/Public Works	17,261.73
Airport	1,835.00
Park	3,074.85
Insurance	5,869.00
Sewer	26,747.37
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Total	\$221,052.30

Motion by Councilor Longiotti, seconded by Councilor Auchter, that the bills be paid as presented. Motion carried.

8. Mayor’s items

Mayor Candela honored Police Officer James Hellman for ten years of service and presented a plaque.

9. August monthly department and staff reports

- A. Treasurer
- B. Police (July & August)
- C. Fire

- D. Code/Zoning
- E. Borough Secretary

Motion by Councilor Urey, seconded by Councilor Peden, to accept the monthly reports as presented. Motion carried.

10. Reports from Council Committees

Councilor Jones reported he attempted to attend the Greenville Literacy Council meeting, but they declined wanting a representative. He attended both Greenville Area Public Library and Strayhaven meetings in August. The Library has installed their new desk and is preparing for the annual used book sale. Strayhaven is planning two fundraisers, an ice cream social and another at Quaker Steak & Lube. Councilor Jones is accepting applications from future junior councilor candidates and the Farm Market is having their best year ever. Vendors believe it's due to increased Wednesday sales, which match Saturday sales. A meeting of Farm Market vendors will be scheduled following the season in council chambers in November.

Councilor Longiotti attended the Canal Museum meeting. They are closed for the year, but tours by appointment are available.

Councilor Auchter reported the Greenville Sanitary Authority has their monthly meeting Thursday at 6:00p.

Councilor Urey reported the finance committee has met and the budget process is underway.

11. Unfinished Business

- A. Council President Shipley reported the request to vacate Cement Alley has been withdrawn.
- B. Motion by Councilor Urey, seconded by Councilor Peden, to accept the recommendation from the Airport Commission to award the low bid of \$4,625.39 to Oakes & McClelland Company for a new steel roof on the main building at the airport. Motion carried.
- C. Motion by Councilor Longiotti, seconded by Councilor Peden, to enact Resolution 2011-11 to appoint the firm of Dinsmore & Shohl, LLP, Pittsburgh, to serve as bond counsel, and RBC Capital Markets as bond underwriter, in connection with the proposed refinancing of the Borough's outstanding General Obligation Bonds. Motion carried.
- D. Motion by Councilor Peden, seconded by Councilor Urey, to enter into an agreement with Consultant Bill Gamble to update the borough Civil Service Rules and Regulations. Motion carried.

12. New Business

- A. Motion by Councilor Jones, seconded by Councilor Urey, to accept the tax collector's report of no additions to the Per Capita roll and 128 exonerations in the amount of \$640.00 from the Greenville Tax office. Motion carried.

- B. Motion by Councilor Auchter, seconded by Councilor Peden, to accept resignation letter from Borough Manager Scott J. Andrejchak. Mayor Candela and Councilor D'Alfonso both were saddened Mr. Andrejchak left employment. Motion carried.
- C. Motion by Councilor Auchter, seconded by Councilor Longiotti, to appoint Tracey Vale as Interim Borough Secretary. Motion carried.
- D. Motion by Councilor Jones, seconded by Councilor Urey, to appoint Nancy Little as Interim Open Records Officer. Motion carried.
- E. Motion by Councilor Longiotti, seconded by Councilor Peden, to advertise the borough manager position. Motion carried.
- F. Motion by Councilor Longiotti, seconded by Councilor Auchter, to accept the recommendation from the Code Committee to advertise Ordinance 1507 on adopting the International Property Maintenance Code. Motion carried.
- G. Motion by Councilor Urey, seconded by Councilor Auchter, to accept the recommendation from Chief Dennis Stephens to accept the resignation of crossing guard Kathleen Lytle effective June 3, 2011. Motion carried.
- H. Motion by Councilor Peden, seconded by Councilor Auchter, to accept the recommendation from Chief Dennis Stephens to hire Andrew Novak as crossing guard effective August 29, 2011. Motion carried.
- I. Motion by Councilor Urey, seconded by Councilor Peden, to apply for FEMA 2011 Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) for a new pumper, which has a 5% local match, with \$10,000 from the borough and \$10,000 provided by the Greenville Volunteer Firefighter Relief Association. Motion carried.
- J. Motion by Councilor Urey, seconded by Councilor Auchter, to advertise a public hearing and special meeting to present the 2012 proposed budget, for the consideration of the fire study recommendations to be incorporated into the ACT 47 revised recovery plan and to accept revised Civil Service Rules & Regulations on Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at 6:00p. Motion carried.
- K. Motion by Councilor Urey, seconded by Councilor Auchter, to grant request to use Central Park for Greenville Girl Scouts "Pinwheels for Peace" September 26th-30th. Motion carried.
- L. Motion by Councilor Longiotti, seconded by Councilor Peden, to grant request from Shenango River Watchers and Lions Clubs to use Riverside Park for Paddlefest 2011. Motion carried.
- M. Motion by Councilor Auchter, seconded by Councilor Urey, to grant request to use Central Park for Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Worship Service on Sunday, October 2nd from 3-5. Motion carried.

- N. Motion by Councilor Urey, seconded by Councilor Peden, to set Greenville Trick or Treat hours for 4-6 on October 29th following the Halloween Parade. Motion carried.
- O. Motion by Councilor Peden, seconded by Councilor Longiotti, to approve the 2012 Minimum Municipal Obligations (MMO's) for the pension plans. Motion carried.
- P. Motion by Councilor Peden, seconded by Councilor Urey, to enact Resolution 2011-08 on Berkheimer Collection Schedule. Motion carried 6-1, with Councilor D'Alfonso dissenting.
- Q. Motion by Councilor Auchter, seconded by Councilor Peden, to enact Resolution 2011-09 on Berkheimer authorized representatives. Motion carried.
- R. Motion by Councilor Urey, seconded by Councilor Auchter, to enact Resolution 2011-10 on CDBG Section 3 requirement. Motion carried.
- S. Motion by Councilor Peden, seconded by Councilor Longiotti, to enter into a cooperation agreement with Mercer County Regional Planning Commission for administration of CDBG funds (2011 amount -\$113,746.00). Motion carried.
- T. Motion by Councilor Auchter, seconded by Councilor Urey, to make application along with Hempfield Township to Mercer County Affordable Housing Fund for housing rehab funds. Motion carried.
- U. Motion by Councilor Peden, seconded by Councilor Urey, to appoint Shane Dillon of Thiel College to an unpaid internship to review the borough's solid waste and recycling program and determine sources of possible grant funding. Motion carried.
- V. Motion by Councilor Longiotti, seconded by Councilor Peden, to sell the 1966 Fire Department ladder truck. It was asked how the truck might be sold and the reply was perhaps over eBay, secured with a borough credit card. Motion carried 6-1, with Councilor D'Alfonso dissenting.
- W. Motion by Councilor Urey, seconded by Councilor Auchter, to establish an Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) trust fund to cover post retirement health insurance costs. Motion carried.
- X. Motion by Councilor Peden, seconded by Councilor Auchter, to renew contract with West Salem Township for police services in 2012, 2013 and 2014. Motion carried 6-1, with Councilor D'Alfonso dissenting.
- Y. Motion by Councilor Jones, seconded by Councilor Urey, to accept the recommendation from Chief Steve Thompson to remove Jeremy Wallace as volunteer fire fighter effective September 6, 2011. Motion carried.
- Z. Council President Shipley will send a letter to exempt property owners to request donation for public services, and requested council members follow up.

13. Council Comments

Councilor Jones commented he was glad to see a large turnout at tonight's meeting, adding complacency is bad.

Councilors Longiotti and Auchter thanked Officer Hellman for his years of service and agreed more residents should attend meetings. Councilor Auchter added she has been attending meetings for ten years and is still learning.

Councilor D'Alfonso commented the public told council what they really think.

Councilor Peden said tonight's attendance was the best we've had.

Council President Shipley agreed, saying council always appreciates input. He commended the code committee and Don Patterson for a lot of effort on the tenant inspection ordinance.

The Recreation Center VIP Open House is 5:00p on Thursday, September 15th.

Council President Shipley shared an article from the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette on the city of Harrisburg ACT 47 status. The city is slated for financial takeover by the state due to "inability to compromise" on the ACT 47 plan. Council President Shipley cautioned council to take recovery seriously.

Council President Shipley reminded council that Mr. Andrejchak resigned voluntarily for his new position in Sharon.

14. Adjournment

Having no other business before council, motion by Councilor Longiotti, seconded by Councilor Jones, to adjourn the meeting at 7:45p.m. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Tracey Vale
Interim Borough Secretary