


**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOROUGH OF GREENVILLE COUNCIL
HELD IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS
Tuesday, December 9, 2008 at 6:30pm**

1. Call to Order Council President Longiotti called the meeting to order at 6:33pm.

2. Invocation: Pastor Kent Bell, Bethel Life Worship Center
Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll Call: Pete Longiotti, Council President
Pamela S. Auchter, Vice President
David P. Henderson, Councilor
Henry M. Mueller, Councilor
Alfred L. Peden, Councilor
Brian W. Shipley, Councilor
Jasson W. Urey, Councilor

Richard H. Miller, Mayor

Also present:

Joe Joseph, Borough Solicitor
Ryan T. Eggleston, Borough Manager
Nancy Little, Borough Secretary
Frank Vanderslice, Tax Collector

Department Heads:

Dennis Stephens, Chief of Police
Steve Thompson, Fire Chief
Paul Boyer, Public Works

John Rusnak, HRG Engineers
Shane Rosenfelder, Penn Northwest

Mike Cadman
Dick Craig
Anthony D'Alfonso
Lucia D'Alfonso
John McDonald
Phil Merritt
Diana Miller

Warren Shaw
John Wilson
Kate Yasgur

Media:
Caleb Stright, Record-Argus
Patrick Connelly, Herald

4. Public Comments/Public Participation

Mr. Shaw requested there be no abatement on taxes for the Trinity site. He reports that as a local businessman he pays every tax due at discount.

Mr. Wilson suggested we look at the possibility of job creation at Trinity. He proposed consolidating upper level positions at the Borough. Mr. Wilson also mentioned enforcing any ordinances regarding leaf disposal.

Mrs. Yasgur noted a new computer business has opened in the downtown area and also an empty store front has been decorated for the holidays.

5. Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilor Urey, seconded by Councilor Henderson, that the minutes of the November 11 regular and November 25, 2008 special meetings be approved as written. Motion carried.

6. Budget Report

Mr. Eggleston gave an overview of the budget report. Motion by Councilor Auchter, seconded by Councilor Mueller, to approve the budget report. Motion carried.

7. Mayor's items

Mayor Miller announced his support to pass the resolution regarding the Keystone Opportunity Zone establishment at the Greenville Trinity site.

Mayor Miller briefly reviewed strategy to address employee parking in public lots.

8. Council reports

- A. Treasurer's report for November 2008
- B. Public Works report for November 2008
- C. Code/Zoning Officer report for November 2008
- D. GALSA agenda for the December meeting

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

9. Reports from Council Committees

Council President Longiotti reported Mercer County Council of Governments is working on the bid process for shared bulk purchases.

10. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Mr. Rusnak presented the engineers report. On file.
- B. Motion by Councilor Mueller, seconded by Councilor Shipley, to approve Payment No. 1 for \$99,058.45 of the Greenville Borough 2008 Paving Program. Motion carried.
- C. Fire Chief Thompson shared additional information on the recent FEMA grant for \$42,930.00. The 5% matching cost of \$2,147.00 will be paid through the Volunteer Firefighter Relief Fund, with no cost to the Borough. Council recommended the establishment of protocol in the application process. Council President Longiotti requested the Finance Committee review this topic.
- D. Motion by Councilor Mueller, seconded by Councilor Henderson, to re-appoint Alfred "Skip" Peden to the Civil Service Commission for a four year term. Motion carried.
- E. Motion by Councilor Henderson, seconded by Councilor Shipley, to re-appoint Lisa Holm-Schrader to the Code Appeals Board for a five year term. Motion carried.

- F. Motion by Councilor Shipley, seconded by Councilor Henderson, to re-appoint Keith Martin to the Zoning Hearing Board for a three year term. Motion carried.

- G. Councilor Shipley reported the Personnel Committee interviewed three people for the opening on the Greenville Municipal Water Authority board. Motion by Councilor Shipley, seconded by Councilor Mueller, to accept the recommendation from the Personnel Committee to appoint Marion D. Rosselot, 387 South Main Street, to the Greenville Municipal Water Authority Board for a five year term. Motion carried.

- H. The borough is currently accepting letters of interest for the following open seats that need to be filled at the January 13 council meeting:
 - Horizon Hospital Authority for a 5 year term which meets twice a year in June and October at noon.
 - Planning Commission for a 4 year term which meets the 1st Friday of each month at 8:00am.
 - Zoning Hearing Board (alternate) for a 3 year term which meets as needed.

11. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Motion by Councilor Mueller, seconded by Councilor Auchter, to approve the first and final payment of \$9,881.00 to the estate of deceased firefighter Dan Miller. Motion carried.

- B. Motion by Councilor Urey, seconded by Councilor Auchter, to have a first and final reading of Ordinance 1482 for 2009 General Purposes Tax Rates setting the rate of tax at twenty-one and one half (21.5) mils on each dollar of county assessed value. Motion carried.

- C. Motion by Councilor Henderson, seconded by Councilor Mueller, to adopt Ordinance 1482 for 2009 General Purposes Tax Rates. Motion carried.

- D. Motion by Councilor Henderson, seconded by Councilor Shipley, to have a first and final reading of Ordinance 1483 for 2009 General Tax Indebtedness setting the rate of tax at ten (10) mils. Motion carried.

- E. Motion by Councilor Peden, seconded by Councilor Mueller, to adopt Ordinance 1483 for 2009 General Tax Indebtedness. Motion carried.

- F. Motion by Councilor Urey, seconded by Councilor Shipley, to have a first and final reading of Ordinance 1484 for 2009 Earned Income Tax Rates setting the rate at 1.65% for Residents and 1.42% for Non Resident. Motion carried.

- G. Motion by Councilor Peden, seconded by Councilor Mueller, to adopt Ordinance 1484 for 2009 Earned Income Tax Rates. Motion carried.

- H. Motion by Councilor Shipley, seconded by Councilor Urey, to approve a one year contract renewal with Reeves Information Technology for computer

services in the amount of \$8,939.40, payable in monthly installments of \$744.95. Motion carried.

- I. Motion by Councilor Mueller, seconded by Councilor Auchter, to act on the request from the Borough Treasurer to transfer PA liquid fuels funds in the amount of \$108,227.55. Motion carried.
- J. Motion by Councilor Auchter, seconded by Councilor Mueller, to move the balance of CDBG FY2004 admin line to FY2004 code enforcement line. Motion carried.
- K. Mr. Eggleston reported the dismissal of an employee from the Greenville WWTP. Motion by Councilor Shipley, seconded by Councilor Henderson, to ratify the Personnel Committee's decision to terminate the employee. Motion carried.
- L. Motion by Councilor Mueller, seconded by Councilor Henderson, to authorize a change of use request for the \$15,000 grant received by DCNR as outlined by Erik Bielata, Recreation Director. Motion carried.
- M. Motion by Councilor Urey, seconded by Councilor Shipley, to enact Resolution 2008-11, for a Keystone Opportunity Zone establishment at the Greenville Trinity site. A roll call vote was taken:

Councilor Longiotti	Yes
Councilor Auchter	No
Councilor Henderson	Yes
Councilor Mueller	No
Councilor Peden	Yes
Councilor Shipley	Yes
Councilor Urey	Yes

Motion carried with a vote of 5-2.

12. Council Comments

Councilor Henderson congratulated the department heads and Mr. Eggleston on passing a good balanced budget and ending the year "in the black". He encouraged department heads to continue to seek all available grant monies and not miss any opportunities.

Councilor Henderson announced GALSA is raffling off a Harley motorcycle as a fundraiser; support is appreciated.

Councilor Peden recommends each department develop two or three projects in case grant monies are received so they are prepared to move forward immediately.

Councilor Longiotti added his commendation to all employees working together on the budget. He appealed to borough committees to begin working now on compliance with the ACT 47 recommendations.

13. Borough Manager's Comments

None.

14. Bills for Approval

Payroll	\$115,589.05
Administration/Buildings	8,403.47
Tax	1,946.64
Douglas and Joseph	1,250.00
Police	15,696.63
Fire	9,111.11
Code, Zoning & COG Department	5,958.90
Sewer Employee Benefits	3,328.28
Streets/Public Works	26,881.15
Airport	568.57
Park Expenses	9,444.78
Sewer System Operating Fund	64,696.58
Capital Fund Projects	999.48

Total \$263,874.64

Motion by Councilor Henderson, seconded by Councilor Urey, that the bills be paid as presented. Motion carried.

15. Adjournment

Having no other business before council, motion by Councilor Mueller, seconded by Councilor Auchter, to adjourn the meeting at 7:21pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Ryan T. Eggleston
Borough Manager