

BOROUGH OF GIRARDVILLE

FOURTH & "B" STREETS

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** January 9, 1997 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President C. Marquardt.

ROLL CALL

Members present: M.B. Dougherty, R. Krick, E. Labie, C. Marquardt, T. Shearn,
J. Yackera. Mayor E. Ketusky.

Late Arrivals: Solicitor J. Kilker, 7:05 PM, J. Tinari, 7:25 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes as submitted made by J. Yackera, seconded by T. Shearn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Report read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept the report as read made by T. Shearn, seconded by J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor/Health Officer reports: Read by Mayor Ketusky. Motion to accept both reports as read made by R. Krick, seconded by J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

M. Ello property matter. Council received through the Solicitor's office a copy of the Court order requiring the properties be repaired or torn down. Mrs. Ello has thirty (30) days to respond with action.

Council received a copy of the Court order allowing the reduction of Council from seven (7) members to five (5). This will take effect beginning this election.

NEW BUSINESS

Second bid received from Throop Contracting for replacement of sewer box on East Mahanoy Avenue. This bid was less than M&W Contracting. Motion to accept bid from Troop made by T. Shearn, seconded by J. Yackera. Question? J. Yackera asked what was budgeted? E. Labie said that \$3500 was budgeted in Liquid fuels with this project in mind. There will also be the \$1375 County liquid fuels money.

Motion to allocate County Liquid Fuel Funds for this project made by J. Yackera, seconded by M. B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mr. Kilker arrived, 7:05.

C. Marquardt noted that Council has to fill the Permit officer vacancy. Previously, Council discussed giving a letter to the permit officer requiring anyone requesting a permit for new construction to have confirmation from the Borough's Sewer Enforcement Officer. A draft of such a letter was shown to Council and approved. Motion to give the permit officer this letter for use made by R. Krick, seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to nominate Theresa Niedzwiecki for the position of permit officer made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded by J. Yackera. There were no other nominations. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. She is to be notified by mail of her appointment.

Due to Susan Bobarsky's lack of interest in the Summer Lunch program it will be necessary to find someone to coordinate the program for 1997. Motion to advertise the SFSP opening made by R. Krick, seconded by T. Shearn. The ad deadline should be January 23rd or 24th. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

The schedule of regular Council meetings was advertised with out permission due to ommission at the December. The secretary asked for a motion so that will action would be official. Motion to advertise the schedule of regular Council meetings made by R. Krick, seconded by J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

List of bills for pre-approval presented to Council and read by C. Marquardt. Motion to adopt the list of bills for pre-approval as submitted made by R. Krick, seconded by J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

List of bills to be paid read by C. Marquardt. Motion to pay the bills as submitted made by R. Krick, seconded by T. Shearn. Question? M.B. Dougherty questioned the gas bills. She noted a discrepancy in the price per gallon. J. Yackera told her this was due to high test being put in the police cars. M.B. Dougherty wanted to know why high test is used in these vehicles? There does not seem to be any purpose. It is not as if we have a lot of territory to cover and need the gas mileage. She suggested that price per gallon and type of gas be listed on the receipt. The second question M.B. Dougherty raised concerned the \$89.00 worth of gas put into J. Hinkle's truck. Why, and where did he go? J. Yackera said this has been done for years. M.B. Dougherty said she thought that the gas was purchased only when the vehicle was used for official business and this seemed excessive. Maybe it is time to change the policy.

J. Tinari arrived, 7:25 PM.

Dougherty noted that Hinkle should use Borough vehicles for Borough business. R. Krick said we should have a policy to that effect. There should also be policy concerning the type of gas purchased for Borough vehicles. Vote on motion to pay the bills. All. Motion carried.

Motion made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded by R. Krick that no personal vehicles be used by any Borough employee for Borough business. Question? R. Krick asked the solicitor if there is a liability when private vehicles are used. Mr. Kilker said yes there is a liability. T. Shearn asked about the police using the cars to attend classes. He was told that Council already has a policy allowing that use with permission. Vote. All. Motion carried.

M.B. Dougherty asked if mileage records were kept on the vehicles. C. Marquardt told her they are kept. There are logs in all the vehicles and longer trips are also noted on the time sheets.

Motion to purchase only regular gas for the Borough vehicles made by J. Yackera, seconded by R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Legislative Newsletter. Note of interest concerning dog ordinances. This was passed on to the police department.

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Notice of classes available through MTPT.

Letter from Nigeria soliciting help in transferring funds. This was turned over to the State Attorney General's Office and the FBI.

FEMA Check for balance of snow funds from 1996.

BC/BS notice of rate increase effective in February 1997.

Grant information for libraries.

Notice that inspection of school roof canceled due to weather.

CDBG applications from the County.

Wm. Berll soliciting SEO position.

Blue Mtn. Environmental price list for 1997. Also request for resolution confirming their appointment as Borough SEO's.

Motion to adopt Resolution 97-1 confirming Blue Mountain Environmental, and Mr. Rick Hester as official Borough SEO for 1997 made by R. Krick, seconded by J. Tinari.
Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

C. Marquardt said that Roaring Creek contacted us about chipping the Christmas trees. They can come on, Saturday, January 18th. He will make the arrangements with the Borough workers and volunteers.

OTHER BUSINESS

M. Ambrose asked for permission to submit the 1996 financial records to D. Mensch for the annual review. Motion to send the records to D. Mensch made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded by R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Due to the necessity of having an audit performed estimates were being requested from Steve Slatton, Mt. Carmel and Patton & Lettich, St. Clair. Should have this information by next meeting.

J. Kilker said he wanted to go over the proposed changes for the SEO ordinance and the Handicap Parking ordinance.

There were changes in the sewerage facility ordinance suggested by GAMA attorney, Mr. Fanelli. Motion to advertise the SEO ordinance made by R. Krick, seconded by J. Tinari.
Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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Mr. Kilker then went over the possible changes in the Handicap Parking ordinance. Council had asked it be made clearer. There were questions concerning the use of ambulatory and nonambulatory. Any changes in the fee schedule could be done by resolution. It was also noted, by Sgt. Hummel, that it will be necessary to add signs stating the fines and possible towing costs. J. Hinkle is to find out the additional costs of these signs. Motion to advertise changes to Handicap Parking ordinance made by J. Tinari, seconded by E. Labie. Question? R. Krick asked if the entire ordinance would be advertised or just the amendments? J. Kilker said he would advertise only the amendments. Vote. All. Motion carried.

At this time, Father Horan asked to be able to address Council on the matter of being turned down for his requested handicapped space last meeting. Council gave him the floor. He stated that now that the Girard Hose Co. Social rooms are upstairs and the Burns apartment building is open it becomes increasingly difficult for him to park. Due to his difficulty walking, having to park up by the monument is a hardship. R. Krick asked if he had not been able to park frequently? Father Horan said that lately he has been lucky but this has been a problem. At this time the other spaces were discussed. It was noted that they needed to be renewed and notices should be sent. Motion to grant a handicap parking space in front of 125 East Main Street made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded by J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mr. Kilker informed Council that the decision on M. Ello had been received. She was ordered to remedy the situation and respond within thirty (30) days. He had no response as of yet. He is looking into possible funding sources. He did not know whether the buildings could be salvaged by Habitat for Humanity or would need to be demolished.

Council also received notice of the approval of the reduction of Council. This will take effect beginning with this upcoming election. R. Krick noted we should send a copy of this order to the Election Bureau.

There was a question raised by the Ranger's Fire Company about the easement. Apparently, Mr. Rensch signed this as a trustee without asking permission first. The members have requested a meeting with Entech to go over exactly what the easement grants. There were questions over who owns the building and the land. R. Krick asked whether Girard Estate actually owns the property. We do know that the building was given by the Borough for use as a fire house and if the Rangers cease to exist the building reverts to the Borough. C. Marquardt instructed the solicitor to check into this question.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: E. Labie noted that he and the secretary will meet next Tuesday, at 7:00 PM, to gather the information needed to complete the report for the Regional police study. The regional police meeting will be next Thursday as scheduled.

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Streets: J. Tinari noted that the sewer on East Main Street is blocked again. C. Marquardt said that we had dropped chemicals down and were waiting to see if they had any effect. If we have to dig we need permits and E. Burns will be available. E. Labie suggested that if this seems to be a major problem a special meeting should be called before any expenditure of funds. There was nothing budgeted for this project and has to be discussed before hiring outside help.

J. Yackera excused himself to attend a viewing, 8:40 PM.

There was a request by Linda and Joseph Catizone for a stop sign at the north east corner where Ogden Streets rounds to Richard Street. C. Marquardt said he will check this with J. Hinkle. Motion to install this stop sign where Ogden meets Richard going west made by R. Krick, seconded by J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Recreation: No report.

School Building: R. Krick reported that so far this year rental income has increased. This time last year the figures showed \$1085 and to date we have collected \$1290.

J. Catizone said that someone keeps turning up the heat in the gym to 70 - 75 degrees. C. Marquardt said that he would look into changing the thermostat cover. R. Krick said he noticed that people are smoking in the building. There are butts on the stage and in where the office used to be. T. Shearn noted it is a public building and smoking is prohibited. R. Krick said there are No Smoking signs posted. This needs to be enforced.

Police: T. Shearn noted that Alan Shinkus has a court hearing concerning an arrest made while still employed. He asked if he would be paid for his time? Council okayed paying A. Shinkus the time allowed for court hearings at his former rate of \$7.58 per hour.

Recycling: C. Marquardt noted that there would be no curbside recycling until April but the containers would be here each month as scheduled. He encouraged people to drop off their recycling.

Sgt Hummel submitted a letter of complaint to the Council about C. Marquardt giving two of the Borough Workers and the Secretary Christmas Eve off. He was not scheduled to work that day but felt it unfair. He is asking for compensation. R. Krick said there should be policy on this matter. What happens to Dean Hess, who was on vacation?

C. Marquardt said that the Christmas party was canceled, the workers had come out early and he saw no harm in giving the time. Last year a bonus of \$25.00 was given. R. Krick noted that was voted on by Council and given to all employees. After discussion, Sgt. Hummel agreed he would accept four (4) hours comp time. Motion to offer four (4) hours comp time to Sgt. Hummel and D. Hess made by J. Tinari, seconded by T. Shearn. Question? None. Voice vote. R. Krick NO. Motion carried by majority vote.

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PUBLIC COMMENT

L. Catizone asked how much money in donations the Borough collected for the East End Park grant application? She was told the figure stood at \$1,000.

C. Marquardt noted if a Special meeting was necessary everyone would be notified.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Tinari, seconded by T. Shearn. Vote. All.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary

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SPECIAL MEETING

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** January 30, 1997 **TIME:** 6:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President C. Marquardt.

ROLL CALL

Members present: M.B. Dougherty, T. Shearn, J. Tinari, E. Labie, R. Krick,
C. Marquardt, Mayor E. Ketusky.

Members absent: J. Yackera

PURPOSE OF MEETING

C. Marquardt stated the advertised purpose of the meeting as Personnel matters and general purposes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Robert Wise came to show Council a letter his daughter received from Spring Crest concerning the fuel oil spill on West Main Street. Spring Crest is blaming the homeowner and Mr. Wise wanted to know what to do in this matter. C. Marquardt said he would contact DEP and they would probably have someone come down to investigate. R. Wise said that according to the letter Spring Crest is coming tomorrow morning to clean up and there is no time to contact DEP. R. Krick said to call the person who signed the letter and do whatever he tells you to do. You can call the offices as early as 8:00 AM. C. Marquardt said he would call first thing in the morning and contact R. Wise. In the meantime DEP may contact him directly. Have Spring Crest do whatever DEP recommends. Mr. Wise was asked to keep Council informed about the cleanup.

BUSINESS

T. Shearn informed Council present of the results of the Police Committee meeting. Scheduling E. Nesgoda has become a problem due to his supposedly having a job at the Lehigh Valley Mall. The Mayor said he was told that E. Nesgoda told a "girlfriend" he

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was the Chief of Police in Girardville. T. Shearn said it just seems to be one thing after another with E. Nesgoda. The police committee recommends letting him go.

Motion to dismiss E. Nesgoda made by T. Shearn, seconded by J. Tinari. Question? The Mayor said he would have a letter to send with a list of the Borough property to be returned. M.B. Dougherty asked if can file an unemployment claim against us? T. Shearn said that even if he did we have a file with all the problems and difficulties while he was in our employ. M.B. Dougherty asked if this would be effective immediately? It was the general consensus that it should be immediate. Vote. All. Motion carried. It was also decided to hold his last paychecks until Borough property was returned. Mayor Ketusky said he would contact Nesgoda and make arrangements.

T. Shearn asked if we would go through the applications on file or advertise? C. Marquardt said we should be able to get through with just Mike Hummel and Ted Buriak for a short time. Hummel is waiting to hear about a possible full time job with Rush Twp. The matter of filling the position can wait until we know exactly where we stand.

The question of who would fill the Health officer's position was raised. The police committee asked T. Buriak if he would be willing to take the job and he said yes. T. Shearn nominated T. Buriak for the position of health office, seconded by J. Tinari. Questions? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Mayor Ketusky will inform T. Buriak of his appointment.

C. Marquardt informed those present of the recurring problems with the sewer line on East Main Street. He said the line is blocked again and the acid did not work. There were estimates to hire a drain cleaning service. If we have to dig, we need a permit from PADOT. The estimated figures for digging, having D. Hess and A. Beneshunas replace about 10 feet of pipe would run about \$1800. If the line is flushed we will have to winterize the hydrant. R. Krick asked if the blockage was found the last time? J. Tinari said that the last time the roto rooter cleaned out the blockage. After discussion of the pros and cons of digging the line up in the current weather the general consensus was to go ahead and do what needed to be done. Motion to dig and stay with the project until the problem is solved made by J. Tinari, seconded by T. Shearn. Question? Vote. All. Motion carried.

In the matter of filling the position of summer lunch coordinator, C. Marquardt suggested setting up interviews with the two people who applied on Tuesday at 7:00 PM and 7:30 PM. If there are any changes everyone will be notified.

Motion to adjourn made by T. Shearn, seconded by J. Tinari. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** February 13, 1997 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President C. Marquardt.

ROLL CALL

Members present: M.B. Dougherty, R. Krick, E. Labie, C. Marquardt, T. Shearn,
Mayor E. Ketusky, Solicitor J. Kilker.

Members absent: J. Yackera

Late Arrivals: J. Tinari, 7:35 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Krick reported that she had complained about the noise of the trucks being started on an adjoining property at 4:00 - 4:30 AM. She spoke with the owner and was told it would stop and that he would be moving them. If there are any problems she will come back to Council.

J. Catizone asked permission to use the gym on, Sunday, March 23, 1997, for an All Star game. Girardville will be playing Ashland. They do have insurance and a copy of the certificate will be forwarded to the Borough beforehand. Motion to allow the Girardville Biddy to use the gym for the All Star game made by R. Krick seconded by E. Labie. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. J. Catizone was told that in addition to a certificate of insurance our carrier required a rooster.

Mrs. Budraitis asked if there was any news concerning the Tyson place. Mayor Ketusky told her that Council has just appointed a new health officer and they have not yet had a chance to go back to the house. The magistrate's office told them not to be concerned about being arrested. Mrs. Budraitis said that R. Tyson is apparently taking the garbage from the front porch and she cannot see if there is a pile in the back. The Mayor told her

that he and the health officer would be going over to check out the garbage and the interior of the house soon.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the previous minutes as submitted made by E. Labie, seconded by R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the Treasurer's report as submitted made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded by E. Labie. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor/Health Officer reports: Reports read by Mayor Ketusky. Motion to accept both reports as read made by R. Krick, seconded by M. B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Tax Collector's Report: Motion to accept the tax collector's report as submitted and to pay the tax collector made by R. Krick, seconded by E. Labie. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Snow emergency policy, this remains to be looked over by the Solicitor. C. Marquardt suggested that he and the Mayor may want to get together and discuss this matter.

The matter of M.C. O'Donnell using Borough hall for a day care remains open. There is a question of who has to approach Labor & Industry. R. Krick will notify Council if she contacts him.

NEW BUSINESS

Two bids received for the necessary program audit for 1996. The lowest estimate is from Patton & Lettich for \$800 - \$1,000. Motion to accept Patton & Lettich for the program audit made by R. Krick, seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Before reviewing the applications M.B. Dougherty asked if the amendments to the handicapped parking ordinance are retroactive. The solicitor said that they are not retroactive.

Mr. Kilker went over the changes and amendments Council requested for the handicapped parking ordinance. M.B. Dougherty asked that the ordinance read applications submitted to "Council" and not "Borough Secretary". Council after some discussion agreed.

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Motion to adopt 94-4 amendments made by R. Krick, seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Mr. Kilker will forward a correct copy of this ordinance to the Borough office.

Renewal applications for handicap parking spaces received from C. Haley, and T. O'Boyle. The O'Boyle application had a check for \$50.00 instead of \$5.00. Motion to renew both handicapped parking spaces and refund O'Boyle \$45.00 made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded by R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

J. Tinari arrived, 7:35 PM.

Introduction of Sewer Ordinance 97-1. Mr. Kilker read a synopsis to the Council and the public. Motion to adopt ordinance 97-1 made by R. Krick, seconded by J. Tinari. Question? R. Krick asked if the sewer authority had looked at this and was told by Mr. Kilker this version had their suggested corrections and additions. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mr. Kilker reported at this time that he thought the Council needed to look into possibilities for the Ello properties. He suggested:

1. Contacting Habitat for Humanity and perhaps they would look at the buildings.
2. Council send a letter to the Commissioners asking that the County demolition program be reinstated.
3. Solicit bids by ad to get cost estimates on demolition.

R. Krick said that when we solicited bids for the last demolition we had to spec the bids and that is a process in itself. C. Marquardt asked about approaching different demolition contractors privately to get estimates.

Motion to authorize the solicitor to informally get estimates from Kitsock and Y&M from Shenandoah made by R. Krick, seconded by E. Labie. Question? M.B. Dougherty asked about dealing the infestation problem in the buildings? Mr. Kilker said he would discuss that concern. Vote. All. Motion carried. R. Krick added that on the A Street project the County required ownership of the building before demolition could occur. Mr. Kilker said that we have a court order and that should be good enough.

Pa Dot required that changes be made to the easements needed for the Ogden Street Bridge project. Mr. Kilker said he will draw up the new easements and get them approved by PA DOT before getting signatures. He stated he is still working on the question of ownership of the Ranger's building. C. Marquardt asked who would get the people to sign the easements again? Mr. Kilker said he would take care of getting the needed signatures.

Opening on GAMA. The seat currently held by T. Dougherty is open. Mr. Dougherty said he would be happy to continue to serve on the Authority. Motion to reappoint Mr.

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Thomas Dougherty to GAMA for a seven (7) year term made by J. Tinari, seconded by R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Margaret M. Hennessy has been given the opportunity to have a ramp installed on her sidewalk, with grant money for T. O'Boyle. She is required to have approval from Council and the neighboring Church. The plans would leave a 3' 6" clearance on the pavement. Council after looking at the plans had no problem granting permission for the ramp's construction. R. Krick suggested that this be submitted to County Zoning for approval and that a building permit be acquired before construction.

J. Hinkle is currently out sick. He is having foot surgery. This leaves no one to drive the dump truck. It was discovered that we can apply to have the weight rating on the dump truck lowered. If this is done then CDL's would no longer be required to drive the truck. Motion to send in Form MV-41 to have the weight lowered on the dump truck made by J. Tinari, seconded by R. Krick. Question? R. Krick asked what the truck weighs unloaded? C. Marquardt said that the truck was not weighed. R. Krick said the truck should be weighed loaded with ashes, the plow and spreader. J. Tinari amended his motion to say the truck would be weighed first. If its weight is under 2601 the application would be sent to PADOT if it is over the rating would stay the same. Amended motion seconded by R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

C. Marquardt asked if Albert Miller and Timothy Horan could be approved by Council to drive the dump truck in an emergency situation? M.B. Dougherty asked what wage rate they would be paid? C. Marquardt said the current minimum wage is \$4.75 per hour. J. Tinari made a motion to have T. Horan and A. Miller on standby to drive the dump truck if required. Motion seconded by R. Krick. Question? M.B. Dougherty asked if only one at a time would be called and at whose direction? C. Marquardt said only one at a time and it would be under the Street Committee Chair's direction. R. Krick asked about physicals. J. Tinari said that to hold a CDL you have to pass a physical. Vote. All. Motion carried.

M.B. Dougherty asked what J. Hinkle's status is as of today? C. Marquardt said he still has vacation and sick time available. He wanted to go into Executive session before the end of the meeting to discuss this matter.

C. Marquardt noted the danger on the Ogden Street Bridge. J. Hinkle priced orange construction fencing to block off the sidewalks. R. Krick said this would end up in the creek. E. Labie said that an attempt would have to be made to make it safe. The sidewalks should be blocked off for safety purposes. Motion made by J. Tinari, seconded by E. Labie to purchase a maximum of two rolls of orange construction fencing to block off the Ogden Street Bridge. Question? None. Vote. Two opposed, M.B. Dougherty and R. Krick. Motion carried.

BILLS

List of bills to be paid read by C. Marquardt. Motion to pay the bills as submitted made by J. Tinari, seconded by R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. M.B. Dougherty asked if there was any way to determine personal calls and be reimbursed? Mr. Kilker said yes, if you can determine who made the calls you can be reimbursed. After some discussion this matter was left open.

CORRESPONDENCE

Schuylkill County Planning & Zoning - notice that Girardville is not on the CDBG list.

M.B. Dougherty suggested the Borough approach the Commissioner about the money available for demolition. It will be necessary to find out who can and cannot apply for these funds. She believes first consideration should be given to communities not entitled to apply directly to the State for grant money. There is a meeting on February 19th and R. Krick said he would attend if able. M.B. Dougherty said she would contact Commissioner Knowles.

Entech - letter concerning changes needed for the easements.

Federal Surplus Supply - Notice of purchase \$15.38 applied for audit requirements.

DEP - request for information. This form was completed and forwarded.

Consumers PA Water Co. - several letters concerning the proposed water rate increase. After reading over these C. Marquardt asked if Council wanted to go on record opposing the rate increase? M.B. Dougherty contacted the PUC and has available forms that can be sent in by residents with reasons for opposition. E. Labie said that their rates are already ridiculous. He knows people who live in Las Vegas who pay less for water than we do here in Pennsylvania. This company is still acquiring small water companies and feels no obligation to the customers. Motion to go on record opposing the rate increase and sending a letter to the PUC made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded by E. Labie. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

M.B. Dougherty encouraged all residents to send letters to the PUC. C. Marquardt also noted questions that arose as a result of the recent water main breaks. There have been questions about proper notification and lack of water boil advisories. The water company will notify the Borough if there is someone in the office at the time. They call the Communications Center and Communication Center notifies the pagers. Notifying the customers is not their responsibility. C. Marquardt suggested writing a letter asking Consumers PA to address these concerns.

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C. Marquardt noted that the paper work is filed on the chipper grant. The three other municipalities have sent checks to cover their part of the matching funds. This money will be used to make a downpayment on the chipper. Motion to send this money with our part of \$459.50 to Stephenson's Equipment and 10% downpayment made by J. Tinari, seconded by R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Auditor General's Office - Thanking Council for answering question concerning filing of annual audit report.

W. Bowen - Recycling information. Notice that eventually the NSLA will in addition to a transfer station be a recycling station.

PSAB - Due to numerous complaints concerning skateboards, sample ordinances were requested. These were passed on the solicitor. Mr. Kilker was instructed to have an ordinance ready for consideration for next month's meeting.

Kreitzer Sanitation - Notice of rate increases. This is posted around town and in the office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: E. Labie, nothing to report at this time.

Regional Police: E. Labie noted the next meeting is next Thursday, here in Girardville.

Recreation: M.B. Dougherty reported that SCCA has made some changes in how you are notified of available programs. Evidently, each group will send a notice individually. We have received one and should be receiving more. Will look into getting more information on this program.

Streets: C. Marquardt noted the problems with sewer lines on both E. Main Street and E. Mahanoy Avenue. The Borough workers are still working on these problems. If E. Main Street has to be dug up we are looking into getting the necessary shoring material.

School Building: R. Krick said the only thing to report is that income from rentals is up from this time last year.

Police: Mayor Ketusky had nothing new to report. All matters of concern had been finished.

Recycling: C. Marquardt noted that the Christmas trees could not be chipped because they are frozen to the ground. We will wait for warmer weather and may even have the chipper in at that time. On that note R. Krick suggested looking into having the trees around the school building cut down. There was a serious problem with the roof drains

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being blocked. C. Marquardt said he would look into finding someone to take the trees down.

OTHER BUSINESS

Butler Twp is looking into hiring a code enforcement officer. C. Marquardt will contact Mr. B. Cress to discuss the possibility of a joint hire.

Interviews for SFSP - two applications. The only one to show up for the interview was D. Schropp from Mahanoy Plane. M.B. Dougherty asked if any one checked her references? C. Marquardt said no. He asked if a Special meeting should be held to hire someone? This matter was tabled until next meeting.

Complaints - there were complaints about the way the snow was plowed down in front of Immaculate Heart School. The pile was in the way of the buses and the children crossing the street. The Mayor suggested posting School Loading Zone signs. First the pile has to be removed. C. Marquardt said E. Burns will be removing the pile in the morning. Mayor Ketusky requested two signs and that the curb be painted yellow. The Solicitor suggested that before ticketing, warning notices be placed on cars. E. Labie suggested having the school send home notes reminding parents where the buses park and telling them not to block the access. Concerning the snow pile Mr. Kramer will have to make better arrangements to get rid of any snow he plows from in front of the Church. The mayor will draft a note for the school to send home.

Classes - notices of various classes available.

Timothy Holden - Notice of meeting in Court House concerning the Federal Surplus program. C. Marquardt asked anyone interested let him know as reservations are needed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

L. Catizone asked if the problem with EMA concerning J. Wayne's resignation was straightened out yet? She was told that Council thought this problem had been taken care of and just recently found out contrary. A letter will be sent to him for his signature.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Tinari, seconded by R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary

BOROUGH OF GIRARDVILLE

FOURTH & "B" STREETS

P.O. BOX 5

GIRARDVILLE, PA 17935

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg.

DATE: March 13, 1997

TIME: 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President C. Marquardt. All present observed a moment of silence in memory of John Hinkle, Borough supervisor who passed away on March 14, 1997.

ROLL CALL

Members present: M.B. Dougherty, R. Krick, E. Labie, C. Marquardt, T. Shearn,
J. Yarchera. Mayor E. Ketusky, Solicitor J. Kilker.

Members late: J. Tinari

PUBLIC COMMENT

M. Merwine asked what was up with this "riot" situation? What gives people the right to smash property that belongs to someone else? The ramp that was smashed was given to the kids by Kevin White. She said that Officer Hummel took her son and threw him into the back of the police car. She also accused Hummel of using foul language. Most of this was directed at R. Krick. R. Krick then asked to be allowed to tell his side of the story. He said first can we agree that you cannot block access to a public building? Over at the A Street school building there was a group of kids skateboarding. They were asked to move so the children coming to play basketball could get into the building. No one stopped and one of them ran into me. Second, the plywood board was up against the fence that surrounds the front of the building. They were breaking Borough property. I picked up the board and threw it into the yard. At this point the discussion became a shouting match. C. Marquardt told M. Merwine she would be removed if R. Krick was not allowed to continue. R. Krick said that skateboards are not really the issue. The main issue is the property damage that results and the intimidation. There are pictures of the various locations where these kids hang out and skateboard. E. Wayne said that not all the kids are vandals. That was agreed but the damage occurs wherever they are hanging out. It was asked what is there for the kids to do in this town. There is a barroom on every corner but no place for the kids to hang out. R. Krick tried to impress upon the

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residents that the Borough cannot give permission for construction of ramps due to the liability problems. C. Marquardt addressed complaints of the kids being chased all the time. He said that the kids are not chased from the parks. They are moved from the street corners when complaints of noise and littering are made. As far as the lumber and other stuff left in the park, it was removed by the Borough workers. All the things were scattered all over. We treated it as litter. The property is in the school yard. J. Kilker added that if the Borough sanctions ramps and allows skateboarding we are liable. The kids asked about money to build recreation facilities such as a skateboard park. J. Yackera explained that there is grant money but you can only use it for very specific projects. The competition for funding is fierce. Even our current playgrounds need to be updated. DCA cited numerous problems with the existing structures. We are in the application process for a grant to make improvements to the park.

M. Merwine asked what would be done about Officer Hummel? She was told to bring complaints to either the Mayor or the police committee. This became a shouting match over who was to blame in various incidents. C. Marquardt again warned M. Merwine she would be removed or the meeting shut down if the yelling continued. E. Wayne asked about a crime watch. She was told that even though people come forward and tell about things they have seen no one wants to testify. J. Kilker asked that everyone be careful because some of the discussion revolved around juveniles and police records which cannot be discussed as a matter of public record. Council does its' best but cannot please everyone. Unfortunately, this is nonproductive. We cannot change the past but can prepare for the future.

M. Ritro asked what happened with the facade on the old bank building on West Main Street? Mayor Ketusky said that the owner has been notified. He asked if anyone had the piece that fell.

R. Flannery asked what was going to be done about the kids hanging out on the tracks behind the monument? J. Yackera said the problem is by the time the cops get up there the kids are gone.

J. Clayton asked about grant money for demolition. M.B. Dougherty said that we cannot apply directly for grant money. If your population is over 3,000 you can apply directly and not have to go through the county. We will apply for any money that becomes available.

J. Catizone asked that someone approach the Girard Towers project to contain their garbage. The wind has trash blown all over Second and A Streets. Also, they are parking where they do not belong and causing a problem with pulling out onto Second street. C. Marquardt said he will go over and talk with someone on site.

J. Catizone asked for permission to run a concession stand for the All Star game in the gym. R. Krick asked if it was going to be just in the classroom? J. Yackera asked if he had thought about using the stage? J. Catizone said the classroom would be the best

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choice. General consensus of council was to allow food in the classroom in the school building for the All Star game.

T. Niedzwiecki asked what was going to be done about the William Street bridge. The kids that hang out there are leaving all their trash in her side yard and using foul language. She does not even want to let her children playing outside. J. Yackera said dealing with the complaints about congregating can be obscure. M.B. Dougherty said that is ridiculous to have to climb over kids to get into and out of the bank. C. Marquardt said that we are trying to work on this problem. Officer Hummel is asked to disperse the kids. No one gets arrested or charged. These kids have all been told repeatedly to clean up their mess, not damage property and not block access to buildings. It was stated that not all the kids are bad but the ones causing the problems are causing problems for everyone.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes as submitted made by J. Tinari seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All.

Treasurer's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept as submitted made by T. Shearn seconded by E. Labie. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor/Health Officer reports: Read by R. Krick. Motion to accept as submitted made by J. Yackera seconded by T. Shearn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Summer Lunch Program - Motion to hire Deborah Schropp as a result of the interviews made by J. Tinari seconded by R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Secretary instructed to notify Ms. Schropp by phone on Friday and through the mail.

C. Marquardt said we have not heard anything from M.C. O'Donnell concerning use of the building as a day care center. This matter is to be tabled until we hear something either from Mrs. O'Donnell or Labor & Industry.

NEW BUSINESS

Request from Geisinger to use the building for public information meetings. Motion to allow this use made by M. B. Dougherty seconded by R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

C. Marquardt, E. Ketusky attended a meeting at the court house concerning the Federal Surplus Supply program. At this meeting it came to light that the Borough could

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participate in a group purchase of road salt resulting in savings. Motion to participate in the group salt purchase made by J. Tinari seconded by T. Shearn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Summer Youth Employment - C. Marquardt asked Council if after the problems last year we still wanted to participate? The forms must be in by April 4, 1997. He said we would stipulate older kids who could do more kinds of work. R. Krick made a motion that we send in the application seconded by J. Yackera. E. Labie noted Council would have to keep a close eye on the program this year. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

T. Stanton sent in his handicap parking space renewal. Motion to grant renewal made by J. Tinari seconded by J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

The 1996 audit report was completed by Dennis Mensch. Everything is fine. In the same matter we had a confirmation call from Patton & Lettich saying they would be in contact sometime around, March 31, 1997, to make arrangements to do the COPS FAST and Summer Lunch programs audits.

Mayor Ketusky said he had a note from M. Hummel asking permission to purchase new uniform boots. Motion made by R. Krick to allow the purchase contingent upon his continuing employment in the Borough. Motion seconded by J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Removal of trees at the A Street School building tabled until next meeting.

Little League has made their request for the annual purchase of sand. Motion to purchase the sand made by T. Shearn seconded by J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

J. Yackera submitted a request from Teener League for the purchase of six dozen balls. This was what was requested in writing at budget time last year. Motion to approve the purchase of six dozen balls made by J. Tinari seconded by R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

List of bills to be paid read by C. Marquardt. Motion to pay the bills as submitted made by J. Tinari seconded by T. Shearn. Question? M.B. Dougherty asked if the materials purchased from Marks Supply will be credited if returned? C. Marquardt said that the agreement was to return what was not used for credit. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

C. Marquardt noted the pamphlets on the various classes available will be in the office.

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Consumers PA - Letter requesting names and phone numbers of the Emergency management coordinator and Mayor. These are to be used for notification purposes in the event of a water emergency. Consumers also informed Council that boil advisories are only put out in the event of a severe break that could result in the water supply be contaminated. Any time one is issued it will be widely broadcast.

Consumers PA - A customer advisory report was sent with the request it be filled out and filed.

CDBG - Notification that the Borough will not be receiving the grant applied for the School building. Schuylkill County Zoning advises applying for the 9/97 cycle.

North Regional Times - Local monthly paper in the planning stages. Request permission to publish the Council meeting schedule. As this is public record permission was granted.

EMA - List of upcoming classes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Solicitor: Mr. Kilker said that he needed to know exactly what Council was looking for in a skate board ordinance. The samples he had to hand had a very wide spectrum of possibilities. He and Council went over the various options. R. Krick suggested minimum public access and M.B. Dougherty suggested banning skateboards for public streets. E. Labie suggested appointing a committee to go through this and give the solicitor some general ideas. It was decided to hold a Special work session on, March 26, 1997, at 7:00 PM. The kids involved and their parents could have some input into the matter.

Concerning the Ello property, Mr. Kilker said that we would have to have title to get any possible grant money for demolition. He also noted that informal questions on costs result in many questions he is unable to answer. The Borough would have to spec and advertise for bids for demolition. He will, with Council's permission, approach Mrs. Ello about giving the properties to the Borough for \$1.00. R. Krick suggested that Council should secure funding before acquiring the properties. E. Labie said we would need pretty stiff guarantees from the County otherwise we are stuck with houses that need to be demolished and no money. Motion to go ahead and file paper work for demolition money made by J. Yackera seconded by R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

The final, we hope, drafts of the required easements for the Ogden Street bridge are ready. J. Tinari will take the one for the Rangers, M. Ambrose will see that Girard Estate's gets into the correct hands. C. Marquardt will take care of obtaining the signatures on Kessler's and Shalamanda's. Mr. Kilker reminded everyone there are three copies. The residents keep one, one stays in the Borough and the copy with the blue legal tabs have to be returned for registration at the Court house.

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Municipal Law conference - Mr. Kilker will be attending this conference. This was already paid for by the Borough.

Permit Officer: T. Niedzwiecki reported three permits issued for the total amount of \$34.00.

Finance: E. Labie reported receiving quotes on short and long term disability insurance. He said that this is fairly cost effective. Council could look into providing this as a benefit to avoid being faced with a situation similar to the one we almost had with J. Hinkle.

Regional Police: Meeting next Thursday. The representative will be here in the Borough to conduct our site visit. This will complete his visits to all the participating communities. He wants to meet with the local police officers and officials some time in June or July. A rough draft of the State's suggestions for proceeding will be drawn up and given to the local communities for consideration.

Recreation: M.B. Dougherty said she has not received any more information from SCCA. GARC has requested use of the Little League field and around the Borough hall on March 22 to hold the annual Easter Egg hunt. She also received information from Porcupine Pat to hold the day camp on July 5 - 7 th at the East End Park. Motion to allow GARC to hold the Egg Hunt and Day Camp made by R. Krick seconded by J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. At this time a request to hold the Biddy Basketball pizza party at the Borough hall. Motion to allow the pizza party made by J. Tinari seconded by J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

School: R. Krick reported that rentals are ahead of last year. He also thanked the All Star committee and the kids who cleaned up the gym and the classroom. They did a great job. He thanked Ed Burns for tearing down the front fence.

Streets: J. Tinari reported that the sewer on Ogden Street is open. The work on East Main Street will be done as soon as the weather permits. The application to lower the weight on the dump truck has been submitted. It will be between 4 - 6 weeks before we hear anything.

Police: T. Shearn said there is nothing to report.

Recycling: C. Marquardt reported that a booklet on recycling is available in the office.

OTHER BUSINESS

C. Marquardt asked for permission to advertise the supervisor's position with request for resumes and salary requirements. The ad will be drawn up and given to the secretary. He asked for a deadline of March 27th. This would allow for a meeting on April 1st to review all the applications and set up interviews for April 3rd. Motion to advertise for a

borough employee with a background in road and general building maintenance made by R. Krick seconded by J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

C. Marquardt reported he has not heard from Butler Township concerning the possibility of sharing a code enforcement officer.

M.B. Dougherty suggested giving a copy of our job application form to the solicitor to check for correctness. She said there were some questions that seemed inappropriate.

C. Marquardt said that he is going to get an estimate for the street sweeper for sometime in May. This can be discussed at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time the floor was opened for general discussion. Council was asked who pays for the Easter Egg Hunt and pizza party. He was told that the Recreation committee pays for the hunt and the coaches pay for the pizza party. M.B. Dougherty suggested that if anyone is interested they attend the GARC meetings. They are now held on an as needed basis because there are only four parents who participate. The only two activities held now are the egg hunt and the bicycle rodeo. We ask for volunteers and no one wants to help.

It was asked when the meeting to discuss the skateboard ordinance is being held. C. Marquardt said it is scheduled for March 26th at 7:00 PM. Everyone is welcome to attend. He only asked that the kids pick one spokesperson and that they be willing to discuss one issue at a time. The kids asked about having ramps and leaving them in the park. Council told them anything is left at your own risk. The things need to be cleaned up and out of the way. Council assumes no responsibility for equipment left in the parks. J. Yackera said that the kids who play hockey built their own nets and asked permission to chain it to the fence. They were told the same thing. The kids said that they were tired of being blamed for everything that happens. R. Krick asked if it is only coincidence that since they have been hanging out at the school building that there is graffiti and damage. You were also blocking public access to the building.

It was asked how the different organizations get money from Council. E. Labie explained that when the budget is drawn up any organization is free to request reasonable funds in writing. J. Yackera noted that these are organizations run by adults. Mayor Ketusky noted that they also keep books to satisfy audit requirements.

T. Niedzwiecki asked permission to hang soccer sign up signs in the school gym. Council okayed this.

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L. Merwine asked for copies of the loitering and curfew ordinances. He was told to see the secretary after the meeting.

Motion to adjourn made by E. Labie seconded by J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary

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BOROUGH OF GIRARDVILLE

FOURTH & "B" STREETS

P.O. BOX 5

GIRARDVILLE, PA 17935

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg.

DATE: April 10, 1997

TIME: 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President C. Marquardt.

ROLL CALL

Members present: M.B. Dougherty, R. Krick, E. Labie, C. Marquardt, T. Shearn,
J. Tinari. Solicitor J. Kilker.

Members absent: J. Yackera, Mayor E. Ketusky

PUBLIC COMMENT

Letters sent to Council from O. McGinley, and D. Kelly. Both letters dealt with complaints about the bus stop shelter located on Main & Second Streets. Each resident asked that Council consider requesting Schuylkill Transportation remove the shelter. R. Krick asked if this was Council's call? D. Kelly said he was told that STS needed a letter from Council asking for the removal of the shelter. T. Shearn said that the police chase the kids from the corner but they keep coming back. E. Kelly entered the Council chambers at this point and said that the "punks" on the corner were throwing rocks at her house and her dog. C. Marquardt told her to go into the police office as M. Hummel is on duty. D. Kelly added that this kind of thing goes on every day. M.B. Dougherty made a motion that a letter be sent to request the removal of the shelter from Main & Second Streets. Motion seconded by J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

J. Catizone asked why if the kids are chased are they allowed to be back on the corner? Why aren't they fined? C. Marquardt said it is not Council's call. It is up to the officer. R. Krick said the bottom line is that people have to be willing to go and testify at the magistrate's office. M.B. Dougherty asked isn't the cop a witness? J. Kilker said he would meet with the police and see what the problem is with the magistrate's office. C. Marquardt said that having another witness makes prosecution easier. R. Krick said that if you have a witness the charges stick. J. Catizone said if fines were slapped on them it would be a burden on the family and maybe the parents would put a stop to the behavior.

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B. Dougherty asked when was the bank door broken again? C. Marquardt said that happened on Saturday. The bank says it is the last straw and if it happens again they will close the office. J. Kilker said he will meet with the police. J. Catizone said that the police are not doing their jobs if this is allowed to continue. C. Marquardt said the solicitor will check into this problem.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes as submitted made by J. Tinari, seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Report read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept as read made by T. Shearn, seconded by J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor/Health Officer reports: Reports read by T. Shearn in the Mayor's absence. Motion to accept as read made by J. Tinari, seconded by E. Labie. Question? R. Krick asked if any hearings have been missed by either officer? He suggested that in future this be included. C. Marquardt told the police committee to inform M. Hummel of this request. Vote. All. Motion Carried.

Permit Officer's report: Motion to accept the permit officer's report as submitted made by T. Shearn, seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Tax Collector's report: Tax collector's reports read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept the reports and to pay the tax collector made by J. Tinari, seconded by T. Shearn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bid for the removal of the trees at the A Street school building tabled.

Letter from the North Schuylkill School Board concerning the Borough's request for consideration in sharing the cost of the crossing guard. They stated that their meeting is also tonight and they will consider sharing one-half the cost of the crossing guard. C. Marquardt said we will wait to hear back from them.

NEW BUSINESS

Letter requesting use of the East End park on either July 4th or 5th to hold a surprise birthday party for Kitty Kelly. Her daughter asked for use of the pavilion and little league field. R. Krick suggested that she be informed that there are no toilet facilities and that use of the field depends upon the Little League game schedule. Also, they would be responsible for clean up and that there are no charges involved. Motion to send the letter

granting permission made by T. Shearn, seconded by R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Due to the damage done to the sewer rats and the costs of replacing the balls it was suggested that Council consider charging a refundable fee or stop lending out this equipment. M.B. Dougherty asked what the current costs are and were told that it was about \$60.00 to replace the two balls. Motion made by M.B. Dougherty to require a deposit of \$60.00 for resident's use of the sewer rat. Motion seconded by T. Shearn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

C. Marquardt contacted De Angelo Brothers to arrange the street sweeper. He told Council that the cost would be the same as previous years, \$90.00 per mile -- \$405 - 415.00. This would do Main Street, Second Street, East and West Mahanoy Avenue. He scheduled a tentative date of May 16, 1997, with an 8:00 AM start time. Motion to hire DeAngelo Brother's street sweeper made by T. Shearn, seconded by J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. C. Marquardt said that a schedule for doing the other streets will be set up for two weeks before hand.

C. Marquardt said that the pick up truck needs door latches and the roof is rotted under the light. Cost estimates were submitted as follows:
Durose -- \$388.00, Paul's -- \$269.00, Lucas -- \$365.00. Motion to send the truck to Paul's for the necessary repairs made by R. Krick, seconded by J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

C. Marquardt noted that he was looking over the prices on a new copy machine. He asked that the finance committee decide whether or not this is a possible purchase. R. Krick suggested checking into the delivery schedule in case the one in the office becomes unrepairable.

The Street committee has a list of recommendations for overseeing the Street department. They also are requesting a change in the Street department's hours. After reading over the list and the new hours of 7:00 AM to 3:00 PM and after some debate a motion was made by J. Tinari, seconded by T. Shearn to accept the changes. Question? When will this be effective? Monday. Vote. All. Motion carried.

At this time Mr. Kilker introduced for consideration an ordinance banning skateboarding in the Borough. He went over each of the sections having various ways of dealing with the problem. He also asked about the outcome of the meeting with the children and their parents. M.B. Dougherty told him that Council strongly suggested they use the tennis court at the East End Park or they were looking at a strict ban. R. Krick said that as of this time nothing much has changed. The kids are still hanging out and skateboarding wherever they please. Motion to have the solicitor advertise, for consideration at the May meeting, the ordinance as follows: Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. None of the alternative sections are to be used. Motion made by R. Krick, seconded by T. Shearn. Question? J. Kilker asked if Council wanted section 5, which gives a ninety (90) day trial period

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included? R. Krick said that the motion included section 5. Vote. All. Motion carried. J. Kilker said he would add an introduction stating that this ordinance is being adopted due to complaints and safety concerns.

There were questions from the floor concerning liability. M.B. Dougherty said that even having a park is a liability. R. Krick said that as long as the ramps are not ours we are not liable. J. Kilker also noted that signs stating that skateboarding is prohibited must be posted.

J. Kilker said that concerning the Ello property he is going to speak with Vince and Melissa Brennan. Attorney O'Rourke from Schuylkill County is working on demolition funds. Ownership is a problem. The Brennans are considering hiring their own lawyer. He is going to encourage them to do this.

Concerning the Ogden Street bridge easements Mr. Kilker said that they went to the engineer and he will call and check on the status.

BILLS

List of bills to be paid read by C. Marquardt. NOTE: J. Tinari had to leave the meeting, 7:35 PM. Motion to pay the bills as submitted made by T. Shearn, seconded by R. Krick. Question? M.B. Dougherty asked that J. Yackera be told to have the gas bills in for the work session. When they are submitted on the day of the meeting no one from Council has time to go over them. She also asked that even though the phone bills are preapproved they be put back into the folder with the unpaid bills as she likes to check them. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter -- Thank you note from the Hinkle family.

Schuylkill Transportation System -- They are asking for County funds and any comments in this matter can be made at the meeting with the Commissioners.

M. Semanchik, NS school board solicitor -- requesting information about the crossing guard position. This letter has been answered and we are waiting their decision.

Mr. Owen McGinley -- concerning the bus shelter, discussed during the public comment.

Biddy Basketball All-stars -- Thank you note for all the assistance and use of the gym. Enclosed was a donation of \$100.00 for the school building fund.

Representative E. Luyck -- Note concerning the two MIA flags given to the Borough. A thank you note was sent to his office. The flags are flying at the municipal building and the Vietnam memorial.

Commonwealth of PA Department of General Services -- Notification of receipt of participation contract for salt purchases.

Service Electric -- Letter informing Council of the intended rate increase and new channels.

PUC -- Letter acknowledging our complaint about the proposed rate increase by Consumers PA Water company. Also, forms for registering formal complaints to testify at the public hearing.

Application for County Recycling refund. C. Marquardt said that W. Bowen will take care of this for us.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: E. Labie said that the committee would have a meeting to look at copier costs. At the same time a review of the costs for repaving the basketball courts would be done. This meeting will be scheduled some time within the month.

Regional Police: Regular meeting next Thursday, April 17, 1997.

Streets: We received the chipper from Stephenson Equipment. The mechanic is coming to go over the operation and maintenance with all the communities next Wednesday. We have set up the schedule and are sending a copy of the final agreement to Chris Fritz as requested. C. Marquardt said that hopefully the trees will be done before having to send the machine to Mahanoy City. E. Labie asked how the chipper time will be divided? Marquardt said that each municipality will have it for two weeks at a time starting with us. The only question is where Gilberton will store the machine when they have it. HE asked about looking into putting a garage door under the gym for winter storage. R. Krick said he thought the cost estimate was around \$1800. We should have the estimates on file.

Recycling: C. Marquardt said that he could arrange for a white goods pickup by Mr. Knorr as in previous years and the cost would be \$200. R. Krick objected paying for this on the grounds that freon is worth about \$1,000 per 30 lbs. M.B. Dougherty asked what he does with all the stuff he collects? C. Marquardt said that he takes it to the various recycling outlets available. He will not collect wood or tires. This matter was tabled.

Curbside recycling resumes this month. The flyers will be posted. There is a display in the Council chambers and arrangements are being made to do an assembly at IHES.

Police: T. Shearn reported that there has been continued trouble with loitering. The mayor is looking into this and possible solutions. The Health officer has to stop and see the owner of the What not Shop. They have been leaving things out on Oak Street again

and furniture has ended up in the creek. If any residents have complaints please be sure to leave a message in the office or on the answering machine.

OTHER BUSINESS

C. Marquardt informed everyone that Council had interviewed four (4) people for the position of Street department supervisor. Out of the four the general recommendation was for Leonard Petusky. E. Labie made a motion to hire Leonard Petusky to fill the supervisor position. Motion seconded by T. Shearn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Council thanked Mr. Petusky for applying and told him to start on Monday, April 14, 1997.

C. Marquardt told Council that the woman hired to run the summer lunch program is not available. He and others have asked numerous people and there is no one interested in this job. Without someone to run the program the Borough will not be able to not participate this year. It was suggested that REDCO be contacted. C. Marquardt said that he will continue to look for someone, however, the paper work deadline is April 30, 1997.

Summer Youth Employment Program paperwork has been submitted and Council instructed the secretary to have them add L. Petusky's name to the list of supervisors.

Girard Towers -- C. Marquardt said they have approached about the problem with the garbage and uncovered dumpsters. There should not be any further problems. It was asked from the floor when the apartments will be rented? Our information is that as soon as construction is completed applications will be taken.

R. Krick said that he had a request from GAMA that the finance committee attend their next regular meeting. They have no money and apparently the attorney will no longer do any work without payment. It needs to be checked if there was a financial agreement of some sort with the original attorney. This is a problem that needs to be sorted out quickly.

Also, at the regional police meeting it was suggested that the various council's meet to plan and execute other joint ventures. Hiring a code enforcement officer was one of the specifics that was discussed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Motion to adjourn made by R. Krick, seconded by T. Shearn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer

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BOROUGH OF GIRARDVILLE

FOURTH & "B" STREETS

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GIRARDVILLE, PA 17935

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** May 8, 1997 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President C. Marquardt.

ROLL CALL

Members present: M.B. Dougherty, R. Krick, E. Labie, C. Marquardt, J. Tinari.
Mayor E. Ketusky, Solicitor J. Kilker.

Members absent: T. Shearn.

Late Arrivals: J. Yackera, 7:40 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT

M. Yesalavage asked if there were any weight limits on any borough streets and any ordinances against fuel trucks being parked on streets? Mayor Ketusky said that he checked into this after the complaint concerning the fuel truck. Art Kaplan, the County Emergency Management Coordinator and Trooper Laman from the PSP said that there are no regulations regarding parking a fuel truck on private property. The discussion was the result of an incident on East Mahanoy Avenue and Second Street. M. Yesalavage reported that there was a transfer of heating oil between trucks in the parking lot located on the corner. At this point there was heated discussion between M. Yesalavage and T. Yesalavage, the property owner. T. Yesalavage said that the problem is resolved and the truck is no longer parked in the lot. M. Yesalavage asked permanently? T. Yesalavage said yes, permanently.

M. Yesalavage asked if he has a complaint concerning a borough employee should it be brought up on the floor or privately? C. Marquardt said that it should be discussed privately first. Council is going to have an executive session before the end of this meeting. He invited M. Yesalavage to present his complaint at that time.

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C. Marquardt said that in future if anyone has a problem, like the fuel truck, to contact the police department and handle it in the proper manner. M. Yesalavage asked if there was any way to prevent this in the future? R. Krick said that this would be a zoning problem and would have to be brought to the attention of the County Zoning Office. C. Marquardt instructed the solicitor to look into this matter and check with DEP. E. Labie said that maybe the parking ordinance regulating the size of trucks allowed on Main Street could be amended in some way.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes as submitted made by J. Tinari, seconded by R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Report read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept as submitted made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded by J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor/Health Officer reports: Report read by Mayor Ketusky. Motion to accept as submitted made by R. Krick, seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. At this time the Mayor requested that the breathalyzer be sent out for needed repairs. Motion to allow the repairs made by J. Tinari, seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Tax Collector's report: Report read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept and to pay the tax collector made by J. Tinari, seconded by R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Permit Officer report: Read by C. Marquardt, submitted \$64.00.

NEW BUSINESS

Ambulance Association requests use of Borough dump truck when they clean out the lot. Motion to allow this use made by R. Krick, seconded by J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request from the Election Bureau for Butler Twp. N.E. to use the municipal building on Primary day. Council already gave permission to Butler and sent a letter of confirmation to the Election Bureau. A letter of acknowledgment sent.

Wm. Penn Fire Co. requests permission to route their parade through borough streets on June 14th at 7:00 PM. They also request help for traffic control from the police department and the fire police. Council granted permission. Mayor Ketusky said that he will make the necessary arrangements.

Audit for the Summer Lunch and COPSFAST has been completed, the results are available in the office.

Mayor Ketusky submitted information on getting gas purchased through Turkey hill using credit cards. He requested information from Unimart but that has not arrived yet. Council thought this was a good idea worth pursuing. Matter tabled until all the information is available.

Ordinance 97-7, Banning skateboards was introduced at this time. After the solicitor read it as advertised a motion to adopt Ordinance 97-7 was made by R. Krick, seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Question? R. Krick asked what would happen at the end of the ninety (90) day limit? J. Kilker said that after ninety (90) days council must vote again if they wish to keep the ordinance.

SFSP - C. Marquardt informed Council that the woman hired called to say she will not be able to do the job. An extension on the filing date was granted by Harrisburg and an interview was set up with Margaret Fisher. She will be available to come in on Friday to do the necessary paper work. Motion to hire Margaret Fisher as summer lunch coordinator made by J. Tinari, seconded by E. Labie. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

SFSP -- Two bids have been received and one more is expected. C. Marquardt asked if Council wanted to open these or wait for the third and hold a special meeting. The third vendor was given an extension due to the delay on our end. R. Krick said he has no problem with waiting. This matter is tabled until a special meeting.

J. Kilker requested Council approve payment of \$54.00 for filing of the Ogden Street bridge easements and \$100.00 for the petition against M. Ello for non-response. R. Krick made a motion to pay the solicitor \$154.00 for the necessary expenses. Motion seconded by E. Labie. Question? It was asked what would happen if M. Ello claims she has no funds to comply with the court? J. Kilker said she will have to provide a list of her assets. If this is ignored a warrant will be served by the Constable. Someone should notify the court is she is too ill to answer herself. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Council received notice of being named in a lawsuit. J. Kilker informed council that this is not a matter for the public forum. Council need make no response, everything will go through the insurance carrier.

BILLS

List of bills to be paid read by C. Marquardt. Motion to pay the bills as read made by J. Tinari, seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Question? E. Labie asked if the sewer project on Main Street is completed and was told yes. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Joseph Yackera arrived, 7:40 PM.

CORRESPONDENCE

Notice of various municipal training sessions available. This information is in the office if anyone is interested.

Schuylkill Transportation - Letter concerning the bus shelter which was removed yesterday.

Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce - R. Krick and E. Labie met with D. Donlin concerning the PP&L grant. It was decided to apply for money for the School building. The chamber submits the grant and if awarded they take \$800.00 administrative costs.

DEP - Receipt of the okay for the chipper grant received by Harrisburg.

Commonwealth of PA - 1997 Liquid fuels allocation received.

L. Catizone - Letter read by C. Marquardt. L. Catizone is concerned because Biddy Basketball does not have a charter, has not held elections and there are questions concerning the finances and accountability. C. Marquardt said that his understanding was that elections are being held at the next meeting. D. Heiser, president, said that financial reports are made at each meeting. Elections were delayed because he forgot to send notices so that everyone with a vote would know to attend. He said that the current officers were appointed by Council for insurance purposes. M.B. Dougherty said that Council never has appointed officers for Biddy Basketball. R. Krick said that Council did not vote or dictate these positions. M.B. Dougherty said that Council merely accepts whoever comes and says they are in charge. C. Marquardt said that this should be resolved by their next meeting. Elections are scheduled to be held. L. Catizone said that financial reports are made but there are no bank statements. C. Marquardt said that this is not a Council problem. It has to be worked out by the basketball association. L. Catizone disagreed with this because they use the Borough's gym. This matter was left unresolved.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Regional Police: E. Labie said the next meeting is May 15th at 7:00 PM. He asked that Council make plans to attend the June meeting. The preliminary report, projected costs of \$1.5 million dollars for the 10 participating municipalities, was just made available. Information and recommendations from the state will be available in June. The decision will then be Council's whether or not to participate in the program. It will cost us more per hour but will result in 24 hour protection. There will be public hearings before any decisions are made. J. Clayton asked who decides? E. Labie told her that Council has the final decision. They need to attend the meetings in order to make an informed decision. Currently we pay \$14.00 per hour of protection. Projected costs will be \$28.00 per hour. Which is better, lower costs or more protection?

Finance: Repaving the courts is up for discussion. Labie suggested having a meeting to discuss the details, what is to be done, borough workers, volunteers, bid specs, etc. This should be done soon. Possibly at the Special Meeting to be scheduled.

Recreation: Request to use the Borough Hall and B Street on May 31 st for G.A.R.C.'s Bike rodeo. Council granted permission.

Streets: J. Tinari asked for an executive session for a personnel matter. C. Marquardt noted that things are getting done. Since L. Petusky was hired there has been a lot of work done at Borough hall, the sewer problem on E. Main Street has been solved, the W. Main Street sewer has been cleaned out, the basketball courts have all been cleaned up and painted. He congratulated Len on a job well done so far.

School Building: R. Krick reported a deposit of \$570.00 in rentals. C. Marquardt said that the idea of looking into pumps for the heaters is a good one. R. Krick said he has no idea of the costs involved but will do some checking.

Police: No report.

Recycling: The chipper arrived, the trees on the island have been chipped. There was mechanical problem which was taken care of and it is currently in Mahanoy City. Anyone is welcome to take mulch as needed. R. Krick noted that Council needs to advise residents against dumping on the island. It is only for grass clippings, leaves and small tree limbs. C. Marquardt said that garbage was found and the police will pursue this matter. If the gate is closed residents are asked to stay out. The borough will open and show people the proper place to put the clippings, etc.

OTHER BUSINESS

R. Krick noted that GAMA asked for a joint meeting with Council. There are still a number of outstanding easements. Each unsigned easement will cost approximately \$3500 to pursue in court. T. Yesalavage said that there is a press release which will go out in the next few weeks. R. Krick said he thought Council should take a hard line in this matter. He urged people to attend the GAMA meetings and ask questions. We are currently \$300,00 in debt and looking at more because of about one dozen holdouts. GAMA meets the fourth Thursday each month at 7:00 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

At this time Council went into executive session to discuss personnel matters. Meeting resumed at 9:05 PM. Motion made by J. Tinari that all personnel complaints be submitted in writing. Seconded by E. Labie. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

As a result of the executive session it was decided that the Street committee will submit for approval personnel guidelines. Motion to hand deliver a letter to Albert Beneshunas made by J. Yackera, seconded by J. Tinari. Letter to read he must report on the next scheduled work day or be considered terminated. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Special meeting to discuss the basketball courts, summer lunch bids and general purposes to be set up for Monday, May 12th at 7:00 PM.

J. Kilker asked if Council wanted to vote on the three day policy. E. Labie said he thought the a total policy should be drawn up, not bits and pieces.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Tinari, seconded by J. Yackera.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary

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SPECIAL MEETING

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** May 16, 1997 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President C. Marquardt.

ROLL CALL

Members present: M.B. Dougherty, R. Krick, E. Labie, C. Marquardt, J. Tinari,
Mayor E. Ketusky, Solicitor J. Kilker.

Members absent: T. Shearn, J. Yackera

PURPOSE OF MEETING

This meeting was advertised to discuss paving the East End basketball courts, opening the Summer Lunch bids, and general purposes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public in attendance.

BUSINESS

C. Marquardt introduced Resolution 97-2, to apply for County Liquid Fuel Aid. Motion to adopt 97-2 made by J. Tinari, seconded by R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

C. Marquardt introduced Resolution 97-3, to appoint Margaret Fisher the Summer Lunch Coordinator. This is necessary for banking purposes. Motion to adopt 97-3 made by J. Tinari, seconded by E. Labie. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

C. Marquardt told Council that there are two bids to open for the SFSP. Gill's of Mahanoy City and Tassone's of Pottsville. The other bidder decided to withdraw because of the travel distance involved. Council read over and discussed both bids. Motion to

accept the bid from Gilcrest Corporation of Mahanoy City made by J. Tinari, seconded by E. Labie. Question? None. Vote M.B. Dougherty voted NO. The remainder of Council voted YES. Motion carried. Mr. Gill is to be notified of Council accepting his bid.

C. Marquardt said that A. Beneshunas accepted his letter. There was a meeting with him and he is aware that this was issued in the way of a reprimand. The Street Department is going over policy and should have something for the next Council meeting.

E. Labie noted that the Brownies are planning to plant flowers out front on May 24th. They are doing this as a service project and wanted to know if someone from Council needed to be here.

E. Labie said that the Regional Police committee is planning another trip to York County on Tuesday, June 16th. Anyone interested in attending can call L. Bennick in Mahanoy City. We are meeting in Frackville at 4:30 PM to form a car pool. The purpose is to attend one of the regular meeting of their board and see how things actually work. The final report is due in June or July. All the local Councils will review, decide if they will participate and form a board. The next step would be to figure costs and how share the costs. Usually three year contracts are set up with the officers to be involved. He encouraged anyone who could to attend this meeting.

The basketball courts will require 12,000 square feet. The proper sand mix with macadam that will give the smoothest finish will be necessary. The specs can be drawn up and submitted for bids. E. Labie has information already and will get this typed up on letter head with any changes. He will measure for exact dimensions. Council has to figure out what part will be done with volunteers and borough employees. The edging should come off easily but this needs to be looked into by the Street Department. Some places are already loose but some places may be harder to remove. The poles for the baskets need to be set in place before the macadam is laid. This will involve digging holes and setting the bottom sections in concrete. R. Krick was looking through the books to see what type of poles are available. The best poles were galvanized with separate bottom sections and supports built into the curved top. E. Labie said he would draw up a sketch to put with the bid and he should have all this information available for the next Council meeting.

J. Tinari left the meeting at this time, 7:30 PM

E. Labie noted a paving contractor should be done within 1 - 2 days. People will have to stay off the area for a time. He suggested that the Borough workers take some time to check if removal of the curbing will prove difficult. He will make some calls and get estimates on the cost of the proper mix.

E. Ketusky noted that there is a LTAP Roads Scholar Program meeting in Mahanoy City next month. Local municipalities are invited to send a representative from their Street Department. Also, there will be a working lunch to discuss joint purchases and equipment

sharing. Anyone interested needs to RSVP by June 16th. This information is on the desk in the Municipal Office. E. Labie said it is a good idea to look into joint ventures.

C. Marquardt said that an additional bulletin board like the one in the hallway will be put up in the Council Chambers. This will be used to mount a display of pictures from the Borough's past. A new piece of plexiglas was needed and the lowest price was from Raudenbush. This has been ordered.

A load of mushroom soil was purchased for \$10.00. This was used around the building and out in the flower boxes.

Sgt. M. Hummel informed Mayor Ketusky that Juvenile updates are required and the class is scheduled for May 20th. The question of whether or not this was mandatory was raised. The Mayor said he did not know but would check. He said the Hummel seemed to think it is mandatory. Discussion over whether or not to pay for the classes resulted. It was decided that M. Hummel should attend the class as part of a shift and work any remaining hours. Motion to pay T. Buriak for time spent at the class made by E. Labie, seconded by R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

E. Labie said that Butler Township thanked the Borough for allowing use of our building for a poll for the primary election. Phone notice was received that Butler approved an officer for GARC's Bike rodeo.

J. Kilker said that all the paper work for the bridge is in order.

C. Marquardt told Council that he submitted a grant request for a trailer. E. Labie asked what size and Marquardt said 8X4. It has flat sides and a ramp. L. Petusky can make sides for the trailer. M.B. Dougherty asked how this is going to be used? Marquardt said for recycling and the lawnmowers.

C. Marquardt said that J. Yackera will probably not be selling gasoline by sometime next year. Information and bid packs were received from Turkey Hill and Unimart. This is an option to look at for the future. M.B. Dougherty said that if this was approved then the gasoline purchasings should begin immediately and not approved on a wait and see basis.

Motion to adjourn made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded by E. Labie. Vote. All.

Respectfully submitted
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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** June 12, 1997 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President C. Marquardt.

ROLL CALL

Members present: M.B. Dougherty, R. Krick, E. Labie, C. Marquardt, J. Tinari.

Mayor E. Ketusky, Solicitor J. Kilker.

Members absent: T. Shearn (work), J. Yackera

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments from floor

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes from the previous meeting and the special meeting made by J. Tinari. No second. Motion dies.

Due to lack of second the solicitor recommends moving on to other business.

Treasurer's report: Treasurer's report read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept as read made by J. Tinari. No second. Motion dies.

Due to lack of second C. Marquardt moves on to other business.

Mayor/Health Officer reports: Reports read by Mayor Ketusky. Motion to accept as read made by J. Tinari, seconded by E. Labie. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor Ketusky read a letter from T. Buriak submitting his resignation as health officer. Buriak offered to stay on until someone was found to fill the position. Motion to accept T. Buriak's resignation as health officer made by J. Tinari. No second. Motion dies.

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The Mayor noted that a thank you letter was received from Ashland for the use of the VASCAR unit while theirs was out for repairs.

R. Krick asked that an executive session concerning the police department be held before the end of the meeting.

Permit Officer's report: Read by C. Marquardt, 9 permits/ \$120.00. Motion to accept the report as read made by J. Tinari, seconded by E. Labie. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Tax Collector's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept the report and to pay the tax collector made by J. Tinari, seconded by E. Labie. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Matter of purchasing gas from either Turkey Hill or Unimart that was tabled last meeting. The information from Unimart was received. M.B. Dougherty asked the Mayor for his opinion as he was the person who did the research. Mayor Ketusky said that under the circumstances he would recommend Unimart. Their program allows purchases to be made at any outlet. Turkey Hill currently allows only purchases at one station. The designated outlet would be Ashland. The prices in Ashland are at least \$0.15 per gallon higher in Ashland than in Frackville. The savings alone would recommend using the cards from Unimart in Frackville. Motion made by M.B. Dougherty to apply for a gas credit card from Unimart for all borough vehicles. The card to be used immediately upon receipt. Motion seconded by R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

In the matter of the school crossing guard and the North Schuylkill School Board there has been no answer. Mayor Ketusky said he understood that it was passed but he will check.

NEW BUSINESS

Letter of resignation from M. Fisher, Summer lunch coordinator. She states health reasons. Motion to accept the resignation made by E. Labie, seconded by J. Tinari. Question. None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion made by J. Tinari to appoint Mary Turkavage as summer lunch coordinator. No second. E. Labie asked if there was any opportunity to interview? C. Marquardt said, no, he had to find someone to send to Harrisburg or risk losing the program altogether. C. Marquardt noted that he spoke with members of Council on this matter to get their opinions about hiring Mary Turkavage as the summer lunch coordinator. There was not enough time to call a special meeting. R. Krick asked if hiring outside Council action should be done? J. Kilker said not under normal circumstances. C. Marquardt took this action in good faith. He understood that the program would be lost if someone from the

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borough did not attend the training session in Harrisburg the next day. R. Krick asked if this put the borough in jeopardy? Having a person working without being properly hired? J. Kilker said that if something had happened we would be subject to litigation. Risk must be weighed. C. Marquardt did call the solicitor's office and ask what to do. He decided to assume the risk subject to losing the program. Council's concern was that any individual could assume and for example appoint a police officer. This type of action must be avoided. C. Marquardt asked if anyone on council had another name to submit for consideration? E. Labie seconded the motion to hire Mary Turkavage as summer lunch coordinator. Question? R. Krick noted he will vote no because previously he voted no due to lack of a chance to interview. Vote. Ayes carried motion. A letter of notice will be sent.

C. Marquardt introduced Resolution 97-4, which officially appoints the summer lunch coordinator. Motion to adopt made by J. Tinari, seconded by E. Labie. Question? None. Vote. R. Krick voted NO. Ayes carried motion.

Handicapped parking application made by Metro Kitsock. This matter was tabled pending investigation.

BILLS

List of bills to be paid read by C. Marquardt. Motion to pay the bills made by J. Tinari, seconded by E. Labie. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

DCNR -- Notice that the Borough has received the Keystone grant in the amount of \$20,000 for the East End Park. M.B. Dougherty wanted to thank Ron Dillman for all his work. Without Prodesign we would not have gotten the grant.

E. Labie has six sets of bid documents for the basketball courts ready. R. Krick noted that we have to get the pricing on poles and backboards. Removal of the existing curbing must be done as it is not part of the bid. Motion to advertise the bid made by E. Labie, seconded by R. Krick. Question? R. Krick asked about the drains? Labie said that because they are blocked they should be eliminated. Vote. All. Motion carried.

DEP -- Act 101 recycling grant application for trailer. More information requested. This will be submitted.

PADOT -- Ogden Street bridge easements are all in order. Final right of way request in Harrisburg and ready to go to bid.

PA EMA -- Letter to J. Yackera announcing his appointment as EMA coordinator from the Governor's office. R. Krick asked if the EMA plan has been updated as required?

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J. Yackera was not at the meeting but C. Marquardt said he would check. R. Krick noted that N. Smith, who figures heavily in the current plan no longer resides in the Borough and there are other changes that must be made as well. Motion to request an updated plan to be submitted by the coordinator to Council within ninety (90) days made by M.B. Dougherty. Motion seconded by R. Krick. Question? A letter stating this is to be sent to J. Yackera. Vote. All. Motion carried.

E. Labie noted that the meeting in Mahanoy City to discuss road maintenance and joint ventures has been rescheduled to June 26, 1997. Anyone wishing to attend should call L. Bennick.

R.E. Harrington -- Unemployment compensation report.

Owen Insurance -- Interest in information concerning insurance coverage. Council requests this information.

US Department of Justice -- Notices to the Mayor's office of various grants that are available under the program.

Notice of the Single Audit requirement changes.

Flood Plains -- C. Marquardt requested information on getting the flood plains in the Borough reevaluated. He received a copy of the current map. Will contact Congressman T. Holden's office again. R. Krick said that his understanding was that the time to appeal was when the plan was first proposed. C. Marquardt said he is going to ask.

Gilberton Borough submitted a request for use of the Borough's VASCAR unit. C. Marquardt said they are looking into purchasing a unit. The Mayor asked why they did not purchase one after receiving the insurance settlement on the police car after the fire? E. Labie said that if they had one it should have been covered by the insurance. The Mayor also objected because the request is for an indefinite time frame. M.B. Dougherty asked about the liability involved? If they had one and it was not covered by their insurance than ours will not be covered. Motion to deny request made by M.B. Dougherty seconded by R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: No report.

Regional Police: E. Labie noted the meeting date change. The group will not meet this month as a trip to York is planned. Anyone wishing to attend should contact L. Bennick. It is getting close to the time when decisions must be made and he encouraged Council members to attend. There was a general discussion on the floor about this process and advantages and disadvantages. He suggested that residents attend the monthly meetings.

Recreation: M.B. Dougherty asked L. Petusky if the benches have been painted? They have been done.

Streets: M.B. Dougherty asked about the curbs getting painted. C. Marquardt said that the SYETP kids would be here and doing various projects. E. Labie suggested checking the measurements and making them uniform.

Police: Mayor Ketusky reported that Sgt. Hummel brought in a group of kids for violation of the skateboard ordinance. He made a copy for each of them and had them read and sign it. This serves as their warning. Next offenses will result in fines. R. Krick said that there are kids out roaming the streets at 3 and 4 o'clock in the morning.

School building: R. Krick said that it is time to get serious about paint for the gym. He will look into prices. We cannot wait for Federal surplus. In addition, if we do not purchase enough there is a problem with matching. He asked for assistance in figuring out how much would be needed.

A request from a band to use the building for practice was made. R. Krick questioned how to keep it at 3 or 4 kids who should be there and not become a major party?

He received a call from DEP that the Ambulance association is asking for permission to hook up on the existing sewer. The Borough should send a letter stating that any hook ups must be approved the SEO. They were aware of this when the building was built. C. Marquardt said that he knew the SEO was at the building and they were looking into a holding tank.

Recycling: The chipper is due back at the end of this week. Everything else is going well. A grant application for the trailer has been submitted.

OTHER BUSINESS

J. Clayton noted that the storm drain on Rt. 54 on West Mahanoy Avenue is blocked with weeds and dirt. J. Hinkle would contact PADOT in Schuylkill Haven.

Solicitor J. Kilker reported that the bridge work is all in order. In the matter of the M. Ello properties we will have to have cost estimates. Finding funding does not look good at this time. He requested permission to advertise for requests for proposals on the two properties on West Main Street. M.B. Dougherty asked if the Borough can advertise for bids on private property? J. Kilker said yes, because of the court case. R. Krick asked about access? J. Kilker said that the court order allows for access. He will advertise of the dangers involved. Council gave the solicitor permission to proceed.

J. Clayton thanked the Girardville Area Recreation Committee for the bike rodeo.

At the Solicitor's suggestion, C. Marquardt went back to the matter of unapproved reports due to lack of seconds at the beginning of the meeting. C. Marquardt asked for a motion to accept the minutes. J. Tinari made the motion but it received no second. He asked if there was a problem? Both R. Krick and M.B. Dougherty made the point that the Republicans sit in the minority and yet the Republicans represent the majority present. The solicitor noted that the point made is will taken. In checking Robert's Rules which Council adopted as procedures the chair can ask if there are no corrections than the minutes stand. C. Marquardt asked if there are any corrections to the regular meeting minutes as submitted? "No corrections the minutes stand approved." He asked if there were any changes to the Special meeting minutes as submitted? "No corrections the minutes stand approved."

J. Kilker said that the chair can also accept the Treasurer's report as submitted. He suggested that these reports be approved at the next meeting.

M.B. Dougherty asked about policy concerning the rent for the Borough Hall for the polling places? This matter will be addressed in the executive session. E. Dougherty asked who picks the locations of the polls? M.B. Dougherty said she believes it is Council. The matter will be opened to public discussion when the time comes.

T. Krick asked from the floor who sits on the Street committee? C. Marquardt said it is himself, J. Tinari and J. Yackera. She asked if J. Yackera shows as little interest in the committee as he does for Council?

M.B. Dougherty asked what constitutes being absent? J. Yackera missed the meeting in April, arrived after most of the business was conducted in May and has missed this meeting. R. Krick asked the solicitor to review the point that Council president can be removed at any time. R. Krick said that if C. Marquardt could not muster his members to attend then he runs the risk of being voted out as Council president. On several occasions the Republicans have had the opportunity to take this action but refrained. If, in the future, the minority represents the majority present this action will be taken. C. Marquardt said that he has always tried to work with everyone. He will be glad to step down if asked. He is not responsible for lack of attendance by other members. He can remind them of the meeting but cannot force attendance. T. Shearn called this evening after learning he had to work mandatory overtime. M.B. Dougherty said that work obligations are a reasonable excuse. T. Shearn's absence is not at issue. J. Yackera is the member who misses every other meeting. Tonight he is umpiring a Little League game. You cannot tell me that there is no one else available. Everyone can understand wanting to spend time with your children. However, one meeting a month is not too much of an obligation for an elected official. He needs to set his priorities.

At this time Council went into executive session to discuss personnel matters and related matters.

Council resumed the meeting.

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Letters are to be sent to the Judges of Elections telling them to submit any rent, storage and setup fees due the Borough to the Borough Secretary. Motion to make it policy that all fees relating to Election polls be turned over to the Borough Secretary for deposit in the General Fund made by E. Labie, seconded by R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

A letter is to be sent to the Golden Moon asking if they are interested in being a polling place in the West ward. Also, if they are willing to set up and store the polls for the fees involved.

Matters discussed concerning personnel will wait for investigation of the Mayor. A Special meeting may be called depending on results.

A request will be made of Officer T. Buriak for a written statement to explain why O'Boyle was charged with disorderly conduct related to the DUI stop as a separate charge.

C. Marquardt will ask either J. Yackera or J. Selgrade about pulling the transmission on the Plymouth police car. It will need to be checked and probably sent to Recla's.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Tinari, seconded by E. Labie.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary

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BOROUGH OF GIRARDVILLE

FOURTH & "B" STREETS

P.O. BOX 5

GIRARDVILLE, PA 17935

PHONE: (717) 276-1635 FAX: (717) 276-1640

Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** July 10, 1997 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President C. Marquardt.

ROLL CALL

Members present: R. Krick, E. Labie, C. Marquardt, T. Shearn, J. Yackera
Mayor E. Ketusky

Members absent: M.B. Dougherty (work excuse) J. Tinari

Late Arrivals: Solicitor J. Kilker 7:25 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT

The question of mutual aid for fires was raised from the floor. T. Shearn said that it is up to the two fire companies to make suitable arrangements for coverage. J. Yackera said that Council's only concern is that the Borough is covered in case of an emergency.

There was a complaint filed about a property on East Mahanoy. There is only one railing holding up the porch roof. T. Shearn said he would check this out tomorrow.

Mrs. E. McDonald stated that she had made numerous complaints concerning the property across from her home. She thanked E. Ketusky, C. Marquardt, T. Shearn, E. Labie, L. Petusky and J. Hinkle for their concern and help in solving the problem. Her complaint was that it took so long to get the yard cleaned.

E. Kelly wanted to thank Council and the Mayor for their help in dealing with the teens hanging out on the corner of East Main and Second Streets. She said that it is much quieter now and the noise has decreased. Mayor Ketusky told her that the police would continue to move the kids if there are more than two or three.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes as submitted made by T. Shearn, seconded by J. Yackera. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report as read made by J. Yackera, seconded T. Shearn. Vote. All. Motion carried. Motion to accept the report for May made by T. Shearn, seconded by J. Yackera. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Tax Collector's report: Motion to accept the reports as submitted and pay the tax collector made by T. Shearn, seconded by E. Labie. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor/Health Officer reports: Read by Mayor. Motion to accept made by T. Shearn, seconded by J. Yackera. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor Ketusky asked permission to order mouth pieces for the breathalyzer unit. Motion to purchase the mouth pieces made by R. Krick, seconded T. Shearn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

The Mayor reported that he spoke with the criminal investigative coordinator about the problems the Borough is having lately. It was suggested that the Council get some community input to set up a crime watch. There is help in setting up the program and training for any volunteers. In order to proceed we will need at least ten (10) people. C. Marquardt suggested that a notice be put in the paper with a date and find out how many people are interested in participating.

Also, Reading State police said that any time we want to raid above the tracks the office needs 24 hours notice.

Permit Officer report: Motion to accept as submitted made by J. Yackera seconded T. Shearn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No reply from the North Schuylkill school board concerning the crossing guard. C. Marquardt said he would contact M. Semanchik, their attorney.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance #97-4 -- GAMA financing. This ordinance is for the Borough to assume \$400,000 debt for the Sewer Authority. Introduced by C. Marquardt. Motion to adopt made by R. Krick, seconded by T. Shearn. Question? None. Roll call vote followed:

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E. Labie --	YES	R. Krick --	YES
T. Shearn --	YES	J. Yackera --	YES
C. Marquardt --	YES	M.B. Dougherty --	Absent
J. Tinari --	Absent		

Motion carried. Ordinance adopted.

Mr. Kilker arrived. (7:25PM)

Request to purchase two tires for the dump truck. Motion made to purchase two tires from Steve Shannon Automotive made by R. Krick seconded by T. Shearn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request from L. Petusky for purchase of a heavy duty weed wacker from Watkins for \$199.95. There have been numerous problems with the two currently in service. Motion to purchase the weed wacker made by J. Yackera seconded by T. Shearn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Open bids received for paving of the basketball courts.

- 1) Milestone Materials -- base bid \$19,975/ alternate \$11,195
- 2) Schuylkill Paving -- base bid \$8153/ alternate \$4015
- 3) Evan's Asphalt -- no bid received.

E. Labie said that our budget for the project was \$10,000. There was no local interest in the bid. Motion to accept the Schuylkill Paving base bid of \$8,153 made by R. Krick seconded by J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

E. Labie noted that the Borough has to get busy with the work that has to be finished before the contractor can pave. The curbing has to be removed and poles and backboards will need to be purchased. Motion to allow the recreation committee to meet, pick and purchase the needed equipment made by J. Yackera seconded by R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to accept T. Buriak's resignation as health officer made by T. Shearn seconded by J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise the position of Health Officer made by T. Shearn seconded by J. Yackera. Question? R. Krick suggested having the interviews at next months work session. Vote. All. Motion carried.

There were questions raised about making this part of the officers' duty. The solicitor advised against making any decision in that direction without first checking if it can be done.

BILLS

List of bills read by C. Marquardt. Motion to pay the bills as read made by J. Yackera seconded by T. Shearn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

PADOT -- approval of catch basin replacement project on E. Mahanoy Avenue.

Pa National Bank -- Snayberger grant application for playground project rejected.

Check for PA State Police fines

PADOT -- forms to participate in electronic transfer of liquid fuel and annual PSP fines. Motion to file the papers and participate in the ACH made by R. Krick seconded by E. Labie. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

DEP -- letter concerning ambulance building and request for sewer hook up without a holding tank.

North Schuylkill Soccer Assoc. -- request for donation. Filed for budget consideration.

Elaine & Daniel Kelly -- letter of complaint concerning the corner of Main & Second Sts. The problem has been alleviated.

C. Marquardt stated that due to complaints concerning the Monument and railroad tracks on East Main Street a letter has been sent to Reading & Northern. We are looking into getting the trees and brush removed. Apparently there is a 1992 lease agreement with the railroad where the Borough assumes liability. We are checking this at the Court house. The Legion post commander and local residents are also sending letters to complain about the condition of the premises. It is to be hoped that this can be resolved to everyone's satisfaction.

Recycling performance grant -- the Borough has doubled its participation figures.

US Dept. of Justice -- COPSFAST now uses electronic filing of grant requests (PAPRS)

Ogden Street bridge -- Entech informed Council paperwork is all in order with PADOT. Hold up due to current lawsuit over prevailing wage.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: E. Labie asked that the various committees submit budget requests by next month. Will hold a budget meeting in August.

Regional Police: Next meeting Thursday, 7:00 PM. Hope to have the report from the State. There will be a lot of information resulting from the tour of York County. E. Labie encouraged attendance.

School Building: R. Krick reported that the lower limbs have been trimmed. It will be necessary to look into having the tallest trees topped at the least. If something is not done the roof drains will become blocked again. Installing a pump for the heating unit should help save electricity. Should get prices.

Streets: Handicapped parking requests submitted by Metro Kitsock and John Budraitis. Motion to grant space to M. Kitsock made by J. Yackera seconded T. Shearn. Question? None. Vote. All.

Motion to grant space to J. Budraitis made by J. Yackera seconded T. Shearn. Question? None. Vote. All.

C. Marquardt noted that these spaces would be installed as soon as the Borough has the needed signs. He asked if these could be attached to the porch rails. The Mayor said no they need to be mounted on posts at the curb.

Police: T. Shearn reported that everything was covered in Mayor's report. Council needs to set up policy regarding calling towing services.

Recycling: C. Marquardt reported that the additional information requested for the trailer grant was sent. To date there has been no other news.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Kilker reminded Council that if the Skateboard ordinance needs to be re-advertised if they want to make it permanent. Motion to have the solicitor re-advertise the Skateboard ordinance made by R. Krick seconded J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

M. Ello property -- Mr. Kilker said the Judge returns Monday. He should hear about getting a hearing date. He will coordinate with the Mayor & the adjacent property owners to examine the properties on West Main Street. We have the court authority to enter private property. It is also possible to institute criminal nuisance charges. If M. Ello is found guilty and does nothing about it that could result in jail time. The Mayor asked if a police officer should be there when entering the property? Mr. Kilker said yes, he would feel more comfortable if an officer were present.

There were questions asked concerning the Heart & Lung Act. The question is how far this carries. Mr. Kilker said he will be checking with the attorneys for the insurance company in this matter. He will also have a memorandum of law.

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The paper work for participation in the Drug Task Force is ready to be signed after the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Yackera seconded T. Shearn.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary

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feelings. C. Marquardt said he would set up a meeting with Legion officers. J. Kilker said he will write to Leo Breznik asking under whose authority this lease was signed. The matter was tabled.

In the same matter the letter granting permission to use prison workers to cut down the brush was received. Council decided to continue with these plans. C. Marquardt will contact Sheriff A. McAndrew to make arrangements to have the prisoners come in and clean out the brush and trees.

DEP - The sewer treatment project at Girard Towers was partially inspected. DEP is to return to complete the inspection. A complaint was referred to County Zoning about a possible set back violation and the County responded saying no building permit was granted for this project. G. Patryna has been informed and is supposed to check this matter.

PP&L - The checked the pole outside Borough hall and yes it leans. No repairs are required.

Pa National Bank - Notice of administrative charges related to the Police Pension Fund.

Auditor General - Audit report for the Volunteer Firefighter's Relief Association.

Training seminars - check office if interested.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: E. Labie reported that a budget meeting would be set up next meeting.

Regional Police: Next meeting will be either 8/21 or 8/28 depending on how long it takes to finish the study. There will be a meeting in September to review the findings. Council will have to appoint a representative after making the decision to participate. There are still a lot of details to be worked out. Participation will mean a three year commitment.

Recreation: Schuylkill County Council of the Arts sent paperwork for participation for next year. M.B. Dougherty recommended waiting to see if the program is going to be run differently. She was not happy with the way contacts were made this year. Poles and baskets needed for the basket ball court will cost \$2966.40. Motion to purchase the poles and other needed parts made by R. Krick, seconded by J. Tinari. Vote. All. Motion carried. R. Krick asked the delivery time frame and was told one month from order. He suggested not taking down the existing baskets until paving is ready to be done.

Question from the floor about the curfew and the parks. E. Labie reminded people that last year Council voted to keep the parks open until curfew so the children would have a place to go besides the street corners. It was noted by the C. Marquardt that various

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cinder blocks and ramps were again being left in the park by the kids who skateboard. The Mayor said that the parks are too dark. This allows the vandalism to occur and from the road the police cannot see who or if anyone is sitting under the pavilions. R. Krick said that Council should issue fair warning that anyone caught vandalizing would be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

There was a suggestion to change the curfew ordinance so that 10:00 PM would be the curfew while school is in session. E. Labie said that this ordinance should be looked at as it was adopted in 1968.

Streets: J. Tinari reported there was a personnel problem that has been worked out. C. Marquardt said that when the pickup comes up for inspection it will need tires and we should get all four replaced. He got a price quote of \$74.64 each from S. Shannon. Motion to purchase the four tires made by J. Tinari, seconded by R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

There are minor repairs being made to the walk across bridge on John Street. R. Krick suggested looking at this as possible application for CDBG funds.

School: R. Krick said the water bill is in question. That should be straightened out shortly. A band asked permission to practice but he did not think it was a good idea. They were not happy with the rental cost and the neighbors would not be happy with the noise level. Getting prices on paint for the gym and will be looking for volunteers.

Police: Mayor Ketusky informed Council that the Plymouth's transmission is bad. A rebuilt would be about \$1200, used between \$350 - \$375, \$450 installed. We do need to repair the Plymouth as we need a back up car. Motion to authorize and expenditure of no more than \$400 to fix the transmission on the Plymouth made by R. Krick, seconded by E. Labie. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

The Chevy police car will need four (4) new tires. This matter was tabled until next meeting.

Question was asked in conjunction with T. Buriak needing new uniform pants. After some discussion a motion was made to stay with the current uniform pants. Motion made by R. Krick, seconded by J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to purchase a pair of uniform pants for T. Buriak made by J. Tinari, seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Sgt. Hummel needs to qualify in firearms. Mayor Ketusky got prices of \$40.00 - \$45.00 for the necessary ammo. Motion to purchase the needed 40 caliber rounds and shot gun shells made by R. Krick, seconded by E. Labie. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor Ketusky said that a meeting with the State Police to form a Crime Watch has been set for September 3rd at 7:00 PM. Council must pass a resolution stipulating support of the program. Motion to adopt Resolution 97-4, supporting the formation of a Crime Watch program in the Borough made by R. Krick, seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Question? R. Krick asked about liability? Mayor Ketusky said that all questions would be addressed at the meeting. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Solicitor: Mr. Kilker asked that ordinance 97-3(1) be introduced. This would be the final adoption of the ordinance banning skateboards from Borough roads and sidewalks. It has been duly advertised. Motion to adopt ordinance 97-3(1) made by R. Krick, seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Question? Vote. All. Motion. Mayor Ketusky asked if 6 & 7 year olds are going to be arrested for skateboarding in front of their own house? R. Krick said that he believed the ordinance noted that the officer has discretion if it occurs on private property.

Mr. Kilker said M. Ello is being served again with papers for contempt. It is the same drill. One builder said the building might be salvageable but we should go for demolition. The block grant money may be some help. He will attend the meeting if available. Everyone is aware that the Borough must hold title to the property before going ahead with any solution.

Mr. Kilker said he received a letter from Kent Watkins on behalf of J. Yagilienski. They are looking for final settlement in the matter of the dogs. Currently there is a temporary injunction prohibiting him from having any dogs. The attorney is suggesting he be allowed some dogs. R. Krick noted that there have been no problems lately but there are no dogs. He suggested the Borough go for a permanent injunction.

PUBLIC COMMENT

J. Clayton asked if the police could patrol the speed on West Mahanoy. The traffic has picked up and there are trucks with no tarps. The Mayor told her that due to the problems there has not been a lot of daytime duty. He will note it for when someone is on duty.

T. Niedzwiecki suggested changing the curfew ordinance. R. Krick said Council could discuss this at the next work session.

Motion to adjourn made by R. Krick, seconded by M.B. Dougherty.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary

FAX MESSAGE

FROM: Girardville Borough
ADDRESS: 4th & B Streets
Girardville, PA 17935
PHONE: (717) 276-1635
FAX: (717) 276-1640

DATE: August 25, 1997

TO: _____

ATTN: Jim Kille

RE: Minutes

NUMBER OF PAGES INCLUDING COVER SHEET:

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MESSAGE:

J. Harmon is going to contact his lawyer
Playground project will need an easement from Girard Estate
Parcel #45-7-153 You can contact Ron Dillman 874-2156
for all the particular info you may need. He is designing the
replacement playground area - Need this done ASAP -
Oct deadline for all paperwork to Harrisburg

Thanks

Mary

* Ask -
Highlighted areas of interest

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BOROUGH OF GIRARDVILLE

FOURTH & "B" STREETS

P.O. BOX 5

GIRARDVILLE, PA 17935

PHONE: (717) 276-1635 FAX: (717) 276-1640

Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** August 14, 1997 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President C. Marquardt.

ROLL CALL

Members present: M.B. Dougherty, R. Krick, E. Labie, C. Marquardt, J. Tinari
Mayor E. Ketusky, Solicitor J. Kilker, Sgt. M. Hummel

Members absent: J. Yackera, T. Shearn (work excuse)

PUBLIC COMMENT

T. Niedzwiecki asked if any consideration had been given to the North Schuylkill Soccer Association's request for a donation? E. Labie said that would be decided at the finance committee's budget meeting.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes as submitted made by J. Tinari, seconded by R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report as read made by J. Tinari, seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor/Health Officer reports: Read by Sgt. M. Hummel. Motion to accept as read made by R. Krick, seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Question? E. Labie asked if anyone had been taken to the magistrate under the Skateboard ordinance? M. Hummel said that to date only warnings have been issued, no one has gone to the magistrate's office. R. Krick asked if the ordinance would be upheld? M. Hummel said he did not know as nothing has gotten that far. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Permit Officer's report: Motion to accept as submitted made by J. Tinari, seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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Tax Collector's report: Motion to accept as submitted and to pay the tax collector made by R. Krick, seconded by J. Tinari. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Proposal submitted by Prodesign Plus, R. Dillman, to complete the B Street Park grant application. All charges will be covered under the grant as administrative expenses. Motion to accept the proposal made by R. Krick, seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

North Schuylkill school board/crossing guard -- The N.S. district offered to pay for one (1) additional hour for the crossing guard to stay until 4:30 PM. The Council had asked for a 50 - 50 split that would have been one & one half hours each. R. Krick suggested that Council reject the offer and pay the extra time. The safety of the borough children should be the main concern and not whether they attend public or parochial school. It was noted that the school board operates under a very large budget and it is too bad they cannot see fit to split the cost of a crossing guard making minimum wage. Motion to reject the North Schuylkill school board offer, increase the guard's hours from two (2) to three (3) daily and pay the additional cost made by R. Krick, seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

C. Marquardt said he would contact M. Semanchik, Board attorney, by phone in the morning. M.B. Dougherty said that a letter to this effect should be sent to the Board's solicitor notifying him of our decision.

NEW BUSINESS

Health officer: T. Buriak's resignation had been accepted and the position advertised. C. Marquardt informed Council that three (3) resumes were received. He contacted the two from out of town to explain the position and neither person was interested in interviewing. There was only one letter received from a borough resident. William Kroh expressed interest in being the health officer.

Motion to appoint W. Kroh Borough health officer made by J. Tinari, seconded by R. Krick. Question? C. Marquardt said Bill asked for a filing cabinet and access to the Borough hall building. He asked if anyone had any problem with issuing a set of keys. No one had a problem with either of these requests. Vote. All. Motion carried.

PSAB currently has an offer to inoculate all borough employees at risk for Hepatitis B. The cost is \$40.00 per shot for the three shot series. There was a question of coverage for the ambulance and fire company volunteers. PSAB is to return a phone call. R. Krick said that he understood that the ambulance personnel got the shots for free. This was after they had approached Council about paying for the series. This matter was tabled until all the questions were answered.

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CDBG - Paper work for the new round of funding arrived. A meeting is scheduled for August 27th at 11:00 AM in the court house. Mr. Kilker will attend if possible. Funding for demolition will be available under this program.

BILLS

List of bills read by C. Marquardt. Motion to pay the bills as submitted made by J. Tinari, seconded by R. Krick. Question? The water bill for the school building is in question? The water company is supposed to come and read the meter. R. Krick said he shut the water off after the discovery of a leak in the boy's bathroom back in May. This bill is to be held until the matter is straightened out. R. Krick also asked if we could still get heating oil at \$0.70 per gallon? C. Marquardt said he would check. R. Krick suggested getting atleast 500 gallons for the big tanks before heating season and possibly 750 gallons. C. Marquardt said he would call Aarons and make the arrangements. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Notice: J. Hannon, Mahanoy Plane. A bill for \$350.00 from Kazemka Contracting was received. This is in reference to a door that was kicked in by Ofcr. T. Buriak. The Mayor checked into this matter in various places and got different answers. Some said yes, you could break in the door others said no. R. Krick asked the Solicitor for his opinion. J. Kilker said that the decision was questionable. However, he suggested that Council wait for a legitimate claim in the proper form. Bills submitted for damages for which the Borough is supposedly responsible should not simply be paid. The Borough does not have to pay damages without a court order. This would be decided in the magistrate's office. J. Kilker said the matter should be tabled and he would send a letter to Mr. Hannon asking for a formal claim. Council tabled this matter.

Schuylkill County Commissioners - Notice no County liquid fuel funds for fiscal year 1998.

Reading Northern Railroad - The railroad was contacted on behalf of the American Legion and neighbors concerning the condition of the area of the war memorial. It is severely overgrown and the retaining wall and stairs are in serious disrepair. The railroad responded that the Council could remove what overgrowth they saw fit and the repairs are the Borough responsibility. They forwarded a copy of a lease that was signed in 1992 by then Council President Joseph Wayne. According to the lease the Borough is responsible for all maintenance and liability. Members on the Council at that time recall the plot being discussed but have no recollection of a lease being discussed, voted on, or signed. Minutes from that time period show no record of a vote in this matter. R. Krick asked what do we do? If there was no formal vote is the lease binding? The railroad is strongly suggesting that the wall be repaired and that is an expense the Borough cannot undertake. He suggested setting up a meeting with members of the American Legion to discuss their

OPEN MEETING

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ROLL CALL

Members present: M.B. Dougherty, R. Krick, E. Labie, C. Marquardt, J. Yackera,
Mayor E. Ketusky.

Members absent: T. Shearn (work)

Late Arrivals: J. Tinari, 7:15 PM, Solicitor J. Kilker, 7:10 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT

E. Kelly informed Council that she supported the effort to get the kids off the street corners. Now, however, they are congregating again and blocking the entire sidewalk. They keep a watch for the police and move away when the cops approach. Skateboarders are riding back and forth in the middle of the Main Street. The language and trash have escalated and if you say anything there is retaliation. The Mayor told her that if there are two or three you cannot move them. E. Kelly said that when the cop leaves that is when the nonsense starts. A. Engle asked about enforcing the loitering ordinance. R. Krick said that you have to prove they are blocking access. The Mayor said he will have the officers work on this again.

J. Yackera said that since the cops have no problem sitting in his station or at Girardville Beverage looking for speeders why can't they sit on the corners in town? If the crowd moves down a block, move the car down a block. E. Kelly said the other problem is the kids with the skateboards. They are a hazard and the cops seem to be ignoring them.

Solicitor arrived, 7:10 PM.

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A. Engel informed Council that there is a problem with abandoned lumber landing in the creek behind his house. C. Marquardt said that B. Kroh is looking into this problem. They will find out who is responsible and have the lumber removed.

The question of building permit requirements was raised. It was pointed out that people will get permits for projects and other properties are allowed to simply deteriorate. It is not right to allow a building to fall down when others are paying to make improvements to their properties. C. Marquardt said that B. Kroh is starting to investigate the properties. Council agreed to look into other municipalities permit requirements and propose changes if necessary.

J. Tinari arrived, 7:15 PM.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes as submitted made by J. Yackera, seconded by J. Tinari. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report as read made by J. Tinari, seconded by J. Yackera. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor's report: Read by Mayor E. Ketusky. Motion to accept as read made by J. Yackera, seconded by J. Tinari. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Health Officer's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept made by J. Yackera, seconded by J. Tinari. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Permit Officer's report: Motion to accept as submitted made by J. Yackera, seconded by J. Tinari. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Permit requested to extend the hours on the school zone traffic lights. Permission from PADOT granted.

Hepatitis B Shots -- Volunteers are covered by the PSAB program. C. Marquardt will check with the Borough workers to see who might be interested in the series.

Motion to submit Part II application to DCNR for the playground grant. Made by J. Tinari, seconded by J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

BILLS

List of bills to be paid read by C. Marquardt. Motion to pay bills as submitted made by J. Tinari, seconded by J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Waste Management -- Schuylkill county composting facility to open in Frailey Township.

Department of Human Services -- looking for volunteer to be a "Community Contact". This position would be to help residents find needed social services. E. Kelly said she would be interested. Council agreed to submit her name to the county. Motion to approve Elaine Kelly as Human Services Community Contact made by J. Yackera, seconded by J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Summer Food Service Program -- Report submitted by M. Turkavage. The program this year was successful. She is currently waiting for final paperwork and payment approval.

Entech Engineering -- Calendar of probable schedule. Bid in September, hope to proceed with construction in March of 1998.

CDBG -- Applications have arrived. C. Marquardt said that a decision needs to be made on what projects to apply. R. Krick suggested looking into money for the John Street bridge since bridges are on the list of suggested projects.

Auditor General -- Police Pension 1997 ad hoc money arrived.

Gould's Pumps -- Notice of available used computer equipment. C. Marquardt said that a computer and keyboard were acquired for the police department.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: Budget meeting scheduled for, Monday, September 29th at 7:00 PM.

Regional Police: State report findings were discussed. It was recommended that the area go ahead with regionalization. Estimated savings in the amount of \$116,000. Now the decision is in the hands of individual communities. Municipalities will have to decide if the savings are sufficient to participate.

Recreation: C. Marquardt reported that the poles will have to come down and a backhoe will be needed to dig the holes for the new basketball posts. E. Labie suggested marking off the area of the court and wait until the equipment arrives. We do not want open holes.

Streets: Meeting scheduled for, Wednesday, September 17th, 7:00 PM. L. Petusky submitted some suggestions for dealing with sewer blockage problems. He wants some

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type of policy and to check with the solicitor in the area of billing residents if the problems are private and not the main lines. After some discussion it was decided the Solicitor would come up with a policy and fax it to the Street committee for their meeting.

R. Krick said that policy was the homeowner would contact the Borough before hiring a plumber. The supervisor should be on site when the lines are checked.

The other problem is the vandalism in the parks. It takes a lot of man hours to clean up the mess that is left every night.

School Building: R. Krick reported that the gym is ready for rental. People interested should get scheduling requests to him as soon as possible. Letters to all previous renters will be sent out informing them of the opening of scheduling. B. Johnston is looking into pump options and will get back to us. The roof is cleaned off but it is necessary to look into getting something done with the trees. Leaving them standing is only asking for the same problems with blocked roof drains as last year.

Police: C. Marquardt suggested holding a meeting to discuss budget requests.

Recycling: No news on trailer request until December. Recycling is set for October 2nd through 6th.

Solicitor: M. Ello, documents, contempt papers to be signed. Asked that the property be conveyed to the Borough if demolition funding could be obtained. R. Krick asked why not go and have the court order her to bear the expense of the demolition. We should ask the court to hold M. Ello financially responsible. M.B. Dougherty asked about a wage attachment. R. Krick noted it should be a priority to have her pay the costs involved.

Solicitor requested an Executive session to discuss the J. Hannon matter. This could result in litigation.

J. Kilker was notified of a need for an easement request of Girard Estates. This is needed for drainage for the playground improvements. He said he needs a copy of the plans to draw the letter.

In the matter of the lease on the War memorial he received no answer from Leo Breznik, Legal council at the time. He informed Council that this matter could wind up in court. C. Marquardt suggested directing a letter to the Railroad official and getting a meeting set up. Council approved that the Solicitor would handle this matter. M.B. Dougherty asked if there were any recourse against the former Council president. J. Kilker said that if a liability occurs there can be third party action. He will forward a copy of the letter to the municipal office.

OTHER BUSINESS

C. Marquardt told Council that he was approached about the possibility of leasing space in the Borough hall for a day care. He wants to set up a meeting with the people involved to discuss this matter. There should be more definite information by next meeting.

The borough was approached about purchasing a 3 HP sump pump for \$75.00.

L. Petusky thinks this is a good investment. R. Krick agreed it should be purchased if we need it. M.B. Dougherty asked if it is in good condition? C. Marquardt said it will be checked before being purchased. Motion to purchase the 3 HP sump pump made by J. Tinari, seconded by R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

L. Catizone approached Council on behalf of the Lutheran Church on A Street. They are requesting two handicapped parking spaces in front of the church. After some discussion R. Krick suggested one handicapped space and one space marked No Parking, Sunday, 8:00 - 12:00. J. Kelly raised an objection from the floor that if this is done for one church it will have to be done for all. C. Marquardt will go over this with L. Petusky and ask his opinion. One no parking sign will be put up in the interim. The Church will submit an application for one handicap parking space.

R. Krick noted that he thought policy was set to make the annual donations to the fire companies in July. This has not been done yet. Motion to pay each fire company \$1200 made by R. Krick, seconded by J. Tinari. Question? J. Kilker asked if this had been requested? He was informed this is an annual donation. Vote. All. Motion carried.

R. Krick brought to the attention of Council and the public that there was an open permit issued by the Department of Environmental Protection to allow the dumping of 5000,000 tons of New York harbor sludge as part of mine reclamation. The Environmental Protection Agency no longer permits this to be dumped outside the harbor. The sludge is to be mixed with fly ash and fill open pits. Council decided to send a letter of protest to DEP. Concerns involve the possible pollution of the water table. Motion to send letter made by R. Krick, seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

C. Marquardt brought up the subject of occupancy reports not be filed. E. Dougherty and J. Haluska were supposed to be working on this project. Letters are to be sent to the landlords in the borough to remind them of the necessity of complying with the ordinance.

Council went into Executive Session at this time.

Meeting reconvened after Executive session.

J. Kilker recommends that Council pay for the damage to the door. However, another estimate should be obtained and Council can pay the lesser amount. Motion to obtain a second cost estimate made by J. Yackera, seconded by J. Tinari. Vote. All. Motion carried. C. Marquardt asked J. Kilker if this should go through him. J. Kilker said he would handle all the details.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Yackera, seconded by J. Tinari. Vote. All.

Respectfully submitted
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Secretary

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** October 9, 1997 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President C. Marquardt.

ROLL CALL

Members present: M.B. Dougherty, R. Krick, E. Labie, C. Marquardt, J. Tinari,
Mayor E. Ketusky, Solicitor J. Kilker

Members absent: T. Shearn, J. Yackera

PUBLIC COMMENT

L. Petusky questioned the solicitor about a complaint concerning a barking dog. He asked what should the officers do in these cases. J. Kilker told him it is a violation of the ordinance and a warning should be issued to the owner. Subsequent violations should result in citations and fines. L. Petusky said he was told that the only way to deal with this is to sign a complaint and prosecute. He was told that in order to have the magistrate levy fines complaints need to be made by someone other than just the officer. The Mayor said that the owner was approached and an incident report has been filed. The solicitor will speak with the officer and address this problem.

A question about junk car removal was addressed to council. One resident wanted to know why she received a registered letter and other cars still standing. C. Marquardt said he will speak with W. Kroh, Health officer, on this matter. R. Krick said that courtesy would be to contact the owner directly first and then send a letter if necessary.

L. Catizone thanked Council for their quick action in erecting the signs in front of the Lutheran Church. She hopes everyone is happy.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes as submitted made by J. Tinari, seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report as read made by J. Tinari, seconded by E. Labie. Question? R. Krick asked why there is still a balance in the Summer Lunch fund? M. Ambrose reported that M. Turkavage misunderstood the filing directions. She has been instructed to submit the final reports and write the checks for the outstanding payments. R. Krick asked how many signatures are needed. M. Ambrose told him two, M. Turkavage, C. Marquardt or J. Yackera. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor/Police report: Read by Mayor E. Ketusky. Motion to accept as read made by J. Tinari, seconded by R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Permit Officer's report: None filed.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Question of policy concerning responsibility for blockage of private sewer lines. A suggested policy was read by C. Marquardt. There were concerns about the wording and cost parameters. This matter was table until next meeting. The solicitor will have a draft of a policy.

Information on building permit requirements was obtained from Shenandoah and Frackville. Copies were given to the solicitor to draw up clearer guidelines for the Borough's ordinance.

After reviewing the second estimate J. Kilker recommended paying Mr. J. Hannon the original amount for the repairs to a 36" steel door. Motion to cut a check in the amount of \$385.00 to Joseph Hannon made by J. Tinari, seconded R. Krick. Question? M.B. Dougherty asked about getting in writing that this check is payment in full. J. Kilker said to write on the front of the check "full settlement of claim" and on the back "negotiation of this check constitutes full release of this claim". Vote. All. Motion carried.

C. Marquardt asked about getting the hepatitis B shot series for the Borough employees. Motion to proceed with the shots for each employee who wishes the series made by R. Krick, seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. C. Marquardt will approach each of the borough workers and the two police officers.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to pay the Fireman's Relief annual disbursement made by R. Krick seconded by J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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DCNR - Motion to authorize Ron Dillman to file an application on behalf of the Borough for the third phase of construction for the East End Park or his best suggestion. His fee not to exceed \$1,000.00. Motion made by R. Krick, seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Patton & Lettich request permission to use Borough's audit as part of their testing for state certification process. Motion to allow this use of the Borough's audit made by R. Krick, seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Department of Labor & Industry - Request for Municipal building occupancy permits issued, November 16, 1979, mailed. Cost \$15.00

Trick or Treat Night -- Mayor Ketusky was contacted by the Mayors of local communities to set this up for Thursday, October 30th. If all the towns host it the same night it avoids having children traveling to other communities. Motion to hold trick or treat on Thursday, October 30, 1997 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM made by M. B. Dougherty, seconded by J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. The Mayor will have both officers on that evening and will have fire police to direct traffic and watch the children.

BILLS

List of bills to be paid read by C. Marquardt. Motion to pay the bills made by J. Tinari, seconded R. Krick. Question? R. Krick questioned the bill for Prodesign Plus. This is the payment for completion of phase two of the application process. It is covered by administrative money built into the grant. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

PA National Bank -- Police Pension Fund.

DEP -- Notice approval of sewerage system for Girard Towers.

Entech Engineering -- Ogden Street bridge schedule, pre-bid meeting October 23, 1997 at 10:00 AM in the municipal building. Anyone interested may attend.

Schuylkill County Cleanup -- recycling schedule posted.

PURTA -- receipt of funds

Capitol Blue Cross -- notice of rate increase for 1998

PIRMA -- information on group health insurance. Passed onto budget committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: Meeting scheduled October 27, 1997 at 7:00 PM

Regional Police: Next regular meeting October 16, 1997.

Recreation: Permission requested by the Good Time Club to host the annual Halloween parade on Sunday, October 26th. Permission given. Mayor Ketusky said that he is asking volunteers from the fire companies to help with traffic control. The basketball equipment for the new courts has arrived. A meeting is scheduled with the contractor on October 10th at 11:00 AM. It is too late in the season to do the paving project but the contractor is willing to hold the bid price into spring of 1998. This gives us time to get the new posts installed and the old ones removed.

Streets: Handicapped parking application for review. Will present to Council next meeting.

School: CYO wants to rent on Wednesday & Thursday nights. Frackville Biddy requested Sunday nights. Total of \$120.00 collected so far. C. Marquardt added that W. Johnston will be the basketball meeting and he should have some information concerning the pumps for the gym heating system. Mr. Paul Houser has offered, with the help of the borough workers and use of the chipper to take down the trees around the building. He will remove one at a time as weather permits. This work will begin next week.

Police: M.B. Dougherty was approached about the problem of kids loitering around and leaving garbage at the Methodist Church on Main and Line Streets. Mayor Ketusky said he would have the police keep an extra eye on the corner and move them along. Mayor Ketusky reported that the second Crime watch meeting was not as well attended as the first. Trooper Albert informed those present that it is necessary to have one person in charge and also a secretary and treasurer. Another meeting will be scheduled and posted.

The mayor informed Council that he received a note informing him of the need to cut police hours due to budget constraints. M. Ambrose informed Council that she gave him this information in the process of working up budget numbers. Upon closer inspection, the COPSFAST money was not calculated and there is sufficient funds to continue the part time hours as scheduled. M.B. Dougherty asked about the roll over figure for the year as part of possibly adding hours to the police schedule. There has been a lot of trouble recently with break-ins and car theft. E. Labie said that balancing the budget depends on the rollover figure and you do not want to be short going into a new year. R. Krick asked if there was any discussion by the police committee to increase the police budget? E. Labie suggested that all members of Council attend the budget meetings and see if there is any way to move money into the police portion of the payroll.

M.B. Dougherty said she just threw this out and did not expect any hard answers tonight. The Mayor thought that an additional 20 hours per week should fill the scheduling gaps.

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Solicitor: Mr. Kilker noted that as everyone present is aware it would be more effective to have law enforcement rather than legal action.

He received a letter from J. Yagielniskie's attorney asking for permission to once again have dogs. If Council does not agree they will file for a second hearing. It would probably be 2 - 3 months for a hearing to be scheduled. Council agreed that there have been no recent complaints from the neighbors but that is due to the fact that there are no dogs on the premises. The current court decision is a temporary injunction. M.B. Dougherty said that in her opinion there should be no discussion. When they file go for the permanent injunction. J. Kilker said that he would also petition that previous testimony be incorporated.

In the M. Ello matter the petition has been changed to contempt.

OTHER BUSINESS

R. Krick noted that he received correspondence concerning the Police pension fund. It seems there is paper work not yet completed for the year. Deadline for the submission is October 15, 1997. Because T. Shearn is the CAO for the fund he placed the mail in his box. C. Marquardt said that he would get in touch with T. Shearn and tell him about this mail.

R. Krick asked the status of the EMA plan. J. Yackera was supposed to have an updated version for approval for submission to the County. C. Marquardt said that J. Yackera was working on this and he would check the progress.

R. Krick asked what powers committees have in making decisions? There was an incident where a borough worker quit and the Street committee decided to rehire him. Shouldn't this decision have been Council's? J. Kilker said all matters should come before Council. No committee has the authority to hire or fire without Council permission. There has to be authority delegated to mete out discipline as needed, i.e., insulting behavior or refusing to follow work orders. That power can be given to the supervisor and in the case of the police the Mayor. Serious actions can warrant a special meeting but temporary measures can be taken prior to review. Policy should be set to cover those types of circumstances.

PUBLIC COMMENT

J. Clayton asked if there were any answers concerning her complaint about the police officer? Mayor Ketusky said that having just received it this morning it was being checked out. She noted that at the very least he should be cited for littering. Mayor Ketusky informed Council this is a personnel matter and will be taken up with both the officer and if necessary with the police committee.

T. Krick asked if the two members absent had notified Council of the reasons?

C. Marquardt said the T. Shearn is working but he does not know why J. Yackera is not present. From the floor residents said that there should be reasonable excuses given for absences.

J. Clayton asked if anyone knows what the State is doing on West Mahanoy Avenue. They were working during the day and when quitting time came they left a mess.

C. Marquardt said he would contact PADOT tomorrow morning and find out what they are doing. PADOT simply comes, does their work and leave. There is no notice given the local communities.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Tinari, seconded by R. Krick. Vote. All.

Respectfully submitted
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SPECIAL MEETING

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** October 22, 1997 **TIME:** 5:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President C. Marquardt.

ROLL CALL

Members present: R. Krick, E. Labie, C. Marquardt, J. Yackera
Members absent: M.B. Dougherty, T. Shearn, J. Tinari

PURPOSE OF MEETING

To adopt resolution 97-5 submitting application to Schuylkill County for CDBG funds for A Street School building. Handicap accessibility, rest rooms, exterior doors and lighting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None present.

BUSINESS

Motion to adopt Resolution 97-5 and forward to Entech Engineering for submission to Schuylkill County made by R. Krick, seconded J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by R. Krick, seconded J. Yackera. Vote. All. Carried.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** November 13, 1997 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President C. Marquardt.

ROLL CALL

Members present: M.B. Dougherty, R. Krick, E. Labie, C. Marquardt,
Mayor E. Ketusky, Solicitor J. Kilker.

Members absent: T. Shearn

Late Arrivals: J. Tinari, 7:05 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT

E. Burns as a representative of GAMA spoke about the election eve letter sent out by the Democratic party. He wanted to know who wrote the letter because it was not signed. C. Marquardt said the Mr. Joseph Wayne put the letter out for distribution. E. Burns said that the members of the Authority are doing their best to get the project underway and do not warrant any type of criticism. He admitted being the only one who might make money due to the fact that sitting on the Authority or not he will be hired to dig laterals. M.B. Dougherty asked how many easements remained unsigned? E. Burns said he thought there were two. One involves Reading for the land for the plant. He also noted that he wished more people would attend the meetings. R. Krick said there will be plenty of attendance after the first bills are sent. R. Krick noted for the record that the current members of the Authority are doing an outstanding job. The previous boards did nothing to move the project along.

Relating to the above letter, T. Krick asked where the democrats on Council stand in the matter of Regional Police? J. Yackera replied that the matter has not yet come to a vote and where he stands will be noted when the time comes.

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J. Clayton asked about the Ogden Street bridge project. She noted there are numerous rumors floating about missing funds and tax increases in relation to the bridge. C. Marquardt asked if she was will to wait for the upcoming report.

J. Tinari arrived. 7:05 PM.

C. Marquardt introduced D. Cuff, Entech Engineering, and turned the floor over for the opening of bids and a report on the status of the Ogden Street bridge. D. Cuff noted that the deadline for receipt of bids was 1:00 PM today. Baseline Contracting had submitted a bid packet but requested it be returned before the deadline. They discovered an error in their figures. That bid was returned. Bids received, no particular order:

Zemco, Inc.	\$ 349,075.00
Professional Excavators, Inc.	\$ 461,248.00
James E. Mahoney, Inc.	\$ 386,300.00
Heim Construction Co., Inc.	\$ 564,453.50
Lycoming Supply	\$ 332,029.03

It was noted that each had received Addendums #1 and #2 and that 10% bonds were included. D. Cuff recommended that the bids be tabled until all could be reviewed by the engineer's and solicitor's offices for completeness. Motion to table acceptance of a bid made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

D. Cuff reported that the design phase of the bridge was paid through an 80/20 agreement with PADOT. The Borough has borne 20% of the costs of the design and engineering fees. There is a similar contract that carries through construction. Again the Borough is expected to pay 20% of the costs. The usual agreement is that the Borough would pay all costs up front and be reimbursed by PADOT. Girardville's agreement allows for submittal of invoices for reimbursement. Entech has waited for turnaround for payment. Application for funding is available to the Rural Utility Service through the USDA. This is a federal agency that helps finance projects. Estimated costs were \$80,000. Funding requests will be submitted and because this is a smaller amount than the projects usually funded turnaround could be in this fiscal year. Money could be in the form of outright grants or low interest loans depending upon financial needs. All is subject to review. Paperwork is in hand and needs Council action to be submitted. Bid documents contain schedules and weather permitting a March start is projected. R. Krick asked about the inspection fee. D. Cuff said this is set by PADOT at \$3,500 and is done by the engineering firm. Motion to proceed with the preapplication process with RUS made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. R. Krick noted that there are no guarantees that funding will be available. Down the road other sources may have to be found. M.B. Dougherty asked why the wait until now to discover the Borough must fund 20% of the cost of the bridge? R. Krick noted that in 1994 a letter was sent asking for full funding, which was obviously turned down. It seems that everyone believed the bridge was fully funded. M.B. Dougherty said that people have to be aware that without a grant we are in trouble. Not going ahead with construction is not

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an option because any delay or stop will result in expended funds needing to be paid back. J. Kilker asked if a special meeting would be needed or if acceptance could wait until the December meeting? D. Cuff said that December would fine, if it became necessary he would ask for a special meeting. Entech will have possession of the original bid packets.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes as submitted made by J. Yackera, seconded by J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Motion to accept special meeting minutes made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report as read made by J. Yackera, seconded by J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor/Police Officer reports: Read by Mayor Ketusky. Motion to accept as read made by J. Yackera, seconded by J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Permit Officer's report: Motion to accept as submitted made by J. Yackera, seconded by J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Letter of resignation as health officer received from William Kroh. Motion to accept William Kroh's resignation made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Motion to advertise the position made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Received copies of CDBG application submitted to County by Entech Engineering. Funds being requested for the school building.

NEW BUSINESS

Received the contract from DCNR for the grant for the replacement of playground equipment for the East End park. These must be signed and returned. Further notices will be received before any bidding can commence. Motion to sign the contracts made by R. Krick seconded J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Resolution 97-6 for submission of a DCNR grant application for the replacement of the existing pavilion in the East End park. The public was informed that this is the third phase in the park rehabilitation program. The basketball courts are contracted to be repaved in the spring of 1998. All the necessary equipment has been purchased and is currently being stored. The second phase is the replacement of the existing play area. DCNR awarded us a grant for that portion of the project. The contract for that \$20,000 grant has just been

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voted to be signed. Bidding will be done as soon as allowed by DCNR with expected construction in the spring of 1998. The third projected phase is the replacement of the pavilion. Residents are aware of the condition of the pavilion. The roof trusses are in very bad shape. It is not lack of maintenance but age contributing to the condition. L. Petusky, Supervisor, noted that vandalism is a problem and having a building without accessible trusses would be a major improvement. Because residents have expressed concern with the condition of the pavilion its replacement was chosen as the next project. Prodesign Plus was hired last meeting to draw up plans for submission. It was asked from the floor what type and size the new pavilion would be? The plan calls for a steel beam shelter of a similar size. Concerns of vandalism were raised. Council explained that a steel frame was chosen over a wooden structure to help eliminate problems with carving and painting vandalism. Questions of funding were raised due to possible budget constraints because of the bridge. Council told all present that the grant requirements were all labor costs and \$1,000.00 would be guaranteed by the Borough as part of application. If there is no grant money available the project would be put off indefinitely. The residents present agreed that an application should be filed. Motion to adopt Resolution 97-6 for the Keystone Recreation grant application made by J. Tinari, seconded J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

List of bills to be paid read by C. Marquardt. Motion to pay the bills as submitted made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Tinari. Question? M. Ambrose noted there is a discrepancy with the Getty Fleet Fuels bill which will be straightened out before payment is made. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter received from Porcupine Pat in support of the grant application for the replacement of the pavilion.

PADOT -- notice of inspection of bridges scheduled.

DEP -- notice of the SEO application for reimbursement being denied.

EMA -- request for submission of Updated EMA plan. This report is late and may result in disqualification in the event of request of emergency funds. J. Yackera reported that the plan is in the office available for review. It will be submitted to Council for approval at the December meeting. R. Krick asked the date on the letter and was told October 3, 1997. He asked why it was not in correspondence last month? M. Ambrose told him that this letter had been addressed to her and received on October 16, 1997 after the meeting. If there were previous letters she was unaware of them.

Notice of Municipal training classes available.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: E. Labie noted that the real estate numbers will not be in from the court house until at least 11/18/97. Looking at the projected budget numbers as they stand the picture is not good. We will be losing the COPSFAST grant in June 1998 and will have to find places to cut spending. Another unexpected cost is the bridge. Money will have to be budgeted in the event the grant application falls through. There is also a problem with funding demolition due to the possibility of a project on West Main Street. A special meeting was set for Monday, November 24, 1997 at 7:00 PM to plan and approve for advertising a budget. C. Marquardt noted that the meeting should also be for general purposes in case something else comes up in the meantime. Secretary was instructed to advertise as such.

Regional Police: E. Labie made a motion that Council send a letter of intent stating that Girardville is interested in continuing with the Regional police study. The status of the Regional police is unknown at this time. Staying with it until the completion of the study is in the Borough's best interest. Motion seconded by R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. M.B. Dougherty asked that it be noted the vote to remain part of the study was unanimous by all of Council present.

Recreation: M.B. Dougherty reported all covered concerning the grants

Streets: J. Tinari submitted a handicapped parking request by E. Ranieri. Motion to grant the space made by J. Tinari. Motion died due to lack of second. A request was made by E. Budraitis to extend the length of the space in front of their property by two feet on either end. If a car is parked outside the lines they cannot get into and out of the space. Questions were raised about requirements for sizes on spaces. J. Kilker had no answer. M.B. Dougherty suggested investigating exact specs before granting any changes for other spaces. J. Tinari is to notify residents who submitted applications they are tabled pending outcome of space requirements.

Motion to purchase bag salt for the small spreader made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

School: R. Krick reported that rents are ahead of this time last year.

Police: Nothing.

Solicitor: J. Kilker reported receiving notice of a pre conference in the matter of J. Yagielinski and the dogs. This is scheduled for December 2, 1997 in front of Judge Baldwin. He will see if previous testimony will be allowed. The approach is for a certain number of dogs to be allowed. If Council continues to ask that no dogs be allowed we may lose. The Court will probably allow a certain number unless problems reoccur. Council feels the problems result from J. Yagielinski's lack of control over the animals and problems are certain to reoccur. Motion to ask that no dogs be allowed made by J.

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Yackera seconded J. Tinari. Question? E. Labie asked if the whole problem of dogs v. puppies will resurface? J. Kilker said he would raise that question. R. Krick asked about meeting the required square space for the animals? J. Kilker said that the Borough's position should be that the animals cannot be controlled in the current location. No hearing will be scheduled until after the December meeting and the solicitor will report on the results of the conference. Vote. All. Motion carried. Motion to allow the solicitor to retain services of a dog expert if necessary. Cost not to exceed \$500.00. Made by R. Krick, seconded J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

No hearing date has been scheduled in the Ello matter. J. Kilker will keep Council apprised.

Last meeting a request was made for a policy concerning sewer line blockages and Borough response. The question remains who the homeowner contacts first, the Borough or a plumber. After discussion and consultation with the solicitor it was decided that the following would be drawn up for consideration at the next meeting. The Borough will respond to call with notice of a \$200.00 service charge if the problem is not in the main line.

Ethics code was submitted for consideration. Questions were raised of applicability as written to elected officials. The Solicitor will have amended copy ready for December meeting. Matter tabled.

Permit requirements as requested. J. Kilker gave each member a copy of the two ordinances from Shenandoah and Frackville. He suggested that Council go over these at the next work session to come up with something that everyone agrees can be advertised. Tabled until December

J. Tinari left the meeting at 8:35 PM due to an emergency call.

OTHER BUSINESS

R. Krick suggested getting bids on the cost of another oil tank for the gym.

R. Krick said that at the last crime watch meeting there were concerns about names being broadcast over the scanners when reporting crimes. He suggested that Council be approached about the possibility of a cellular phone, the number to be given only to members of the crimewatch. This way members can contact the police directly without going through the Comm Center. R. Krick made a motion that Council enter into a one year agreement at the best price for a hand held cellular unit for the police/crimewatch use only. Motion seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Question? M.B. Dougherty suggested that the officers be told the phone is for incoming calls only. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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Council received a summons informing the Borough that a civil suit will be filed by Lisa Schouk. J. Kilker will contact the attorney and get the details. Motion to authorize the Solicitor to take whatever action is in the best interest of the Borough made by J. Yackera, seconded E. Labie. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

R. Krick said he was sorry the J. Tinari had to leave but there is a question about which seat he will vacate. He currently sits on Council and was elected to the School Board. These seats present a conflict. A decision must be made because the School Board reorganizes in December. If he is taking the School Board seat he must submit his resignation before they meet in December. C. Marquardt said he will speak with J. Tinari but he believes he is staying on Council.

M.B. Dougherty brought to Council's attention new requirements for mandated training for Constables. She is not sure if it applies to Municipal constables and asked the solicitor. J. Kilker is not sure either, asked for a copy of the information and told Council he will check into this matter.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No further comment.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Yackera, seconded R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary

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SPECIAL MEETING

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** November 24, 1997 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President C. Marquardt.

ROLL CALL

Members present: M.B. Dougherty, R. Krick, E. Labie, C. Marquardt, J. Yackera
Mayor E. Ketusky
Members absent: T. Shearn, J. Tinari

PURPOSE OF MEETING

To adopt a proposed 1998 budget to be advertised and for general purposes

PUBLIC COMMENT

None present.

BUSINESS

Proposed budget tax rate to remain at 6.2 mils. Raises across the board at 5%. Secretary hours will increase to 30 per week with benefits in lieu of compensation.

General Fund: Receipts	Expenditures
\$210,192.00	\$210,185.00

Motor Fund: \$50,385.00	\$40,650.00
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Motion to advertise the proposed budget made by E. Labie, seconded R. Krick.
Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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C. Marquardt said the Mayor requested the purchase of two (2) snow tires for the Plymouth and two (2) all weather for the Chevy. There is still money in the police budget for these items. Motion to purchase the four (4) requested tires made by R. Krick, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

C. Marquardt gave those present the information on pricing for a cell phone for the Crime Watch. M.B. Dougherty noted that Council should check the status of the Crime Watch before purchasing a cell phone. There have been no other meetings to date.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Yackera, seconded R. Krick. Vote. All. Carried.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** December 11, 1998 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council President C. Marquardt.

ROLL CALL

Members present: M.B. Dougherty, R. Krick, E. Labie, C. Marquardt, J. Tinari,
J. Yackera. Mayor E. Ketusky, Solicitor J. Kilker.

Members absent: T. Shearn.

Before the floor was opened to the public Mayor Ketusky had a few words. He wanted to take the opportunity to tell everyone it was an honor and privilege to be the Mayor for the last four years. He thanked the members of Council both current and previous and the Borough employees for all their help and support during his time in office.

PUBLIC COMMENT

T. Krick, on behalf of the Recreation committee thanked Council for allowing the various events and the Mayor for all his help and support.

T. Krick said she was asked to notify Council about a complaint concerning garbage from the flower shop that is put out for pick up. It is ending up pushed down over the bank into the creek. She asked that Council look into this matter. C. Marquardt said it would be checked.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes of the two previous meetings as submitted made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded by J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report as read made by J. Yackera, seconded by E. Labie. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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Tax Collector's report: Motion to accept as submitted and to pay the tax collector made by J. Yackera, seconded by J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor/Police Officer reports: Read by Mayor Ketusky. Motion to accept as read made by J. Yackera, seconded by J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Permit Officer's report: No report submitted.

Health Officer's report: No report submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

C. Marquardt asked that because of the Health officer's resignation that the police department handle complaints.

Emergency Management Plan was on display in the Borough office. C. Marquardt asked for a motion to adopt the plan for submission to the County. Motion to adopt the EMA plan made by J. Tinari, seconded J. Yackera. Question? None. Roll call vote.

J. Yackera	YES	M.B. Dougherty	NO
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C. Marquardt	YES	J. Tinari	YES
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R. Krick	NO	E. Labie	NO
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Mayor Ketusky was asked to break the tie: VOTE: NO

Motion not carried. M.B. Dougherty said she was not aware that the plan was available for inspection and felt she could not vote to something she had not read. This was tabled until next meeting.

Resolution concerning disciplinary action for employees. Council had given this to the solicitor for changes that needed to be made. R. Krick asked if the section concerning elected officials had been removed and also if anyone had shown this to the Borough workers? C. Marquardt agreed that there needed to be changes and the employees should have some input. This matter tabled until next meeting.

Adjustments to the building permit requirements. This matter was given to the solicitor last meeting to have a draft for this month. Mr. Kilker said he invited comment and input but did not receive direction from the Council on this matter. This was tabled until next meeting. Mr. Kilker asked that members review both the ordinances and send comments to his office.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to adopt the Tax Levy ordinance No# 97-4. This sets the tax rate for 1998 at 6.2 mills. Motion made by E. Labie, seconded J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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Motion to adopt the 1998 budget as advertised. E. Labie told Council that this budget is very close. Appropriations are \$210,192 and expenditures are \$210,185. It will be up to the new council and the Mayor to watch spending next year. You should plan for a 10% carryover to avoid a tax anticipation note. Income estimating is a three (3) year average and you have no real idea of what will come in. Money was appropriated for a copy machine. He did not recommend running out the beginning of the year and purchasing a new one. Wait until the old one needs servicing. This budget has no tax increase due to the expected fees related to the sewerage treatment plant. He suggested that ways to save money be investigated. One big ticked item is health insurance. He suggested that alternative be checked. It is everybody's responsibility to watch spending.

J. Yackera stated that he had a comment about the budget that he would like to read. This concerns the Street committee and I would like to read a prepared statement. "When John Hinkle passed away several months ago, Lenny Petusky was hired as our new Borough supervisor. In the several months since he has assumed this position he has done an outstanding job of organizing and motivating our Borough street department. In light of how effective our street department has become I believe it is high time that this Council give them the wage increase that they not only earned but deserve. Presently Mr. Petusky earns \$7.00 an hour as the Borough supervisor. Mr. Beneshunas, who has been with the Borough twenty plus years earns \$6.86 an hour and Dean Hess who has been with the Borough six plus years earns \$5.63. How any one can live on these wages is beyond me. It was recommended to the finance committee that the Borough street department be given \$1.00 an hour increase across the board. The finance committee chair E. Labie drew up the budget and stated that the Borough would be hard pressed to give the street department a \$1.00 an hour increase. After completing the budget there was only \$7.00 left in surplus. In rebuttal of the above statement I would like to comment that Mary Ambrose our Secretary/Treasurer who is currently working 20 hours a week (at this point he asked if he was allowed to say what her wages are. He was informed by the secretary that it is public information) at a rate of \$7.50 an hour was recommended in the budget for an increase of hours to 30, a wage increase of \$0.32 to \$7.82 and a full medical benefit package worth \$4966.20. This equates to a raise of \$3.47 an hour at the 30 hour work week rate. Mr. Marquardt recommended the increase of hours to 30 because he could not see giving benefits to a part time employee working 20 hours a week. My opinion is this Borough should not be giving benefits to employees unless they are full time. I would recommend that Mrs. Ambrose's benefit package be dropped from the budget, with the \$4900 savings the Borough can give the Street department the raise they deserve at a cost of \$3910.40 and Mrs. Ambrose could receive a larger wage increase with the remainder or however Council wishes to do with the surplus. I would also like to close by telling Mr. Petusky and Mr. Hess who represent our Borough street department in the back of the room that if the budget passes tonight I will do everything I can to reopen the budget in January with the new Council and give you guys the raise you deserve. Thank you." (This text was taken verbatim off the tape recording of the meeting. A copy was not submitted for the record.)

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C. Marquardt thanked J. Yackera for his statement. M.B. Dougherty asked why if he felt this way he voted for the tentative budget? J. Yackera answered that was his own wish. It was noted that J. Yackera arrived late for the budget meeting. R. Krick said that you were not there for any of the discussion concerning Mary. You missed the discussion that involved possibly sharing with the Sewer Authority. R. Krick said he could not speak for the Sewer Authority but they will be needing someone and probably quickly. There are no guarantees about sharing our Secretary with them but the possibility exists. These will be shared costs. How can you come out with a blanket statement without even being there? M.B. Dougherty noted the increase in hours was not suggested by C. Marquardt. It was noted that at the budget meeting M. Ambrose expressed no expectations of a benefits package and was more than willing to compromise. E. Labie said to J. Yackera that you came on Council four years ago when I did and we had a Secretary and Treasurer, both were part time and both got full benefits. Mary waived her benefits for four years because she had no need for them and saved this Borough thousands of dollars. R. Krick said that for the record M. Ambrose was offered the benefits when she was hired and waived them because she did not need them. At this point there was debate over attendance or lack thereof at meetings, both regular and otherwise. J. Yackera said he does not answer to the Council but to the voters and they reelected him. Both M.B. Dougherty and R. Krick criticized the Democratic majority for having E. Labie do most of the budget work and then coming here and criticizing the budget that was submitted for adoption. J. Yackera said he was not criticizing E. Labie. He only has a problem with one part of the budget. E. Labie noted that the raise amounts submitted at the budget meeting were not \$1.00 across the board but \$1.50 to Dean, \$1.00 to Lenny and \$0.50 to Obbles. Wage increases this year are 5% not the customary 4%. R. Krick said that if you do not like the budget then vote against it. Debate ensued over the issue of L. Petusky's raise. Motion to adopt the 1998 budget as submitted made by E. Labie. No second. E. Labie reminded Council that a budget has to be passed this year.

Mr. Kilker said the budget could be passed and amended. It should be discussed and modified in an orderly way. Council can either call a special meeting or be passed tonight. These questions should be openly discussed in a meeting.

E. Labie told Mr. Kilker that this budget is gone over one line at a time. It has been discussed at three (3) meetings before tonight. For the last four (4) years this is how the budget has been discussed.

After some debate the motion to pass the budget was seconded by J. Tinari. C. Marquardt asked for questions. None. Roll call vote followed:

J. Yackera	NO	M.B. Dougherty	NO
C. Marquardt	NO	J. Tinari	YES
R. Krick	NO	E. Labie	YES

By a four to two margin the tentative budget was defeated.

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A special meeting to adopt the 1998 budget is to be scheduled for, Monday, December 22, 1997, at 7:00 PM. R. Krick asked who will do the budget between now and the meeting? C. Marquardt said the finance committee will sit down again. R. Krick said he would like a copy of any amendments before the meeting. A Finance committee meeting will be scheduled and posted.

Motion to set the reorganization meeting for, Monday, January 5, 1998, at 7:00 PM and to advertise same made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to set regular Council meetings for 1998 on the second Thursday of each month with the work sessions the preceding Tuesday and advertise same made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to allow the Secretary/Treasurer to be paid as part of regular bi-weekly payroll effective January 1998 made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to allow Prodesign Plus to advertise the bids for the East End Playground project made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Entech Engineering -- Recommend that Lycoming supply bid be accepted for the Ogden Street Bridge Project.

Motion to accept Lycoming Supply bid for the Ogden Street Bridge made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request from J. Smolock for a street light to be placed outside his new home on East Main Street. J. Yackera said he checked and it is very dark in the area. He made a motion that the request be approved. C. Marquardt asked if there were any problems with doing this? M.B. Dougherty asked what additional cost are involved. C. Marquardt tabled the matter until the cost information is available.

Mayor Ketusky said he was approached about a street light on Oak Street just off Fourth Street. He asked that the request be given to the street committee to investigate.

Letter of resignation from Judy Haluska, Tax Assessor, to be effective 12/31/97. She is resigning to be able to accept her newly elected Council seat. Motion to accept made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise the position made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Anyone interested should send a letter to Council. Council has 30 days to fill the position.

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Representative T. Holden -- letter concerning application to USDA for bridge funding. His office informs us he will help in any way he can.
DCNR -- letter the grant is approved. Waiting for return of signed contracts.

Ultimate Home -- letter withdrawing request for use of building for day care center.

Knights of Columbus -- Request use of gym for a free throw contest on January 18, 1998, at 2:00 PM. Motion to allow use made by R. Krick, seconded J. Yackera.
Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. R. Krick asked if they were preregistering because no one showed up last year?

BILLS

List of bills to be paid read by C. Marquardt. Motion to pay the bills made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Tinari. Question? M.B. Dougherty asked about the overage on the school fund. She was told a separate motion to transfer funds will be requested. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to transfer \$1300 from the General fund to the School fund made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Letter from the Schuylkill County Treasurer concerning funds received due to election. There is \$20.00 in cash on hand. The Borough is not allowed to accept money for rent expenses. Motion to return any funds for rent expenses made by R. Krick, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance: Will meet before the special meeting.

Regional Police: E. Labie noted that Council will have to appoint a representative. Meetings will resume in January. You should have the Mayor and an alternate. We have been the host community so whoever is on should make sure the building is open for the meetings.

Streets: J. Tinari noted the fender is off the dump truck to be repaired. The small spreader was fixed. Mr. Kilker had no answer on the size of handicap parking spaces. Handicap requests will be tabled until the next meeting. It was recommended that the Crossing guard's hours be changed. The extra hour until 4:30 PM is a waste of time. The buses arrive but the guard is not needed to cross the children. This matter was tabled for further discussion.

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Recycling: C. Marquardt noted that recycling schedules are being changed due to the holidays. Dates will be posted. There will be no curbside in January, February and March 1998.

Solicitor: In the matter of the Yagelinskie case there were no written plans sent to the Prothonotary's office. We can ask that unless they can show a way to control the animals any number would be unexceptable as instructed by Council. The ball is in their court.

M.B. Dougherty asked if the Solicitor had any information on the question about training for the Constable's office. Mr. Kilker said he had not had time to find out yet. Tabled for next meeting.

School: Questions were raised about cleaning the gym floor. J. Catizone said that you cannot use anything with wax and he cannot find the product used last year. C. Marquardt said that the product J. Pitts recommended is very expensive and we should look into possibly splitting a case with the school district. The marks on the floor have to come off before they set.

OTHER BUSINESS

C. Marquardt noted that D. Hess was summoned for jury duty. He wanted Council to set some policy to deal with this type of circumstance. Motion was made by R. Krick to pay any employee their salary less the reimbursement. Seconded by J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

R. Krick asked J. Tinari what he planned to do since winning the seat on the School Board? You cannot hold both a Director's chair and a Council seat. J. Tinari said the matter was already resolved. He sent a letter resigning the School board seat to the Board's solicitor.

C. Marquardt thanked E. Ketusky, T. Shearn and E. Labie for their work on the Council. He appreciated working with all of them.

R. Krick also thanked Councilman E. Labie. He noted that he did not always agree with everything Ed may have said or done but that Ed always did what he thought was right which was very refreshing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

T. Krick addressed a question to J. Yackera. She asked that now he had been reelected was he going to show up at meetings. J. Yackera responded by saying maybe, when I'm available.

T. Krick then asked the solicitor is Council pay could be tied to attendance at meetings? Mr. Kilker said he was not sure but would check. R. Krick said he did not think so. M.B.

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Dougherty said that the only mention in Borough code concerns being removed after missing two meetings.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Tinari. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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SPECIAL MEETING

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** December 22, 1997 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by President C. Marquardt.

ROLL CALL

Members present: M.B. Dougherty, R. Krick, E. Labie, C. Marquardt, J. Tinari,
J. Yackera. Mayor E. Ketusky.

Members absent: T. Shearn, Solicitor J. Kilker

PURPOSE OF MEETING

To adopt the 1998 budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments

BUSINESS

R. Krick asked to address Council in the matter of benefits for the Secretary. He read, for the record, minutes from May 12, 1994, under New Business. This was to clarify that the Secretary/Treasurer did have benefits previously. 'Action is to be taken to hire someone to fill the combined position of Secretary/Treasurer. M.B. Dougherty gave the following specifics. The salary would be \$500 per month with Blue Cross if the person hired wants it. Hours would be about 20 hours weekly in the Municipal building.' The record went on to state the persons interviewed and the result of the vote on hiring. R. Krick went on to state that the impression left after the last meeting was that Council was giving benefits when upon reviewing records the position already had benefits. M. Ambrose did not need the benefits at the time and chose to spare the Borough an unnecessary expense.

Motion to adopt the budget made by J. Yackera, seconded by J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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C. Marquardt said that in other related business Council had discussed changing the hours of the Crossing guard. The lights will still blink until 4:30 PM. Motion to reduce Crossing guard hours from three (3) per day to tow (2) per day made by J. Yackera, seconded by J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor Ketusky is to inform Mr. Miller that the changes will take effect on, January 5, 1998, when school resumes from Christmas vacation.

C. Marquardt asked for permission to allow the Borough employees working on that day get a half day on Christmas Eve. Motion to allow the Borough employees working Christmas Eve to have a half day made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Tinari. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn by J. Tinari, seconded J. Yackera. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
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