

BOROUGH OF GIRARDVILLE

FOURTH & "B" STREETS

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GIRARDVILLE, PA 17935

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Reorganization Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** January 3, 2000 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

Oaths of Office were administered by Mayor J. Kelly to all newly elected Borough officials before the meeting. Sworn in were Council members M.B. Dougherty, R. Krick, Charles A. Marquardt. The Mayor chaired the meeting for purposes of reorganizing Council.

OPEN MEETING

Meeting called to order and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Joseph Kelly.

ROLL CALL

Members present: M.B. Dougherty, J. Haluska, R. Krick, C. Marquardt, J. Yackera
Mayor J. Kelly, Solicitor J. Kilker.

BUSINESS

Nominations opened for Council President. Motion to nominate C. Marquardt made by J. Yackera, seconded by J. Haluska. Motion to nominate M.B. Dougherty made by R. Krick, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Roll call vote:

Motion to nominate C. Marquardt:

M.B. Dougherty	NO	C. Marquardt	YES
J. Haluska	YES	J. Yackera	YES
R. Krick	NO		
YES 3 NO 2 motion carried.			

Motion to nominate M.B. Dougherty:

M.B. Dougherty	YES	C. Marquardt	NO
J. Haluska	NO	J. Yackera	NO
R. Krick	Yes		

Motion fails.

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Nominations opened for Vice-President. Motion to nominate J. Yackera made by J. Haluska, seconded by J. Yackera. No other nominations. Roll call vote.

M.B. Dougherty	NO	C. Marquardt	YES
J. Haluska	YES	J. Yackera	YES
R. Krick	NO		

YES 3 NO 2 motion carried.

The Mayor gave the Chair to Council President C. Marquardt.

Nominations opened for Secretary/Treasurer. Motion made to appoint Mary Ambrose made by J. Yackera, seconded by J. Haluska. Vote called. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Nominations opened for Borough Solicitor. Motion to appoint J. Kilker Esq. made by J. Yackera, seconded by J. Haluska. Vote called. Roll call vote requested.

M.B. Dougherty	NO	C. Marquardt	YES
J. Haluska	YES	J. Yackera	YES
R. Krick	NO		

YES 3 NO 2 motion carried.

Nominations for Chairman of the Vacancy Board. Motion made to appoint Daniel Heiser made by J. Haluska, seconded by J. Yackera. Roll call vote:

M.B. Dougherty	NO	C. Marquardt	YES
J. Haluska	YES	J. Yackera	YES
R. Krick	NO		

YES 3 NO 2 motion carried.

Nominations for Bank Depository. Motion to use Keystone Financial - Girardville made by J. Haluska, seconded by J. Yackera. Vote called. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Nominations opened for NSLA representative. Motion to appoint J. Haluska made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Haluska. Vote called. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Nominations opened for NSLA representative alternate. Motion to appoint R. Krick made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Haluska. Vote called. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Nominations opened for Health Officer. Motion to appoint Melissa Brennan made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Haluska. Vote called. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Nominations opened for Permit officer. Motion to appoint Theresa Niedzwiecki made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Haluska. Vote called. Unanimous. Motion carried.

Nominations opened for Sewerage Enforcement Officer. Motion to appoint Blue Mountain Environmental made by J. Haluska, seconded R. Krick. M.B. Dougherty asked

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about the need for this once the Sewer Authority is up and running . Does all this become the Sewer Authority's responsibility? J. Yackera said that is a good question. Solicitor J. Kilker responded that in these matters the Authority would defer to the Borough. The Borough is the entity with enforcement powers. J. Yackera asked if there was someone else available. He, personally, had terrible service from Mr. Hester. Vote called. Unanimous. Motion carried.

C. Marquardt presented Resolution 2000-1 appointing Blue Mountain Environmental as the Borough's Sewer Enforcement agency. Motion to adopt made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nominations opened for Borough Engineer. Motion made to appoint Entech Engineering, Inc. - Pottsville by J. Haluska, seconded by J. Yackera. R. Krick asked if Entech had submitted a fee schedule. C. Marquardt noted that one had not arrived. J. Haluska rescinded her motion until a fee schedule is submitted. Matter tabled.

Nominations opened for Chief Administrative Officer of the Police Pension fund. Motion to appoint R. Krick made and declined. Motion to appoint J. Yackera made by J. Haluska, seconded J. Yackera. Vote called. Unanimous. Motion carried.

It was noted at this time to put on record the December 1999 appointment of Frank Zangari as Fired Chief for 2000.

Permission to submit 1999 records for review requested by the Secretary/Treasurer. Motion to allow financial records to be submitted to Dennis Mensch for review when ready made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

List of approved bills to be paid without prior approval each month submitted. Motion to accept this list made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

2000 committees will be set at the regular monthly meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** January 13, 2000 **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, J. Haluska, R. Krick, C. Marquardt, J. Yackera
Mayor J. Kelly, Solicitor J. Kilker

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Subick asked what if anything Council planned to do about the building on the corner of Ogden and William Street? There are ordinances in place to condemn this building. Repeated calls to the owner result in a day or two worth of work and then nothing for months. Mayor Kelly noted that the owner has been cited numerous times. Solicitor J. Kilker said he will look into condemnation procedures. M.B. Dougherty asked what are the procedures? J. Kilker said that the neighbors could take Civil action to abate a nuisance against the owner. Motion to allow the solicitor to take action on the property in question made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. C. Marquardt asked what the procedure was? J. Kilker said action could be taken 10 days after the owner receives notice. A plan for action will be requested. And the owner can be fined each day.

Property 104 West Main Street. The new owner, Bob Gilliebauer, plans to use the building as an under 21-dance club and gaming room. He asked if there are any questions or things he should know he asked that Council approach him. He also noted that he had some questions about the sewer project. R. Krick told him that those questions would need to be addressed to the Authority, which is a separate entity. E. Burns noted that the engineers were looking at the block in question. Mayor Kelly said that a plan for the use of the building has to be submitted to Frank Zangari. The current plan is to be open from 4 - 10 PM and on weekends different hours for dances. Upstairs to be a lounge with pool tables. Right now the owner is working in the roof and cleaning out the building.

Request from the Census Bureau to use the Borough Hall building as testing and training facilities. Dates to be scheduled in January and February as available and required. Testing would include the hours of 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Training would require 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. Use of tables and chairs would be needed. Motion to allow this use made by R. Krick, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request to use building as an assistance center. This allows the building to be open for the general public to come and seek assistance in filling out the questionnaires. The Federal Government will hold responsible for any of its employees but private citizens entering the building will not be covered under the governmental insurance. J. Kilker suggested that this matter be discussed with our carrier. Motion to allow the building's use as an assistance center pending clearance from our insurance carrier made by R. Krick, seconded J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report as read made by J. Haluska, seconded by J. Yackera. Question? M.B. Dougherty asked what the projected carryover figure was for budget? She was told \$40,000.00. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor's report: Read by Officer M. Kessler. Motion to accept as read made by J. Yackera, seconded by J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The police agreement with Gilberton Borough. The final draft of this was signed by both parties on Tuesday evening. The Mayors from both Boroughs will meet to set the schedule. A publicity opportunity has been scheduled for Sunday at 3:00 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

Request from County for the submission of an updated EMA plan. J. Yackera will take care of this matter.

Question concerning policy over holidays, which fall on Saturdays. Motion to amend the policy to read; If a holiday should occur on a Saturday, the Friday immediately preceding the holiday shall be recognized and observed as the holiday. Motion made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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Knights of Columbus request permission to use the gym for a Free Throw Contest on, January 23, 2000. Motion to allow made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Robert's Rules of Order as the official rules for governing municipal meetings made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Required easements from the borough for residents to run sewer lines along street and sidewalks. The following have been submitted; Draguelis, Leonhardt, Charetti and Murphy. In future, there may be more. The Methodist Church will be one example. J. Kilker suggested clearing these with GAMA beforehand. R. Krick suggested policy to grant these types of easement on an individual basis. J. Kilker is to take care of drawing up the necessary documentation. Motion to proceed with these easements and the Borough will absorb the costs made by J. Haluska, seconded J. Yackera. Question? R. Krick asked if we will require the residents to support the costs or will the Borough absorb them? J. Kilker noted he will contact Fanelli's office. Approximate costs would be \$26.00. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Police Pension Fund - R. Krick suggested that any questions concerning this be directed to the actuary. The reports are filed out of that office.

Request from the Boy Scouts to allow for the possibility of group of Cubscouts from Shenandoah using the building for their PineWood Derby after Ashland if finished. Someone from Ashland will stay in the building until all races are completed. Motion to allow made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Notice to all residents that the Girard Estate fuel assistance program is still open and available to all Borough residents. Call for an appointment.

Senior Citizens - Meeting set for Monday, February 14th at 1:00 PM. Representatives from RUS and Entech will be on hand to discuss the process for applying for low interest loans to assist in paying for the installation of sewer lines. This meeting is open to the general public.

Proposed ordinance limiting the repair of vehicles on Borough Streets introduced by the solicitor. After some discussion, this matter was tabled for further review.

BILLS

List of bills read by C. Marquardt. Motion to pay the bills as submitted made by J. Haluska, seconded J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. M.B. Dougherty questioned the Prolog bill and asked if there was a special promotional offer

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being made. She was informed by M. Ambrose that the Borough is classified as a business account and therefore does not qualify for the special offers tendered.

CORRESPONDENCE

Service Electric - Notice of rate changes and new channels offered. It was asked from the floor if Council would complain about the rates being increased every year and the duplicate stations? R. Krick noted that Service Electric has a franchise and anyone not happy with the service has other options these days.

Schuylkill County Recycling - updated schedules are now available.

Request from the Physician's office in town to be used for employee physicals tabled for review.

Ron Dillman approached Council with the suggestion that application be made for CDBG money to be used for sewer tap in fees and lines. This program uses low/medium guidelines making it available to more residents. The approximate cost of preparing and application is \$4500.00 with no guarantee that the funds would be granted. Motion to advertise for proposals to run the program made by R. Krick, seconded J. Yackera. Question? M.B. Dougherty asked how do we make certain that the correct persons are hired to run this program? Professionals are usually the ones to reply and the ad must be worded in a manner specific to soliciting only serious proposals. Vote. All. Motion carried.

DeAngelo Brothers - submission of a price quote for street sweeping. This matter was tabled due to the sewer project street sweeping will probably not be done this year.

Ryan Township - COG meeting, January 26, 2000 in Mahanoy City.

Ashland Library - thank you note for the \$100.00 donation .

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2000 Borough committees were announced as follows:

Chairs listed first.

Public Safety: M.B. Dougherty, J. Yackera, R. Krick

Public Streets: R. Krick, J. Yackera, M.B. Dougherty

Parks & Recreation: J. Haluska, M.B. Dougherty, C. Marquardt

Public Buildings: R. Krick, J. Yackera, J. Haluska

Finance: J. Yackera, R. Krick, C. Marquardt

Recycling: C. Marquardt, J. Yackera, M.B. Dougherty

OTHER BUSINESS

In the matter of the property on B Street sold to Skip Huntington the Solicitor reported

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that a deed was granted to the Girardville Playground Association, picked up but never recorded. The County will prepare a new deed at the cost of \$125.00. If Mr. Huntington wishes to go, further in perfecting the title he would have to pursue it himself. Motion to have the deed prepared made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Haluska. Question? M.B. Dougherty asked if this new deed would match the footage that exists? J. Kilker said that Council is recognizing 15 feet and that is what the deed will reflect. Vote. All. Motion carried.

J. Kilker said that his inquiry to Attorney Brennan concerning Mr. Tom Flannery's request for an answer in writing to the submitted letter netted the following. Mr. Brennan informed Mr. Kilker that he did not request an answer to the letter in question. No answer will therefore be forthcoming from the Borough. At this time, nothing that could lead to possible court action should be discussed.

M.B. Dougherty noted that at the November meeting she was told that she misheard over the matter of the police officer resigning. She wondered why shortly before elections a letter was put out by the Democrats stating that the officer had resigned and after the election denied that it happened? Mayor Kelly is mentioned in the letter and C. Marquardt is the only one here who signed it. M.B. Dougherty said she wanted this matter straight. Before election, you all said he quit and after election, you all said he didn't quit. Being made chair of the police committee means many questions are going to be asked.

PUBLIC COMMENT

V. Ambrose asked that Council write a letter of complaint to Service Electric concerning the rate increases. Motion to write letter of disapproval made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

M.B. Dougherty announced a police committee meeting on January 24, 2000 at 7:00 PM

Motion to adjourn J. Yackera, seconded J. Haluska. Vote. All.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. DATE: February 10, 2000 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, C. Marquardt, J. Haluska
Solicitor J. Kilker

Members absent: J. Yackera (family), Mayor J. Kelly (medical)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Ritro asked if there is an ordinance regarding putting chairs and buckets out to save parking spaces? It is ridiculous, you cannot find a parking space. People are gone all day and have cans or chairs out. Mr. Kilker told him that legally anyone could remove whatever was blocking the space and park. M.B. Dougherty noted that Ashland had their police department remove the object but they started running out of room. J. Kilker said that they must have had an ordinance to that effect. On State roads it is against the motor vehicle code but borough streets and alleys would be a different story.

Mrs. Subick asked for an update on the property on Ogden and William Streets. She noted that nothing has been done in the past month. J. Kilker said that the owner claimed he was going to check and secure the property. He recommended filing a nuisance suit against the owner. V. Ambrose had the borough workers clean up the roofing and siding materials that were in the street as a result of the wind storm. J. Kilker said the Borough could make a demand that the owner pay these costs but court costs can be prohibitive. He added that if council gave permission he could file a suit against the owner. R. Krick said that permission was approved at last month's meeting to take whatever action was necessary. J. Kilker said he would draw the papers up tomorrow. Jane Rappant wanted it on record that she agreed with all the complaints against the property owner and hoped she did not have to come back again next month. C. Marquardt said that the solicitor would keep the residents apprised as to the steps being taken in this matter.

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M.B. Dougherty asked what would be filed and where. J. Kilker said a nuisance abatement suit would be filed with the County Court of Common Pleas. This in addition to any citations issued by the health officer and the police department. He can be cited every day.

R. Flannery asked if there was any movement on ordinances concerning regulating the possible dances being discussed. J. Kilker noted that he brought two ordinances for Council to look over. The current curfew ordinance is not specific enough. Motion to have the solicitor advertise the proposed curfew ordinance as amending our current ordinance with the changes discussed made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

An ordinance regulating noise between certain hours was brought to council's attention by J. Kilker. Motion to have the solicitor advertise the proposed noise ordinance made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All.

J. Kilker reported that the County will issue a new deed for the property on B and Third Streets. He will sit down with Mr. Huntington and work out details concerning the footage on the deed.

Complaint about a vehicle on East Mahanoy Avenue. This vehicle is a junk car parked within 15 feet of a hydrant. C. Marquardt said he would have the police department ticket it and notify the owner that it needs to be moved.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

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

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

Mayor's report: Read by C. Marquardt. It was noted that hearings missed was not on the report. This will be corrected and added to future reports. Motion to accept as read made by R. Krick, seconded by J. Haluska. Vote. All. Motion carried.

C. Marquardt noted that a policy notice concerning the ordering of police department uniforms and supplies has been drafted. This states that only the Mayor, or in his absence

the Council President, may order uniforms or supplies. He is going to take it to Mayor Kelly for signature.

A listing of the uniforms and supplies that each officer receives from the Borough to be filled out and signed was submitted for consideration. After looking over this form, M.B. Dougherty suggested adding a line for miscellaneous equipment and having it noted. Motion to adopt made by J. Haluska, seconded R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Health Officer's report: None submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Emergency Management - J. Yackera is reviewing the report. He asked that anyone who is listed and wishes to be removed or would like to be included please contact him.

Borough Engineer - Motion to appoint Entech Engineering, Inc., Pottsville as the Borough Engineering firm made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Request from the Girardville Area Municipal Authority (GAMA) to share services of the Borough Secretary. They will contribute one third (1/3) the cost of benefits and pay for additional hours based on current salary. This to be retroactive to, January 1, 2000. Motion to accept made by R. Krick, seconded M.B. Dougherty. 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. Haluska, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to allow the transfer of funds from the General Fund MMA to the School Building fund made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ryan Township - Notice of Council of Government (COGS) meeting scheduled for, February 23, 2000, 7:00 PM at the Girardville Borough Hall. Requests that each interested community appoint a delegate and alternate.

Motion to appoint M.B. Dougherty the COGs delegate made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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Motion to appoint J. Haluska the COGs alternate delegate made by R. Krick, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

PSAB - Notice of spring conference.

Schuylkill County Volunteer Firefighters - Thank you note for the monetary donation made by the Borough.

PSAB - various college scholarship applications available to sitting council members or member communities. M.B. Dougherty asked if these could be duplicated. C. Marquardt said that in reading them it did not state that originals needed to be submitted.

Reading, Blue Mountain Railroad - Letter requesting assistance in not piling snow on or near crossings, track or signal boxes.

M.B. Dougherty noted that the rail road is supposed to be up in the spring to check the wall where the memorial was located and make a decision on repairs. C. Marquardt asked if M.B. Dougherty had a direct contact as something needs to be done about snow removal. She said she did not have a contact and suggested calling the office.

First Federal Savings & Loan - Request to be considered in the event the Borough is looking to borrow money for any reason.

Representatives from USDA and Entech Engineering, Inc. will be coming to the Borough Hall on, Monday, February 14, 2000, at 1:00 PM. This is to discuss the current sewer project with the Senior Citizens Group but the meeting is open to the public. Anyone with questions, especially concerning possible low interest loans or grant money is encouraged to attend.

On March 13, 2000, at 1:00 PM representatives from Ashland Regional Medical Center, PA State Police and local law enforcement will be at the Borough Hall to discuss safety concerns of senior citizens. Again, this meeting is open to the public.

C. Marquardt said that he stopped at the Court House and spoke with the commissioners concerning the Borough's CDBG application. He has contacted Entech Engineering to see if costs can somehow be cut on the proposed project.

Members of council have been invited to a luncheon meeting with staff of Keystone Financial. This is scheduled for, March 3, 2000, at 12:00 PM at Henry's in Ashland. This is to discuss what services the bank can offer local communities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets: R. Krick announced a committee meeting for, Wednesday, February 16, at 6:30 PM. There is concern about private residents or contractors clearing snow from parking

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spaces and piling it on corners. This creates dangerous situations for drivers trying to pull out into the intersections. The meeting may yield some type of guidelines.

R. Krick noted that he had a list of the handicapped parking spaces in hand and one renewal check. He requested letters be sent reminding holders of spaces that the annual renewal fee is due.

Police: M.B. Dougherty noted that after the committee meeting of, January 24, the following things need to be acted upon. A log of hearings should be kept allowing review. Daily reports must be filled out and checked for accuracy. Access to the evidence locker must be kept to a minimum. On calls classified as "information received" the officers must be certain to get both sides of the story. Officer Kufro was given use of the Borough's gun as he does not own one. All officers should read and sign copies of the various policies. A request for the purchase of a cell phone was made by Officer Livergood. M.B. Dougherty said that at this time she sees no need and suggests council deny the request. R. Krick said he agrees with this position. Officer Livergood brought to the committee's attention the possibility of purchasing guns through the Federal Surplus program. These are FBI issued 9 mm that are being made available to law enforcement agencies at \$25.00 each. The committee discussed purchasing weapons to be issued to our police officers. These weapons are to be used only when on duty and to be secured in lockers when not in use. Motion to make a request to Federal Surplus to purchase four (4), nine millimeter (9mm) pistols at \$25.00 each made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded R. Krick. Question? C. Marquardt asked if council wanted to discuss a policy concerning the weapons? R. Krick noted that there is time, if the guns are purchased to have a policy reviewed and in place. M.B. Dougherty noted the Mayor and Officer Livergood need to be made aware that the agreement is to purchase four (4) weapons not the five (5) requested. Vote. All. Motion carried.

M.B. Dougherty asked if council wanted to consider a decision of the requested sale of the borough's 357? R. Krick suggested waiting until we see if the proposed weapons purchase is finalized.

V. Ambrose noted that the Plymouth is missing badly. He said he would drop it off at Krick's Automotive to be checked.

A police committee meeting is scheduled for, February 21, at 7:00 PM.

School: R. Krick noted that the problem with the heaters in the gym appears to have been fixed. Wayne's Plumbing has been to the borough hall. The boiler has a leak and they are looking for it. V. Ambrose said that there is cardboard under the boiler to try to pinpoint the leak.

Recreation: No report.

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Recycling: C. Marquardt reported that the borough is on-line as a permanent site beginning in March. We will have our dumpsters with an additional open dumpster from the county.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Kilker asked if council had reviewed the proposed ordinance regulating street repairs of vehicles? This matter was table to be discussed at the next work session.

V. Ambrose noted that the Senior Citizens made a donation of 24 new chairs for use in the Council Chambers. C. Marquardt requested that a thank you note be sent to Mrs. Labie, President of the Senior Citizens.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None at this time.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Haluska, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All.

Respectfully submitted
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Rescheduled from March 9, 2000

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** March 16, 2000 **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, J. Haluska, C. Marquardt, J. Yackera
Solicitor J. Kilker

Members absent: Mayor J. Kelly (medical)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Subick noted that in the past month no action has been taken on the property at William and Ogden Street and that the situation is getting worse. C. Marquardt told her that a bench warrant had been issued for Mr. Scott and a hearing has been scheduled for March 30th at 10:45 AM. Officer Livergood will contact the interested parties to attend this hearing. J. Kilker noted that the affidavits will be filed together and a court date should be set soon. Mr. Philip Rappant noted that he had also suffered property damage and there is the probability of snakes and rats in the building. J. Kilker asked that he read over the affidavit and suggest any additions or changes after the meeting.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

Mayor's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept as read made by J. Haluska, seconded by J. Yackera. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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Health Officer's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept the report as submitted made by J. Haluska, seconded J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Fire Chief's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept the report as submitted made by J. Haluska, seconded J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Property Third and B Street - J. Kilker has a meeting with Ira Huntington scheduled to go over the old deeds and settle the issue of footage for the new deed. The appraisal submitted was for a 15 foot wide lot. The Borough will stand by the statement that what was sold to him was a 15 foot wide section. If he chooses not to accept the deed granted by the Borough he has the right to file a Quiet Title action. M.B. Dougherty asked where the fence stands now? She was told it may be over by 1 foot or so. The new deed should convey the 15 foot wide section that was owned by the Playground Association. R. Krick asked what would happen if he filed? J. Kilker said that in his opinion he would lose if anyone answered.

EMA Plan - J. Yackera noted that no one contacted him about being removed or any other changes. The plan will be finished this month for submission.

NEW BUSINESS

Noise Ordinance 2000 - 1 - Motion to adopt this ordinance as advertised made by M. B. Dougherty, seconded J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Curfew Ordinance 2000-2 - Motion to adopt this ordinance as advertised made by M. B. Dougherty, seconded J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise the Vehicle and Traffic ordinance, in its' entirety, as submitted by the solicitor made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Resolution 2000-2 - Intention of Borough to join the proposed Northern Schuylkill County Council of Governments. Motion to adopt this resolution made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Audit review completed and submitted for examination. Motion to advertise the review made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

COG meeting, March 22nd 7:00 PM at the Shenandoah Municipal building.

Leaf-vac meeting: Borough hall, March 30th 10:00 AM.

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Sewer project: Consensus of council that there will be no dig permits required for the installation of sewer lines. Motion to not charge permit fees made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

R. Krick noted that residents need to be aware there will be an inspection fee levied by the Sewer Authority.

Incident reports - No charge for incident reports if requested by the resident. \$10.00 fee is charged when an insurance company submits a request for a report. M.B. Dougherty asked where this money goes. She was told all fees are deposited in the General Fund.

USDA - March 29, 2000, 8:00 AM - 12:00 PM. Mr. Carlin will be in the Borough Hall to assist with the required paperwork.

CDBG - Submitted Requests for Proposal opened. These are going to be held for review by each Council member. These applications can be submitted at any time.

Little League requests use of Borough Hall for registration. Dates to be posted.

BILLS

List of bills submitted read by C. Marquardt. Motion to pay the bills as submitted and to transfer the necessary funds to the School Fund made by J. Haluska, seconded J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

North Central Highway -- training for any officer. D. Kufro will be attending on his own time.

Food Pantry - Request from J. Chiaretti for use of space in the school building. Motion to allow use and to complete needed repairs and painting at approximately \$300.00 made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All.

PSAB - grant survey to be filled out and filed.

County Commissioners - notice of public hearing concerning the bond issue.

Nightengale Nursing Agency - Request to use the Borough hall for first aid and CPR classes. Motion to allow use made by R. Krick, seconded J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Confirm dates and set up different dates if available.

Centralia Mayor's Office - request for borough to go on record opposing eminent domain being issued for Centralia. Matter tabled.

Nardone - Berkheimer audit, reviewed and returned. All in order.

Commissioners - Census count information. M.B. Dougherty said she will check about getting something into church bulletin reminding people to fill out their forms. The borough has assisted. We are using the building for testing and training. Any calls with requests for information are given the 800 number to call. Received a certificate of appreciation for support of the Census 2000.

Chesapeake 2000 agreement - for comment on display.

Schuylkill County Tax collector's manual

DECD - basketball fencing project close-out paperwork has been complete, submitted and accepted.

Billing for project on East Mahanoy - Motion by R. Krick to allow the street committee determine what part of the bill should be paid by the borough, seconded M.B. Dougherty. R. Krick explained briefly what occurred. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

School: R. Krick noted that he has some money from rentals to be deposited.

Recreation: Handicapped swing request. Motion to purchase the proposed handicapped swing from Playworld Systems made by R. Krick, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Streets: Handicapped parking - renewal fees are in. Motion to renew all existing spaces made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Two new requests: Robert Belfiore 5 West Ogden Street and Helen Martin 246 West Main Street.

Motion to grant space to Belfiore made by R. Krick, seconded J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to grant space to Martin made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Letters of notice to be sent to the above parties.

Street Committee meeting set, Tuesday, March 21st at 7:30 AM

Police: M.B. Dougherty reported in a public safety related item that a street tour needs to be conducted again. Problem properties need to be identified and action taken against the owners. A date and time should be set in the near future. C. Marquardt said that Dan Grow was in to look at the properties that the Borough proposes to tear down in this year's demolition project. In the near future BOCA will be adopted and there is a person

interesting in doing the enforcement. Residents concerned with dilapidated properties were told that there are no quick fixes to these problems and that the Borough is doing the best they can in these matters.

J. Yackera reported that the 1999 Police Pension report was completed by Conrad Segel and is going to be submitted as required. The matter of having no foreseeable participants in the pension is being looked at by the State but this matter will only be addressed when approached by the State. Motion to authorize J. Yackera to sign and submit the annual report made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

J. Kilker requested checks for Scott matter be issued. Sheriff's office - \$140.00 and the Prothonotary office - \$155.50. Motion to allocate these funds made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mr. Kilker noted that he spoke with the engineer and the GAMA solicitor and Larry Fertich. The required easements will be completed as soon as possible.

PUBLIC COMMENT

V. Ambrose asked if council is going to consider not charging for permits required for sidewalk repairs after installation of sewer lines since they are forgiving digging permits? R. Krick said that matter will have to be taken under consideration.

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

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer

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BOROUGH OF GIRARDVILLE

FOURTH & "B" STREETS

P.O. BOX 5

GIRARDVILLE, PA 17935

PHONE: (570) 276-1635 FAX: (570) 276-1640

Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. DATE: April 13, 2000 TIME: 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

Pledge of Allegiance led by Council member R. Krick in the absence of Council President C. Marquardt.

Meeting called to order by R. Krick in the absence of the Council President, Vice-president and Mayor.

Motion to declare the chair open made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded by J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint R. Krick as Council President for purposes of chairing this meeting only made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL

Members present: M.B. Dougherty, J. Haluska, R. Krick.
Solicitor J. Kilker.

Members absent: C. Marquardt (illness) J. Yackera (personal) Mayor J. Kelly (medical)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Question from floor asking if we had a curbing law for dogs. She was informed that such a law is on the books in the borough. Officer Kessler told the resident that because she had called the State Police it was their matter. R. Krick informed her that this is not the fact and the borough police will have to take care of this matter. M.B. Dougherty asked if it is allowable to file violation of ordinance on past instances? J. Kilker said yes. The resident said she was willing to do so and was to speak with the officer on duty.

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J. Clayton made a complaint concerning the manholes left on Second Street and Mahanoy Avenue. They pose a problem as you cannot see pulling out into the intersection. V. Ambrose said he would speak with Fred Bower, Doli Construction and have them moved. M.B. Dougherty said she has had several concerns over where things are left at the end of the day. R. Krick noted that this should be addressed at the construction meeting this coming Monday.

M. Ritro asked where the rest of the Council members are this evening? R. Krick said that C. Marquardt is sick and J. Yackera called and said he would be absent due to personal reasons.

Mrs. Labie asked what was going to be done concerning the properties on West Main Street. R. Krick said that this matter would be addressed further into the meeting.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

Mayor's report: Read by R. Krick. Motion to accept as read made by J. Haluska, seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Tax Collector's report: Motion to accept report as submitted and to pay the tax collector made by J. Haluska, seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

B Street deed - J. Kilker reported that investigation of history of the deed revealed the property to be 15 X 150 feet. Errors on the deed need to be corrected as at one point it was listed as Fourth Street. The cost of a new deed will be \$125.00. A request will be made to have the deed issued to the Girardville Borough instead of the playground association. Quiet title action will be suggested to Mr. Huntington due to all the difficulties with this deed. Previous sales have been done by quick claim deed. M.B. Dougherty asked about the location of the fence. J. Kilker said that apparently the fence is over the property line but if he refuses to move it then the borough can refuse the sale of the property. Motion to approve \$125.00 for issuance of a new deed for the property at the corner of B and Third Street made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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EMA plan - this matter tabled as J. Yackera is absent.

NEW BUSINESS

West End Park project - DCNR informing of awarding of the grant, Rep. Luyck's office congratulating on receipt of the grant. Agreement papers - Motion to enter into an Agreement for grant money for the West End Park Project made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

COG - Motion to advertise the ordinance to join the COG as a joint venture made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request from L. Bennick, Mahanoy City concerning a one (1) year lease agreement for use of our compost area for the purpose of the leaf-vac grant. This matter was tabled until all of council is present to discuss the matter.

Ordinance 2000-3 - Motion to adopt vehicle and traffic ordinance regulating repairs of vehicles on borough streets made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

J. Kilker noted that this ordinance was advertised in condensed format. R. Krick noted that should be policy at all times when possible to cut down on advertising costs.

CDBG - Council received and reviewed four (4) Requests for Proposals. Motion to award this application work to Ron Dillman of Prodesign Plus made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

List of bills to be paid read by R. Krick. Motion to pay the bills as read with the addition of the cost of the replacement spring for the four seat teeter totter at \$180.00 and a Roto-Rooter cost at \$153.00 resulting from a blockage in the main line on the 200 block of West Main Street made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

J. Kilker noted that he was shocked by the cost of the ordinance ads. He contacted the Standard Speaker to request prices and a saving of approximately \$300.00 would have been made if the ads had been placed there and not in the Pottsville Republican. He had requested a cost estimate from the Republican and said they did not reply. Notice given that in future no ads are to run without first reporting the cost of the ad. The Standard Speaker probably is not as widely circulated in the Borough it still fulfills the advertising requirement.

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CORRESPONDENCE

E. Dougherty - request for storage space in the borough hall building for tax records. As there is space in the records room this request was allowed.

Nightingale Nursing - permission to use borough hall May 10, 11 from 9:00 AM to 1 PM. Motion to approve usage made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

University of Delaware - permission to use East End basketball courts June 26 from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM to conduct a free basketball clinic. Motion to approve usage made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

COG - meeting date change to April 26th, 7:00 PM in Shenandoah Heights

Vision - Town hall meeting March 30th, 7:00 PM

PADOT - notice of receipt of annual funds in amount of \$28,713.36

Census Bureau - use of hall week of April 24 for training from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM. This was already approved and scheduled.

Urban Research & Development - request for consideration in receipt of RFP's for future projects.

PA Borough Council Assn. - reminded of deadline for scholarship applications.

Disabilities Law Project - information concerning fair housing rules. On file.

Consumers PA Water - water quality 1999 report. On file.

Assorted classes and seminars for anyone interested. These are available in the office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

School: R. Krick reported that Bidy Basketball may pay \$200.00 toward the water bill. M.B. Dougherty asked if the front doors could be painted. V. Ambrose said yes, it will be added to the project list.

Recreation: Nothing to report.

Streets: R. Krick noted he has a handicapped parking space request for 146 West Ogden Street. This matter was tabled until next month.

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In the construction zone signs will be posted for No Parking and vehicles may be towed if there is an officer on duty. Residents are reminded that it is necessary to avoid parking in the construction areas to allow smooth progression of the installation of the sewer lines.

Police: M.B. Dougherty suggested council consider instituting foot patrols as the weather becomes nicer. Meeting scheduled, April 19th at 7:00 PM.

Also a list of properties that need to be looked at and possibly cited was submitted. This matter can be discussed at the committee meeting. R. Krick asked what a reasonable time frame for this type of action would be. J. Kilker said if the parties had already been notified then begin citing immediately. If it is a first notice than 15 days to respond is reasonable. Concerning the properties on West Main Street that have already received letters R. Krick suggested sending first notice one more time and then begin the citing process. J. Kilker said the letters could come from the Police department or the Secretary's office. M.B. Dougherty noted she would discuss this with Marvin Livergood.

Status of the three properties that were submitted for demolition was raised. This question was sent to the solicitor for answer.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Labie suggested that residents should be concerned about the bond issue currently in front of the County Commissioners. This matter effects all of us and will have an impact on taxes at some point.

M. Ritro asked if new residents pay taxes. R. Krick noted that it is the Tax Assessor's job to make certain that anyone moving into town is added to the tax list. Council will have to go after land lords again to make certain renters are registered as well.

Motion to adjourn made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. DATE: May 11, 2000 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, J. Haluska, R. Krick, C. Marquardt
Mayor J. Kelly, Solicitor J. Kilker

Members absent: J. Yackera

PUBLIC COMMENT

G. Subick asked if the officer could come and take interior pictures of further damage. Mayor Kelly noted that the black paper had been hung incorrectly. Officer Livergood was given permission to go and take inside pictures.

Mrs. E. Labie asked what was being done about the properties on West Main Street. She was informed that the property owners are being notified.

M. Yesalavage presented a petition signed by his neighbors concerning the dogs owned by the Preps. He also had pictures of the dogs. Concern about the number of dogs and possible ordinance violations. He had a log recording the history of barking and howling from 10/99 through today. Concerns about safety of the neighborhood were raised. They have a sign stating they are attack dogs. He registered complaints about lack of police cooperation. Calls to the police department would not net any visit to the property to investigate. M. Yesalavage was questioned if he was bothering the dogs. Mayor Kelly noted that even the State Police don't want to enter the property because of these animals. As for the police calls, Kelly said that Ofcr. Livergood was there last night. M. Yesalavage noted that he has stopped calling 911 and that he spoke to Ofcr. Kessler but he didn't come up to investigate the complaint. M.B. Dougherty asked if the dogs are out 24 hours. M. Yesalavage said he didn't know for certain.

Mr. Macheese complained about the german shepard belonging to his neighbors. He said no effort is made to keep the dog quiet or calm. They encourage the dog to bark when he goes out into his yard. C. Marquardt said that an officer will go down and speak to the neighbor.

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Notice of interest by Mr. Gillibauer in acquiring nearby property to use as a parking lot for his arcade. He is currently investigating in the area for suitable property and is aware of the ongoing attempts to rectify problems on West Main Street.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

Mayor's report: Read by M. Livergood. Motion to accept as read made by J. Haluska, seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Question? M.B. Dougherty asked to be refreshed concerning the listing for phone assignments. It seems that a phone call from a resident does not get a response. She suggested that the officer upon receiving phone complaints take the time to respond directly to the resident's home. This is the second month in a row we've had complaints that Officer Kessler does not respond and even tells residents to contact the State Police. Vote. All. Motion carried.

The Memorial Day parade is scheduled for, May 29, 2000 at 8:30 AM. Everyone participating will report to Main and Julia Streets. Motion to allow blocking off Third Street for the memorial services and to bring out the fire police made by J. Haluska, seconded R. Krick. Mayor Kelly has notified the Fire Police and arranged for traffic control.

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

Health Officer's report: No changes or additions to last month's report.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Emergency Management Plan - available for review. Motion to submit in one (1) weeks time made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

B Street property - new deed ordered, cost to be \$125.00 payable by the Borough. Mr. Kilker said after the transfer is completed he would suggest that Mr. Huntington seek quiet title due to some discrepancies on street addresses. M.B. Dougherty noted that the question of the fence being beyond 15 feet needs to be addressed. J. Kilker noted that the proposal/appraisal for purchase describes 15 feet.

Letter from Centralia - tabled

M.B. Dougherty asked the status of the list of properties being looked at for building violations. J. Kelly noted that four (4) properties have been cited. M.B. Dougherty said that all four (4) properties on West Main Street were to be cited. R. Krick said the property owners have 15 days to respond.

NEW BUSINESS

Co-op agreement with county for participation in the demolition program. Motion to accept the agreement made by R. Krick, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. A resident is interested in the one property on East Mahanoy that is to be included in this agreement.

Purchase of a stacking bond tabled until next budget discussions. Cost estimates are \$250.00 - \$320.00 for \$80,000 coverage.

Request to order vehicle codes from police department. Tabled for police committee consideration.

Railroad - C. Marquardt noted that we are to receive a letter of notice to start on the wall and the grass is to be cut. They were notified on the hazardous conditions resulting from the cribbing falling down on William Street. J. Barrett put up caution tape and the residents are concerned about safety. M. Patella called PP&L to inform them that some of the cribbing is leaning on one of their poles. She was told they'd be out in 2 or 3 days to inspect the damage. R. Krick suggested contacting the PUC to see what leverage could be used. Formal complaints can be filed if it becomes necessary. J. Kilker said he would get complaint forms.

BILLS

Motion to pay the bills as submitted made by J. Haluska, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

EMA, Schuylkill - Notice of plan being overdue

Penn State Geisinger - Notice of rates effective 6/1/2000 - 5/31/2001
PA Department of General Services - request for e-mail information

Conrad Siegel - billing for annual ACT 205 plan submission

SFSP - Notice of change in contact person

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Stephenson Equipment - Compatibility requirements for leaf vac

Walker Twp - request for copy of franchise agreement

COMMITTEE REPORTS

School: R.Krick reported some rents. Answer end of the week concerning the food pantry.

Boro Hall Building: R. Krick reported that the boiler is cracked. It has been sealed but needs to be replaced. Three bids have been received; Aaron's Oil, Wayne Heating, and Antz Heating & Plumbing. Motion to accept the bid received from Antz to replace the boiler at \$5285.00 made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Office air conditioning estimates on two different types. The ductless system was recommended as being in the best interest of the building integrity. Motion to approve the ductless system installed by Antz at \$2200.00 made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Recreation: M.B. Dougherty wants to have a meeting with R. Dillman. Date to be arranged and posted. Benches for the park have been requested. Motion to purchase to (2), eight-foot benches at \$327.00 each for the East End Park made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Streets: R. Krick noted that council has to decide upon issuing a handicapped parking space for Theresa Heffner on Ogden Street. Motion to approve made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Jack Barrett asked about widths of streets. R. Krick told him that not all the streets are designated.

Police: Meeting scheduled for, May 16, 2000, 7:00 PM. The committee needs to discuss the outstanding property letters; policy on how to react to information received citations, necessary police car repairs, and possible foot patrol for summer months. C. Marquardt brought up Ofer. Kufro. He asked Council what action they wanted to take. Mayor Kelly noted that Kufro hasn't kept current on his updates and he has taken a full time job elsewhere. M.B. Dougherty noted that he has missed quite a lot of schedule work time as well. Motion to send him a letter thanking him and notifying him that his services are no longer required, include a request for the return of the borough property, and equipment made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded by R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Mayor Kelly noted that his keys were turned in already.

Motion to advertise for part time police resumes made by R. Krick, seconded by

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J. Haluska. This to have a submission deadline of, June 2, 2000, 1:00 PM. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

M.B. Dougherty said that the State Police would send someone down to assist with the interview process. She is checking into this further.

Recycling: Lori Bennick asked about a 1 year contract with costs to be used as part of the matching funds for the leaf vac grant. This matter is tabled as there was a question of ownership raised about the property where the compost pile is currently located.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Gillibauer submitted a letter stating his intentions for his arcade. He noted that he has all the required county permits. C. Marquardt informed him of the curfew and noise ordinances and suggested he stop in during regular business hours to get copies. J. Kilker asked about security. Mr. Gillibauer noted that, as an arcade none is really needed other than the employees on the premises. When he hosts dances then extra security will be supplied.

Mayor Kelly noted that the joint police agreement expires in June. Gilberton has approved an extension through 12/2000. Motion to extend the joint police agreement with Gilberton through 12/2000 made by J. Haulska, seconded R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Macheese suggested getting the contractor to scatter some calcium to help with the dust problems resulting from the installation of the sewer lines. C. Marquardt said he would talk to the contractor about this matter. He also noted that the stop sign is run constantly.

Receipt of notice to pay outstanding taxes on 329-331 West Mahanoy Avenue. This matter was addressed to the Solicitor. Worst case is that whoever buys the property will have to pay the outstanding taxes. Motion to authorize the Solicitor to seek having the taxes waived for 329-331 West Mahanoy Avenue made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Haluska, seconded R. Krick.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer

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PUBLIC HEARING
CDBG APPLICATION

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** June 8, 2000 **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, C. Marquardt, J. Yackera
Mayor J. Kelly.

Members absent: J. Haluska (work)

Approximately 45 residents in attendance.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

To discuss the Borough's intention of applying for Community Development Block Grant money. This money, if approved, to be used to assist with the installation of the newly required sewer lines and possibly housing rehabilitation.

BUSINESS

C. Marquardt turned the floor over to Ron Dillman, Prodesign Plus to explain the program. The residents were informed that the borough is pursuing grant money to be used for installation of sewer lines. Any leftover funding would be used in a housing rehabilitation program. The current low/moderate income guidelines would apply. It is a Loan/Grant program that is forgiven over four (4) years. These grants are highly competitive on the borough's part and a second public hearing will be held.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Residents asked if they should ignore the USDA grant program that is being offered and wait for the CDBG money. They were told that if they were in the process of applying for

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USDA money they should continue and if funded use that grant. This application process for the borough alone can be between 8 and 10 months.

R. Krick noted that the sewer authority is looking into being able to wait for the \$500.00 hook up fees to allow this money to be used. This money could be used to cover the cost of the lines from the main to the house.

If there is no extension on the hook up fees and you borrowed money or paid another way would this program reimburse? R. Dillman informed residents that the program would not reimburse. The borough would know is approximately 8 months is the program was funded.

How soon is the new system going to be operable ? The contract date is October, 2000.

Will the authority wait for hook up fees? R. Krick noted that the Authority members think they can wait but are checking into that matter.

Questions about dirt and dust from the project were raised and referred to the GAMA monthly meeting.

M.B. Dougherty noted that if and when funds are approved notices would be put out so that everyone was aware.

Next meeting scheduled for, June 29, 2000, 6:30 PM. Immediately following will be a special council meeting to approve the application.

Motion to adjourn made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska.

Respectfully submitted
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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** June 8, 2000 **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, C. Marquardt, J. Yackera
Mayor J. Kelly, Solicitor J. Kilker

Members absent: J. Haluska

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Subick asked why the building being torn down does not have a permit issued to date? If he doesn't need a permit why does anyone else in town need one? J. Yackera said he spoke with Theresa Niedzwiecki and she informed him that the permit fees are being tripled in way of a fine and that Mr. Scott is aware of this matter. It has been a simple case of schedules not allowing her to see him. J. Yackera further explained that the only other alternative is to shut down the job and take him to the magistrate for non-payment and no one wants the job shut down for any reason. As for his not working on the building at the present time that is a matter for the Magistrate not the Borough. C. Marquardt said he will have the matter of the unpaid permit passed on to the police department.

Mr. Humes asked what progress is being made with the Bernotas property. He was informed that the demolition projects will be discussed later in the meeting.

Mr. Charetti asked if anything could be done concerning the dust and dirt problem on Oak Street. Vehicles are speeding up and down making the problems worse. Mayor Kelly said the only answer is to approach the contractor. R. Krick noted that the contractor is responsible for the ditch but the borough cannot intervene in the construction process. The streets will be paved when the contractor is ready to begin paving.

Mr. D. Kelly asked again if something could be done about the kids hanging out on the corner of Main and Second Street. He called at 11:30 PM on an evening that an officer was scheduled until 12:00 AM and was told that there was no officer on duty at the time. Mayor Kelly said he would check the schedule. The police only chase the kids if a complaint is made and they are back in a matter of minutes. Mr. T. Flannery noted that he has seen Officer Kessler standing and talking with the kids and not chasing them from the corners.

Mrs. Rudiman noted that kids have been trying to break into Dr. Carney's old office. Also, that the garbage left around is becoming a terrible problem.

M.B. Dougherty noted that the point of joining with Gilberton was to improve police protection. Mayor Kelly noted that the joint forces have resulted in a better chance of an officer being on duty but not improving overall coverage.

Mr. T. Flannery said that there is a Federal Lawsuit pending concerning problems with the Borough and Mr. Kessler. I came to the borough and they wouldn't help me. I turned it over to my department and right now the borough is under investigation. It is my contention that I was framed. I was accused of chasing the officer while in my state vehicle. I have proof of where I was when the accusations were made. Mr. Kessler lied under oath and I have the testimony from the court stenographer. We are going to court.

Mr. Humes asked if the Borough could make the Railroad cut down the trees at the old monument. If the area were cleared the kids would not be as liable to hang around up there. Underage drinking and damage to vehicles parked in the area have been the norm. C. Marquardt noted that letters have been sent to the Railroad and this additional matter would be addressed. Mr. T. Flannery noted there is lack of enforcement. Four wheelers traveling up and down Main Street are friends of the officers. Selective enforcement.

Mr. M. Yesalavage asked if there would be a police report tonight and he was told yes. He asked if Marvin Livergood was in attendance and was told not at this time.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

Mayor/Police report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept as read made by J. Yackera, seconded by R. Krick. Question? R. Krick asked what a "phone assist" is as listed on the report. The police committee hears that there is no response to phone calls. Mayor Kelly noted that he would address this matter to the officers. Vote. All. Motion

carried.

Mayor Kelly has a request from Wm. Penn Fire Co. to allow their parade to pass through the borough on June 17, 2000, at 7:00 PM. This also includes a request for assistance with traffic control. Motion to allow made by J. Yackera, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

The mace that was requested has a shelf life of four years. Motion to allow the Mayor to order six (6) cans of mace for the police department made by J. Yackera, seconded R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Officer M. Kessler submitted for reimbursement a bill of \$9.00 for alterations to a uniform. Motion to approve made by J. Yackera. R. Krick noted that policy is to purchase one uniform a year but there is no allowance for alterations. Motion dies for lack of second.

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

Health Officer's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept the report as submitted made by J. Yackera, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Fire Chief's Report: Motion to accept report as submitted made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded by J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Reading Blue Mountain and Northern - No answer on request for information concerning the lot of East Main Street concerning the grass and wall. A second letter will be sent. Residents have been advised to contact the PUC concerning the cribbing on Railroad and William Streets. Motion to have the Borough submit a complaint to the PUC on this matter made by R. Krick, seconded J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Residents asked if the trees on the property could be cut down as this might alleviate some of the problems with the underage drinking that goes on in the area. C. Marquardt said he would address that concern as well in his letter.

NEW BUSINESS

As part of the CDBG it is necessary to appoint a Fair Housing Officer. Motion to appoint J. Charetti as Fair Housing Officer made by J. Yackera, seconded R. Krick. Question? J. Charetti noted he would take the appointment contingent upon it not being an overwhelming job. He is to call Ron Dillman and discuss the parameters. Vote. All.

Motion carried.

Employer evaluation for D. Weikel to be filled out and filed. C. Marquardt asked for assistance in this matter.

Police Department - Bounced check. There will be additional costs of \$10.00 for this check. Mayor Kelly is aware of it but no action was taken.

Motion to purchase a plain paper fax machine from A-1 Business Machines in the amount of \$199.00 with an additional 10% discount made by R. Krick, seconded J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to approve purchase of requested updates for police department made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to sign agreement with ProDesign Plus for the West End Park Project and to pay the \$2700.00 fee made by R. Krick, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Green area - the macadam has to be torn up and M.B. Dougherty objected to having the SYEP kids doing this work. R. Krick suggested getting quotes on having the work done and then allow the kids to do the landscaping.

BILLS

Motion to pay bills as submitted with the addition of \$250.00 each for Little League and Teener League made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Entech Engineering - question of sidewalk easements for East Mahanoy Avenue for the sewer project. The solicitor is investigating this matter.

STV - John Street Bridge inspection. They recommend removal or total blocking off of this bridge for safety purposes.

Wm. Penn Fire Co. - Request for approval to have parade routed through the borough and assistance with traffic control. This request was approved by Council.

Census Bureau - thank you note for use of facilities.

Mahanoy Creek Watershed Association - Thank you note for assistance with stream clean up.

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Ann & Linda Uzupis - Letter of complaint about the sewer project. This was forwarded to the Authority.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation: West End Park - work should start in the fall. Have requests out for quotes on fencing for along the creek.

Police: M.B. Dougherty noted that the State Police will sit in on promotion hearings. There were no applications for the advertised position worth interviewing.

OTHER BUSINESS

Solicitor - The best practice concerning the easements is to have each property owner sign the needed easement. The Borough can condemn or but may end up in court. Motion to have solicitor prepare a general blanket easement for the pavements on East Mahanoy Avenue made by R. Krick, seconded J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Demolition - Motion to allow the solicitor to proceed with condemnation proceedings against the properties slated for demolition made by R. Krick, seconded J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

M.B. Dougherty asked about the status of the deed for the property on Third and B Street. The question of where the fence is located was raised. Mr. Kilker said that Council could hold the deed until the fence is moved or refuse to issue a deed and take the lot back. R. Krick suggested taking the deed and having a meeting with Mr. Huntington concerning the fence.

M.B. Dougherty asked about the letters that were to be sent by the Health Officer concerning the properties on West Main Street. Mr. Kilker read a general letter to be sent to property owners via certified mail. Motion to send this letter to all the property owners on the list previously submitted made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

J. Tinari requested use of the Borough Hall on, June 28, 2000, from 7 - 9 PM for first aid classes. Motion to allow made by J. Yackera, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

J. Charetti thanked Council and the borough workers for the wonder job was done in

setting up the food pantry.

Mr. M. Yesalavage asked if anyone on Council is aware of what is happening with the petition that was submitted concerning the dogs? Mayor Kelly said that the investigation is complete and Officer M. Livergood will issue citations. If you have any questions concerning this matter they need to be addressed to the officer. M. Yesalavage noted that the situation has improved some as a section of fencing has been repaired. But, the dogs still bark if anyone goes out toward the gate and his grandchildren are afraid. He noted that the dog owners cannot be approached to solve this problem. At this point Mrs. Prep suggested that M. Yesalavage tell Council about the M 80's he had set off and the number of times he has been before the magistrate on charges. These are highly trained dogs and there have been threats made to kill the dogs. These dogs are family pets and have never bitten anyone. C. Marquardt noted that according to the Mayor this entire matter has been investigated and any and all questions need to be addressed to Officer Livergood.

Mark Kessler asked to address questions to Council and noted he was here as a private citizen. His questions were addressed primarily to M.B. Dougherty as head of the police committee. M.B. Dougherty asked for the questions in writing so as to be better able to address the concerns. M. Kessler told her he only had notes that he had written for himself.

Additional note: I requested a copy of the questions and statistics quoted from M. Kessler immediately following the meeting. He agreed to submit this but to date no such copy has been received.

C. Marquardt suggested that a better way would be to have the concerns addressed at a committee meeting or work session. M. Kessler insisted he had the right to ask any questions as a private citizen and have them answered at a Council meeting. M.B. Dougherty agreed to address his questions.

What plan does Council have to address the crime situation in the borough? Considering the last several meeting what is going on in our current police needs to be addressed. Not very happy with services as they are now.

What type of training have you had in supervision and leadership of a police department and what improvements have you made since becoming president of the police committee? As far as supervision of the police department it is necessary to make it clear that the mayor is in charge of the police but I do have supervisory experience in past jobs. I have not had any specific training for police departments.

M.B. Dougherty noted that it is unfortunate the you as an officer come to council asking these questions. I don't think the police department is doing a good job and if it were up to me we would start from scratch. I am only one vote and can suggest anything in the way of improvements but without the votes to make changes.

Is there a future for the police department and if so what can be done to improve it? I

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would love to see regionalization because we are not effectively serving residents. The two biggest problems facing this borough are code enforcement and police protection. We do not have a code enforcement officer because of the costs involved and are trying to address this matter through the COG. It would be much more effectively to do it jointly and do it right. The same would apply to the police department.

M. Kessler said he would like to see a full time police department with 24 hour a day 7 day a week protection. M.B. Dougherty answered that would be the ideal and would be great if we could afford it. Recently there have been complaints about you personally not responding to calls from residents and sending them to the State Police for matters of Borough ordinances.

At several points during this portion of the meeting there was shouting and accusations between residents on the floor, Officer Kessler and members of Council. At one point immediately before the meeting was adjourned Councilor J. Yackera walked out of chambers saying it was totally out of control.

At this point Mr. T. Flannery noted that this situation is ironic and he'd suggest that M. Kessler get himself a defense attorney.

M.B. Dougherty agreed that we have done a lousy job with our police department and need to improve service. No one seems to want to look at what is going on in this police department. R. Krick noted that every member on Council knows what is going on even if they do not want to admit it.

Council President C. Marquardt called for a motion to adjourn. Motion to adjourn made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded R. Krick. Vote. All.

Respectfully submitted
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PUBLIC MEETING
CDBG APPLICATIONS

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** June 29, 2000 **TIME:** 6:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: M.B. Dougherty, J. Haluska, R. Krick, C. Marquardt

Mayor J. Kelly.

Members absent: J. Yackera

Approximately 12 residents in attendance.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Second of the public hearings for the CDBG application.

PUBLIC COMMENT

C. Marquardt gave the floor to R. Dillman, Prodesign Plus. R. Dillman noted that this was the second of the two public hearings to get citizen input concerning the CDBG application. The Borough is applying for funding to be used for residential sanitary sewer installation and housing rehabilitation. The application is for the maximum amount allowed, \$500,000.00. To date 146 letters of interest have been received showing a need. He asked if anyone had any questions.

Do assets count? No, income that will include any interest or black lung for example. The income guidelines change yearly. They are usually revised in January or February so if you do not qualify at this time make sure to check again next year.

There were no other questions.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Haluska, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All.

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SPECIAL MEETING

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** June 29, 2000 **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, J. Haluska, R. Krick, C. Marquardt
Mayor J. Kelly

Members absent: J. Yackera

PURPOSE OF MEETING

To approve the CDBG application for sanitary sewer and housing rehabilitation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

BUSINESS

R. Dillman read Resolution 2000-3 in its entirety.

Motion to approve Resolution 2000-3 approving and agreeing to the conditions for the submission of the CDBG application made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska.
Question? None. Vote. All.

Motion to adjourn M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All.

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** July 13, 2000 **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, J. Haluska, R. Krick, C. Marquardt.

Late arrival: Solicitor J. Kilker

Members absent: J. Yackera, Mayor J. Kelly

PUBLIC COMMENT

E. Burns asked if there is any law stipulating that people be off the basketball courts at a specific time. Area residents have complained about the noise at late hours.

C. Marquardt said that the parks and basketball courts will be posted closed at 9:00 PM. Residents complained that we need police protection at night not in the middle of the afternoons. Arrests must be made not just warnings issued. Complaints about police protection in general were brought to Council's attention. Mr. Kilker arrived, 7:20 PM.

T. Flannery informed council that the borough is being investigated and facing a federal lawsuit and it seems another is in the works. At this point Mr. Kilker suggested that council consider going into an executive session and decide something at that time.

J. Clayton asked if there would be answers tonight? M.B. Dougherty said this is something that will take some time. R. Krick noted that every time council rushes to hire it backfires and we need to take our time in reaching a decision. J. Clayton asked if citizens would have anything to say about who is hired or how changes are made in the police department. M.B. Dougherty said that it is possible to form a citizen's committee. T. Flannery asked about using Civil Service and was told you need a minimum of 3 full-time officers to be considered for Civil Service.

A. Engle asked if anything was being done about the property on the corner of William and Ogden Streets? R. Krick told him that this matter is in court and now that DEP is

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involved it becomes very complicated. J. Kilker noted that the suit is ready to be filed for preliminary injunction to clear the streets and give 30 days to clean the property and fence. Complaints were again lodged that residents must get permits to improve their property and yet these places are allowed to just sit and get worse and worse.

Mr. Kilker added that with the County Demolition program the borough is now in a position to tell property owners they have to take care of problem properties.

G. Brennan asked about the tall grass on E. Mahanoy Avenue. C. Marquardt told her that citations will be issued. The location of the current owner has now been determined and he will receive the citations. M.B. Dougherty asked if we can get on the property. J. Kilker said if you post it with five (5) days notice you can enter the property and make it punitive. M.B. Dougherty said post it tonight.

Questions about the possible usage of the Matulatis property were raised by neighbors. C. Marquardt informed them that we are under County Zoning and any usage must be approved through that office. The Council has no way to make a determination but all permits must be acquired first.

Questions about the status with the railroad properties were asked. The PUC complaint forms are available for residents concerning the cribbing on William Street. The borough has submitted a complaint on this matter. As for the wall, C. Marquardt noted that project is supposed to be slated for this year but we have heard nothing from their office. Letters and phone calls about these matters have gone unanswered.

Mrs. Subick asked if DEP knows if it was a pocket of gas or tanks that caused the fire on William Street? R. Krick said it was contaminated soil that was on fire. Right now, that section of the sewer project is on hold. Cost and responsibility for clean up will be determined down the road.

K. Malloy asked about the building where the "raves" are supposed to be held on West Main Street. There was a flurry of activity and now seems to be no action. J. Kilker told her that the owner will have to get all the required state and local occupancy permits before he will be allowed to hold any activities in that building. The area is zoned commercial and as long as he meets County zoning requirements the borough has no control.

E. Burns complained about the state of the streets stating the contractor is not fulfilling his obligations. He told residents of the construction conference scheduled for, Monday, July 17th at 9:00 AM. He suggested residents plan to attend and lodge their complaints in front of K. Rapose, USDA. On questions of property damage, residents were informed there are forms they must obtain from the Engineer to fill out and file. These forms can be obtained over at the construction trailer from Larry Fertich.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes of the two block grant public hearings, special meeting and regular meeting as submitted made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Mayor's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept as read made by J. Haluska, seconded R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Health Officer's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept the report as submitted made by J. Haluska, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Reading, Blue Mountain, Northern Railroad - Letters sent, phone calls and faxes have all gone unanswered. C. Marquardt said he will call their office tomorrow. It was asked if we could cite them for the uncut grass. R. Krick said yes.

COG - Motion to adopt Ordinance 2000-4 Membership in the Northern Schuylkill County Council of Government made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Demolition - several buildings are slated to be torn down with funds from the County Demolition project. One property on West Mahanoy Avenue is owed by Community Banks and they have agreed to split the cost of demolition with the borough. Questions about other buildings were raised. J. Kilker informed residents that the borough is pursuing the owners of properties that need repairs. The county program is an immense help in getting rid of blighted properties. Motion to send a letter to Dan Grow for all his assistance with this program and his continued support made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to authorize R. Dillman, Prodesign Plus to advertise the bids as needed made by J. Haluska, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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Fencing for West End Park - Motion to award the project to the lowest bid submitted made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

List of bills read by C. Marquardt. Motion to pay bills as submitted made by J. Haluska, seconded M. B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

PSAB - Act 4 class - code enforcement

Senator Rhoades - letter of support for out CDBG application

Mahanoy Creek Watershed - request for support for grant application. Motion to send letter made by R. Krick, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

American Hose Co., Mahanoy Plane - request for permission run parade through town. Permission granted by Council. Letter to be given to Mayor to arrange fire police and routing.

Schuylkill County Conservation District - Compliance notice against DeMatus Enterprises.

Teener League - thank you letter for Council's donation

Nightingale Nursing Agency - Request for use of building, 7/26,27, 2000. The 27th is the GAMA meeting. E. Kelly was present and said other arrangements would be made.

DCNR - East End Grant notice of award of final payment 6 - 8 weeks.

DCNR - West End Grant notice of award of initial payment 6 - 8 weeks.

Pa Department of Health - Community meeting, July 25, 2000, to discuss public health concerns.

Audits on file - Liquid Fuels and Berkheimer EIT

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation: Kid's Faire is scheduled, July 18, 2000, at the East End Park. Flyers will be posted.

Streets: Motion to purchase posts to replace street signs as the streets are paved made by J. Haluska, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Meeting with Doli and the engineer to discuss the paving of streets. Agreement has been reached concerning paving of certain streets totally as opposed to only doing trenches. All streets will be discussed as the project progresses.

Problem with cracked sewer grate on the 300 block of Preston Avenue. R. Krick said he would go down and look at the grate.

C. Marquardt reported contacting Tim Holden's office after reading an article in the paper about funds available for paving projects.

Police: M.B. Dougherty made a motion for permission to send a letter to DCED requesting assistance with our police department. Seconded by R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

M.B. Dougherty read a letter from Mr. T. Flannery requesting permission to review police logs and to have Sealed copies of them. He informed council that copies of this letter have been sent to the State Attorney General's Office as well as his attorney's office. The question of viewing these was put to the solicitor. Mr. Kilker asked to be given the opportunity to read the letter as this is the first he has heard this request. He voiced concern that some of the information may be of a sensitive nature. Mr. Flannery said he expected a response in writing within five (5) days. M. Ambrose questioned the request to have the borough seal on these documents as they are police business and not borough business. R. Krick noted that was a very good question and one that needed to be addressed. The secretary putting the borough seal on documents denotes them as correct and official copies something that cannot be done for documents not directly out of the municipal office.

OTHER BUSINESS

J. Kilker requested permission to file injunctions against the Bernotas property on North Second Street. Motion to allow complaint to abate a nuisance 333-335 N. Second Street made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? J. Kilker wanted council to be aware that this property was not removed from the demolition list and there is a possibility that the money will be lost unless the contractor relents. He expressed confidence that the court would agree that the house is a nuisance but there is no guarantee. Vote. All. Motion carried.

In the matter of the Montone property on West Ogden Street - he is trying to track down the owners.

Fetter's property on West Ogden Street - the owners answered that they are planning on fixing up the property and taking up residence.

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The Butler property on East Mahanoy Avenue has been taken by the Tax Claim Bureau. Motion to authorize taking title to the Butler property dependent upon a quote for demolition made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

J. Clayton asked if anyone knew if the tanks at Canavan's old service station were still in the ground. R. Krick told her that previous to 1985 there were no records kept on underground storage tanks and her question should be directed to DEP.

Council went into Executive session at this time to discuss personal matters.

Upon re-entering the council chambers C. Marquardt asked for a motion to begin a full investigation concerning Officer Mark Kessler. Motion to conduct a full investigation of incidents surrounding Officer Mark Kessler due to there being sufficient evidence to warrant this action made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise for part-time police officer in four (4) local papers made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. This ad to be placed as soon as possible and the application deadline to be July 28, 2000. Full text of ad to be submitted by M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. DATE: August 10, 2000 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, J. Haluska, R. Krick, C. Marquardt
Late arrivals: Mayor J. Kelly, Solicitor J. Kilker (7:05 PM)

PUBLIC COMMENT

S. McMonegal thanked Council for getting the grass cut in the neighboring yards.

Mrs. Kress asked what could be done about Paulakonis' up the street from her on East Mahanoy Avenue. There are high weeds and cars in the yard. M. Brennan is aware of the problem but nothing seems to be getting done. C. Marquardt said he would check into it.

Mayor and Solicitor arrived (7:05)

The question of what is being done about getting some police? C. Marquardt said that interviews have been done and Council will be going into Executive session tonight to discuss this matter.

Mr. Edmundson had a complaint about a property on Ogden Street. He told Council that this place is a mini dump. Tires, cars, car batteries and garbage dumped on the street. The truck was cited and has been removed but first all the garbage was removed and left lying there. C. Marquardt said he will send the officer down to check it out again.

B. Marquardt asked if it matters what political party the proposed police department hires belong to? M.B. Dougherty said that as far as the borough is concerned, no, their political affiliation makes no difference.

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H. Ressler made a complaint about a truck on William Street by the Ambulance lot. R. Krick asked if it had an inspection sticker? Ressler did not know. C. Marquardt will have the police check this.

Complaints about the lack of police enforcement were made by residents. Loitering was especially noted. If they are chased they are back in 10 minutes. Mayor Kelly said he would check into why citations are not issued. J. Kilker asked if the State Police are citing? D. Kelly said yes, they cite on resident say so. These are being prosecuted. Comments were made that is the officers are off duty by mid-night it is a waste of time. C. Marquardt explained that our officers are part-time and they hold regular full-time jobs. Scheduling must take their other schedules into consideration.

M Ritro asked if new residents in town are registering? D. Kelly, who is the Assessor, said he has no way of knowing about new residents unless they register. C. Marquardt told him that a borough ordinance requires all landlords to register tenants. R. Krick noted that GAMA is working on a list which will include rental properties and this will allow a cross over for enforcement.

Status of the problem on William Street was requested. C. Marquardt said that this is under investigation through DEP and Entech Engineering. As soon as Council is made aware of what needs to be done residents will be notified. R. Krick said decisions will be made quickly but as far as he is aware the contaminated dirt will not be removed.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes of the two block grant public hearings, special meeting and regular meeting as submitted made by J. Haluska, seconded by J. Yackera. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Mayor's report: Read by M. Livergood. Motion to accept as read made by J. Haluska, seconded by J. Yackera. R. Krick noted the five missed hearings and asked which officer missed. He was told M. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Permit Officer's report: Motion to accept as submitted made by J. Haluska., seconded by J. Yackera. Vote. All. Motion carried. R. Krick noted that Council will need to set up a way of dealing with permits for GAMA. The Borough still has the responsibility to make certain that contractors have the necessary liability insurance. The Borough should issue permits for when residents must dig to run lines. The question will be how to reimburse the permit officer for non-charge permits.

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Health Officer's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept the report as submitted made by J. Haluska, seconded J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Railroad - no response from Blue Mountain Reading or the PUC.

DEP - follow up on William Street. Waiting to hear from DEP on how this matter needs to be handled.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2000-4 Renewal of participation in the PiggyBack program. Motion to adopt made by J. Haluska, seconded J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Resolution 2000-5 EMA update. Motion to adopt made by J. Haluska, seconded J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to send request for DCNR grant manual made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

The Butler property on East Mahanoy Avenue is apparently being torn down by the owners. J. Kilker noted it was on the Commissioner's List to be sold to the Borough. Council noted that if the owners are assuming responsibility then let them.

Question of disposition of 23 Line Street is in the hands of Solicitor.

Proposal from Goodman-Pilconis for renewal of the Borough insurance policies. Motion to accept the proposal as submitted made by J. Haluska, seconded J. Yackera. Question? M.B. Dougherty said she hadn't seen it and asked to look at it. Vote. All. Motion carried. E. Burns asked if there was coverage on the concession stand. R. Krick told him the building is not listed and probably not covered. Little League should look into insuring the building and contents.

Demolition - 391 West Mahanoy Avenue is completed. Letter from C. Pitts stating interest in purchasing the property. He was informed of the process and will have an appraisal for next meeting. J. Kilker reminded Council that when sold 80% of the price received goes back to the County.

Leaf-vac - several types. There were problems with the boxes. C. Marquardt noted that a request to purchase total units as opposed to separate pieces. He asked for any questions

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or suggestions from Council. E. Burns said the borough needs a leaf-vac like a hole in the head. A back hoe would be the better purchase. This will be reviewed with L. Bennick from Mahanoy City.

School Guard - Mr. Frank Zangari has offered to replace A. Miller in case of illness or missed day. Motion to allow made by J. Haluska, seconded J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

List of bills read by C. Marquardt. Motion to pay bills as submitted made by J. Haluska, seconded J. Yackera. Question? R. Krick asked about the PP&L bill for the school. The freezer and coolers run all the time. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Northern Schuylkill COG - Dues set at \$100.00 and the shared cost for the ad placement \$24.45. These costs were approved as part of the bill list.

Rangers Hose Co. - Letter of interest in purchasing Pinchot property.

Robert Kurtz Esq - Letter concerning personal damages. This matter was forwarded to the Engineers.

PSAB - transportation subcommittee meeting, 9/17/00

Mahanoy City - notice of pot hole machine demonstration.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation: J. Haluska reported that Kid Faire is scheduled and flyers are posted.

The fencing for the West End park will be done as soon as A&H can be on scene.

Streets: R. Krick reported problems with drainage on Line Street by Centioles. V. Ambrose wants to dig a test hole first to see what is there. Possibly need to replace 75 - 100 feet of pipe. Motion to repair the storm drain on the East side of Line Street made by J. Haluska, seconded J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

The question of paying additional funds for overlay of A and Fourth Streets was raised but there is nothing in writing at this point. Estimated costs are \$8,000.00. E. Burns noted that someone should oversee as they are not laying what was agreed. Motion to allow the Street Committee to make the decision on street paving made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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V. Ambrose requested permission to purchase a new chain saw. He had several cost estimates but wanted to further investigate before making a final choice. Motion to purchase the saw made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Police: Motion to purchase the DCED police manual made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

DCED police department questionnaire to be filed.

Committee meeting scheduled, 8/17 at 7:00 PM.

Letter of resignation from Mark Kessler received and read by Mayor J. Kelly. Motion to accept made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Solicitor J. Kilker suggested that Council cite the non-responding property owners. Letters asking intent were sent and nine have made no response. Of the ten responses two are on the demolition list. The first is owned by a bank and the second is owned by Mr. Bernotas.

A petition to abate a nuisance will be filed against the Bernotas property.

8 West Main Street is clear of liens and the property is secure and will withstand any condemnation proceedings.

10 West Main Street there was no response. No one seems to know the location of the owner.

M.B. Dougherty asked if the letters were about the buildings themselves? J. Kilker told her the letter was general and asked property what they intended to do concerning the condition of the properties. She asked that weeds/grass be added to any future correspondence.

The Butler property of East Mahanoy Avenue will need further investigation.

Attempts made to contact George Durinko have failed.

Pennington has responded concerning the property on Odgen Street. Repairs are supposed to be started.

M.B. Dougherty suggested sitting down with both F. Zangari and M. Brennan and discussing these properties.

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The former Mary's Cafe on East Mahanoy Avenue has been transferred to the Klines and they will begin demolition. The Kline's paid \$100.00 for services and this amount has been deducted from this month's bill.

Community Banks NA reimbursed the borough one half the cost of the demolition of the West Mahanoy Avenue property.

Checks have been issued for the Bernotas property to begin filing in court.

Question of easements for GAMA concerning sidewalks on East Mahanoy Avenue. It was recommended that individual easements be issued for each resident. Sud Patel is working on a list of property owners. Any easements needed between property owners are their own expense. Any easements needed over borough property the solicitor will take care of.

Scott property - The site of the contamination is covered over and there are no restrictions for continued demolition. The court order was to clear the property in 30 days. He has 10 days to clear the sidewalk and fence in the area. Asbestos on pipes is the only question and removal must be coordinated with DEP.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Cress asked if the Paulakonis property on East Mahanoy Avenue is on the list to be checked? M.B. Dougherty said if it isn't on the list it will be added.

H. Ressler asked about the hydrant on William Street that was supposedly dry. V. Ambrose noted that he contacted the water company. The checked and made no report back that any hydrant needed to be out of service. A water company rep is on hand at all times to okay any water usage by the construction company.

At this time Council went into Executive session for personnel matters.

Meeting reconvened.

Motion to hire Jonathan Frantz as a part-time police officer at the wage of \$8.00 per hour for a 90 day probation period made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to hire Mark Schott as a part-time police officer at the wage of \$8.00 per hour for a 90 day probation period made by R. Krick, seconded J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to allow the Mayor to purchase a box of 38 shells made by J Yackera, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Letters to all interviewed to be sent.

Motion to send letter to D. Kufro asking for the return of borough property made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to give M. Livergood a raise to \$8.50 per hour made by J. Yackera, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. DATE: September 14, 2000 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, J. Haluska, R. Krick, C. Marquardt
Mayor J. Kelly, Solicitor J. Kilker

Members absent: J. Yackera

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. T. Flannery informed Council that he received Council's response to his request to review police logs. A letter from Mr. Kilker informed him that he could not review these documents, as there could be information in them relating to ongoing investigations. Mr. Kilker said his opinion was based upon PA State Supreme Court decisions. Mr. Flannery informed Council that these records would be subpoenaed as part of a lawsuit that he has instituted.

The status of 39 Ogden Street was requested. Mr. Kilker said he contacted Attorney Fuedale and the work to fill in the basement was to start one week ago. He requested permission to file a petition of contempt if this was not done within 10 days. DEP is not holding up the continuation of the demolition of the property.

H. Ressler asked the status of the cribbing on the railroad at William Street. C. Marquardt informed him of a meeting scheduled with the PUC for, September 29, 2000 at 10:00 AM on site. Mr. Kilker noted that the railroad has not responded to the complaints made. R. Krick noted that the PUC regulates railroad crossings and this matter may need to be taken to the Railroad Board in Washington DC. Mr. J. Barrett noted that he received responses to his complaints. PADOT denies responsibility and it seems so does everyone else. J. Kilker said we could approach both Tamaqua and Mahanoy City about their problems with Reading Blue Mountain. The railroad's response seems to be go to Washington DC.

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B. Johnston made a complaint about the old Fedder's property on East Ogden Street. It is a garbage dump. There are four vehicles there along with plaster and lath from the remodeling project they are doing. C. Marquardt said that the fire chief and health officer are looking into this matter. A previously sent letter was answered. Mr. Kilker said that the residents claimed that requests for permits were denied and that they were doing the required work. Mayor Kelly said he believed that the property has already been cited. Further investigation will be done in this matter.

B. Johnston also asked that her letter concerning 5 East Ogden Street be withdrawn. Council agreed.

Mrs. Labie asked the status of the properties on West Main Street. Mr. Kilker noted that the Constable is looking for Mrs. Ross. Someone receives her mail. She will be served with a similar notice as sent to V. Bernotas. In addition, the three other property owners have been notified of the existing physical problems. We have been getting responses. Council needs to look at existing ordinances and perhaps institute new ones concerning abandoned properties.

Ira Huntington noted problems with his sewer due to the current sewer project. He claims that the digging is leaving debris, which washes, into the sewer lines and causes back ups into cellars. The streets are bad and nothing is done about it. C. Marquardt noted that when cones and flashers are put out they are stolen so the company has taken to painting the pipes fluorescent orange for safety. Mr. Huntington was told to lodge any complaints with the contractor. R. Krick noted that the old sewer system does have a drainage problem. This line has been flushed and is open. Once the new lines are hooked up, these problems should disappear. As for the street conditions, USDA has no funds for restoration until the completion of the contract. The pipes sticking out of the street are there to reduce water in the ditch line. They are not connected to anything and not contributing to any drainage problems. The water level on B Street is part of the problem. V. Ambrose noted that the existing sewer line is a roller coaster. R. Krick noted that B Street has had back up problems for years. This is nothing new. Heavy rains can be some of the cause. The water levels rose and then left quickly. He asked I. Huntington if he had floor drains. Mr. Huntington said he filled them in but then noted that one was open.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

Mayor's report: Read by J. Frantz. Motion to accept as read made by J. Haluska, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? R. Krick asked who missed the hearings. Mayor Kelly said he believed it was M. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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Mayor Kelly asked permission to send M.Livergood to classes and allow the use of the police vehicle for attendance. These classes are for the Drug Task for and are every other Monday from 9/18- 10/23. Motion to allow made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request for equipment items for the two new police officers. Included are belts, holsters, speed loaders, handcuffs, and holders. R.Krick asked what speed loaders were and was told they are cylinders that hold ammo allowing the loading of a gun all at once. Motion to allow the requested purchases made by R. Krick, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

At this point M.B. Dougherty introduced Jonathan Frantz to the residents present at the meeting. He is one of the new police officers who will be on duty soon. Council anticipates more day shifts and additional help for the Health Officer.

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

Health Officer's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept the report as submitted made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Fire Chief's report: 20 investigations, 12-15 emergency responses. Motion to accept as submitted made by J. Haluska, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Reading Blue Mountain Railroad - A meeting has been set up with the PUC and local officials to look at the area on William Street and discuss options.

Ogden and William Street - this area is under investigation by DEP. R. Krick noted that this could put GAMA on hold for 6 – 8 weeks.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2000-4 GAMA financing. Motion to adopt made by J. Haluska, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? R. Kilker noted that he reviewed this ordinance submitted by Rhoades and Sinon and found everything in order. Vote. All. Motion carried.

PUC – meeting set for, September 29, 2000 at 10:00 AM on William Street.

Frank Johnston's GAMA appointment is up in December. A letter needs to be sent asking him if he'd like to retain his seat on the board. Motion to send letter to F. Johnston asking his position made by J. Haluska, seconded R. Krick. Question? M.B. Dougherty asked if the letter should go to Butler Township asking for candidates. Policy in this matter has been that if the Council wishes the current holder to retain his seat and he is interested than he is simply reappointed. Council only approaches Butler Township if their seat becomes vacant. None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Bid for removal of macadam in the proposed green space by E. Burns in the amount of \$520.00. Motion to approve and proceed with the project made by J. Haluska, seconded R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

2001 CDBG application – deadline for submission, November 30, 2000. This was tabled for further discussion.

New form for building permit applications - submitted to Council for approval. Council decided to use the new forms with the addition of the discussed changes. Copies to be made and given to the permit officer. Motion to approve with the changes made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

2001 Recycling Calendar - letters to be sent to various organizations with a deadline of, October 20, 2000 for next years events dates.

Officials Meeting set for, October 8, 2000. Reminder notices to be sent.

Finance Committee will set a date to be posted.

Policy change for property sale discussed. Council to get the appraisal and its cost will be additional to any bid on property sales. Motion to make this change made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? J. Kilker asked if it would be policy to see for the appraised amount? R. Krick noted that Council would still have to abide by Borough Code. Right to refuse any bids and this matter should be further discussed. No vote on this motion.

Motion to pay T. Niedzwiecki for the cost of the Scott building permit even though it has not been collected to date made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Notice that subdivision plans for a block of houses on West Main Street has been approved by the County.

Offer on 391-393 West Mahanoy Avenue from C. Pitts in the amount of \$2606.00. Motion to accept offer and approve sale made by R. Krick, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Personnel policy meeting set, October 8, 2000 at 6:00 PM.

J. Kilker noted that the hearing has been set concerning the Bernotas property. He will notify all needed participants of this date, October 3, 2000 at 10:30 AM.

Mr. Kilker requested permission to file a similar case against Rose Marie Ross for her property on West Main Street. Permission to file made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. R. Krick noted, however, that Council wants to take the Bernotas property and he wants it made clear that he does not think Council should take the Ross property. The purpose of filing suit will be to force her to take action to abate the nuisance. He also requested that once drawn up the documents be faxed to borough hall for review before being filed.

J. Kilker noted that a letter from Mark Kessler's attorney has been received stating that he will be making a claim against the borough for personal injury.

Notice of 2001 demolition project have been received. There was some question as to whether the Carney and Durinko properties fall under the fire escrow ordinance.

R. Krick noted that on East Mahanoy Avenue, demolition of the Butler property has stopped. Motion to authorize the solicitor to notify the owner of record that this must be cleaned up made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to file contempt petition against R. Scott if no restart on demolition in 10 days made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

R. Krick asked if DEP said he could fill in the basement. J. Kilker said that it would be preferable not to but wouldn't stop him. R. Krick noted that DEP is bringing in some type of sonar equipment to see if a tank can be located.

BILLS

List of bills read by C. Marquardt. Motion to pay bills as submitted made by J. Haluska, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to remove the bill from D. Butler for replacement of tire made by J. Haluska, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to transfer funds from the general fund to the school fund to cover bills made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

PADOT – 1999 Liquid Fuels report approved pending audit.

Keith & Beth Johnston – letter of interest 5 East Ogden Street. B. Johnston withdrew this letter at the meeting.

Schuylkill Community Action – fair housing project funding application. M.B. Dougherty will check into this matter.

PUC – meeting set concerning William Street

Consumers PA Water Com - notice of date change for dinner.

Sports & Recreation - company offering playground inspections. Filed.

REH – activity report on unemployment compensation claims.

Senator J. Rhoades – congratulations on receipt of DCNR West End Grant money.

Representative Lucyk – same as above.

County EMA - notice of receipt of completed update EMA plan.

Auditor General - 1999 police pension ADHOC adjustment payment.

PLCB – receipt of annual funds.

County Court House - receipt of 1998 grant, \$256.00

PA Resources – litterbug/cleanup info

PA Dept of Health - information on West Nile virus.

DCED - notice of “Growing Smarter” conference.

COG – meeting date scheduled, September 27, 2000. M.B. Dougherty noted that a code enforcement study will be conducted and there should be further information by the end of the month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation: A&H Fencing is waiting arrival of 12 foot fence to do the West End Park. R. Dillman brought to Council's attention a DCNR grant for \$20,000.00. If the borough contributes to the grant, they will match it. This will result in \$30,000.00 in grant money,

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which would complete Phase II of the West End Park. Motion to submit an application with \$10,000.00 matching funds from the borough made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Streets: The matter of fixing the drainage problems on Fourth Street was discussed and tabled until a total number can be brought to Council for approval.

Police: Open question was that M. Kessler and D. Kufro returned everything. Mayor Kelly noted that everything belonging to the borough had been returned.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No further public comment.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Haluska, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
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PUBLIC HEARING
GRANT APPLICATION WEST END PARK PROJECT
PHASE II

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** October 12, 2000 **TIME:** 6:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: M.B. Dougherty, J. Haluska, R. Krick, C. Marquardt
Mayor J. Kelly

Members absent: J. Yackera, Solicitor J. Kilker

C. Marquardt informed those residents attending that this hearing was for public input on the Borough's proposed Phase II application for the West End Park Project. He turned the floor over to Mr. Ron Dillman, Prodesign Plus, the consultants who are filing the application.

Mr. Dillman explained that the Borough is applying for an outright grant of \$20,000.00. In addition, \$10,000 will be committed looking for matching funds from the State. If awarded the total amount spent on the project will be \$40,000.00. This will allow the completion of Phase II and parts of the proposed Phase III of the planned playground improvements. Letters of support from organizations in the borough have been received. He was pleased with the response from the borough residents. The proposed plans were available for those present to review. Citizens noted that the improvements are greatly appreciated. The children in the community need safe places to play.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2000-4 that allows the Council President to sign and accept the contract made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Haluska, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** October 12, 2000 **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, J. Haluska, R. Krick, C. Marquardt
Mayor J. Kelly

Late arrivals: Solicitor J. Kilker (7:05 PM)

Members absent: J. Yackera

PUBLIC COMMENT

E. Marquardt requested permission on behalf of The Good Time Club for approval for the annual Halloween parade. Mayor Kelly informed her he would take care of that during his report.

Mr. Humes asked the status of the Bernotas property. He was told that Mr. Bernotas had until today to remove his valuables from the property. C. Marquardt has been in contact with the demolition contractor and dates for demolition have been set.

B. Johnston asked what if anything was being done about the old Fedder property on Ogden Street. She was informed that citations have been issued and the officer is working on a bonded salvager to remove the vehicles.

Mrs. E. Labie asked about the properties on West Main Street. C. Marquardt noted that the Constables are searching for one of the owners. An example was given of the quickness of the proposed demolition of "Alexander's" in Frackville. That is a case where the owner's location is well documented.

Mr. Kilker arrived, 7:05 PM

M. Ritro noted that he is pleased now that Preston Avenue is fixed but wants Council to look into slowing down the traffic. It has become a racetrack.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes of the West End Park public hearing, and regular meeting as submitted made by M. B. Dougherty, seconded by J. Haluska. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

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

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

Health Officer's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept the report as submitted made by J. Haluska, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor's report: Read by Officer M. Livergood. Motion to accept as read made by J. Haluska, seconded by M.B. Dougherty. R. Krick asked where all the ATV complaints were from? He was told mostly Ogden and Upper Railroad Streets. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Demolition 2001 submission due by 10/27/00. Motion made by R. Krick that the Council President submit the application with recommendations made by the Street committee. The application to be kept in the \$15,000.00 range. Motion seconded by J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. The Street committee will hold a meeting on, Wednesday, October 18, 2000, at 8:00 AM and make recommendations at that time.

CDBG 2001 application due 11/30/00. Motion by M.B. Dougherty to submit the application for the previously requested improvements to the School Building. Motion seconded by R. Krick. Application to be sent to Entech Engineering to be completed. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Schuylkill Action - M.B. Dougherty informed Council that the deadline for participation has already passed.

NEW BUSINESS

Request from Girardville Ambulance to be considered in next year's budget.

Request from Girardville Ambulance for use of building and adjacent lot for emergency

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training. Motion to allow usage on dates specified made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? R. Krick noted his only concern was that this is a vehicle rescue class and he questioned if the vehicles would be removed or left over night. If left overnight they present a safety hazard. C. Marquardt said that the class is scheduled for weekends and the vehicles should be gone but he would check. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Bid – Property at 116 ½ - 118 West Main. Bid received from Vincent and Melissa Brennan in the amount of \$910.00. Motion to sell the property to the Brennan's for the amount of \$910.00 made by R. Krick, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Prodesign Plus bid to prepare Phase II of the West End Park project. This application will be for \$20,000.00 with \$10,000.00 funding from the Borough looking for matching funds from the State. Motion to accept this bid made by J. Haluska, seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

County sponsored fall cleanup scheduled dates posted. It will be held in the School Yard.

Consumers PA Water is going to install a new line on Upper Railroad. Council has been approached concerning the installation of hydrants. Motion to install hydrants at the two intersections made by J. Haluska, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Letter to be sent to request consideration of installation of hydrant on "C" Street. The nearest hydrant is located at Beech and Line Streets.

M.B. Dougherty left to attend another meeting, 7:25 PM

BILLS

List of bills read by C. Marquardt. Motion to pay bills as submitted made by J. Haluska, seconded R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to allow transfer of funds to the School Fund as needed made by J. Haluska, seconded R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

PADOT - Northeast Regional Partnering Workshop - 11/8 Pittston Twp.

Senator Rhoades - Letter of congratulations for receipt of DCED CDBG award \$450,000.00

PURTA - notice of 2000 allocation in the amount of \$620.41

DEP - Watershed conference 10/13-14 State College

DCED - Community Development forums 10/18 Pottsville

COG - meeting 10/25 Shenandoah minutes attached

Consumers PA Water Co. - five (5) year plan report No rate increases planned through 2004

Girard Coal - rates for equipment usage for snow removal & insurance information

Burns Contracting - rates for equipment usage for snow removal & insurance information

Sueden Trucking - rates for equipment usage for snow removal & insurance information

AMC - rates for equipment usage for snow removal & insurance information

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets: Fourth Street drainage project is tabled due to lack of complete cost estimates. The monthly construction meeting is scheduled for this coming Monday.

Police: Motion to allow the Halloween parade on Sunday, October 29, 2000, at 2 PM. The parade will begin at Main and Julia Streets. Motion made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to hold Trick or Treat night on, Tuesday, October 31, 2000, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM made by J. Haluska, seconded R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

J. Kilker submitted a letter for Council's consideration addressing the concerns discussed at the work session regarding removal of the dirt pile from the Borough Hall lot and paving of streets. R. Krick stated concern over the use of the word demand in prefacing the complaints. He noted that Council is in no position to demand anything of the contractor. The Municipal Authority is the entity who has the right to make demands within the confines of the contract. Council directed the Solicitor to revise this letter as a request, send it to the Sewer Authority with CC to the contractor.

Mayor Kelly noted that Jonathan Frantz did not pass the required firearm qualification. He requested permission to purchase an additional box of shells for the retesting. Motion to purchase made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor Kelly said that Mark Schott will be on duty shortly. There is some remaining paperwork.

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R. Krick noted that the Mahanoy Creek Watershed Association has a clean up planned for the beaver dam located off Rappahannock Road. This is scheduled for, October 21, 2000, at 12:00 PM. Any one interested in helping is asked to attend. There will be people on hand as early as 9:00 AM. Any questions, contact Mike Conner, 276-1316.

Request to use the borough dump truck to assist with the clean up made on the Association's behalf by R. Krick. Motion to allow made by J. Haluska, seconded R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

J. Kilker reported on the following:

The Bernotas property – the order was entered to allow the borough to demolish the property and place a lien against it for the cost of the demolition. The property was to be cleaned out no later than today. Motion to allow an extension of that deadline by two (2) weeks to October 30, 2000, made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Letter with exact date of October 30, 2000, to be sent.

Scott property - Scott's attorney was not aware of any reason why the demolition was not completed as ordered. Mr. Kilker has filed a contempt motion and expects that Judge Russell will set a hearing date soon.

Complaint and petition against Rosemary Ross will be filed. This property is in the hands of the Tax Claim Bureau. In all these matters Council wishes to pursue property owners.

B Street property - The deed is listed as the Girardville Playground Association. Former members have been located and arrangements will be made to transfer the deed to the Girardville Borough. Mr. Huntington has no legal title to the property and there is still the controversy of the actual footage to be solved. Research shows that the property is 15 feet wide and the present fence is in question. The mobile home on the property will also be in question. Motion to have the solicitor send a letter informing Mr. Huntington that the property is 15 feet wide and the fence is over the line made by J. Haluska, seconded R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

A list of problem properties and the progress made against property owners was submitted to Council by the Solicitor.

B. Johnston asked if Council was planning to advertise properties before selling them?
C. Marquardt noted that Council has changed policy regarding appraisals and any property appraised at \$1,500.00 or more would be advertised as required by Borough Code.

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It was noted that due to an error the property on West Mahanoy Avenue was sold improperly. Any real estate valued in excess of \$1,500.00 must be advertised.

Motion to rescind the sale of 391 West Mahanoy Avenue to Charles Pitts made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise said property to be sold by sealed bids due no later than, November 9, 2000, at 1:00 PM with the right to reject any and all bids made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Letter from Theresa Niedzwiecki, permit officer concerning the monthly meetings. She agrees that these meetings are a good idea but asks for some recompense for attendance as a baby-sitter must be paid. Council tabled this matter until the next work session.

PUBLIC COMMENT

H. Ressler asked what was going on with the cribbing on Railroad Street. He was told that the PUC was in to look over the situation. We are now waiting for a hearing date to be scheduled in Harrisburg. There is a question of jurisdiction and a hearing could take 4 – 5 months to be scheduled. J. Kilker noted that there is some research concerning ownership of the wall.

Motion to advertise a second public hearing for the West End Park project if required, date to be set at that time made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mr. Kilker suggested that Council consider sending a letter to Mr. Dan Grown thanking him for his assistance to the borough in their participation in the County Demolition program. Motion to send a letter made by J. Haluska, seconded R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

On the question of the condition of the “pony trail” Mayor Kelly said he would look into securing a work detail to assist in a clean up of the area.

He noted that arrangements have been made to take care of the skunks in that vicinity.

Finance committee meeting scheduled, Tuesday, October 24, 2000, 7:00 PM

Motion to adjourn made by J. Haluska, seconded R. Krick. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer

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BOROUGH OF GIRARDVILLE
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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** November 9, 2000 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Vice-President J. Yackera.

ROLL CALL

Members present: M.B. Dougherty, J. Haluska, R. Krick, J. Yackera.

Mayor J. Kelly, Solicitor James Kilker (arrived 7:05 PM)

Members absent: C. Marquardt (family illness)

PUBLIC COMMENT

K. Jones reported damage to her gas tank outside the building on election day. She submitted estimates on replacement costs for two different size tanks. This matter is to be handed over to the insurance carrier.

E. Johnston thanked Council for having the abandoned vehicles moved, however, when those were taken more were brought in and dumped. Mayor Kelly informed her that there are 21 citations issued against the property owners and when it can be arranged the other vehicle will be moved.

Solicitor arrived (7:05 PM)

It was noted that the Pinchot building across from the Ranger's is open again. Mr. Kilker said that the property owner was notified.

Mr. Robert Edmundson approached Council with complaints about the apartment building next to his home. He made a list of complaints concerning one of the residents who has been dropping trash and feces out of the second floor and onto his property. He called the police more than once and the Mayor was also on scene. Mr. Kelly noted that citations were issued to the woman in question. Melissa Brennan, the Borough Health officer, has been called there and she made the woman clean up the mess. Mr. Edmundson wanted Council to approach the property owner about the circumstances as

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calls from him fell on deaf ears. Motion to have the Solicitor send certified letters to both the landlord and HUD asking both to investigate the matter made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded by J. Haluska. Question ? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

J. Yackera asked Mr. Edmundson to please give a copy of his complaint with dates to the Mayor so it could be on file if needed.

Mr. Subick asked what the progress is with the property on Ogden and William Streets. Mr. Kilker noted that the contempt citation was filed. Mr. Scott must respond to the complaint. Mr. Scott has until 11/17/2000 to respond. DEP is not stopping any work on his demolition project. It will be up to Judge Russell what further action is to be taken and to set the time frame. All parties involved will be notified as this develops.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes of block grant public hearing, and regular meeting as submitted made by J. Haluska, seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Mayor's report: Read by Officer M. Schott. Motion to accept as read made by J. Haluska, seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Permit Officer's report: Motion to accept as submitted made by J. Haluska, seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried. Letter submitted requesting payment for attendance at monthly meeting tabled until next meeting.

Pennies for Play: to date collected \$49.20

Health Officer's report: No report this month.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Consumers PA - Upper Railroad Street line and hydrant installation started, November 6, 2000.

The previously approved letter concerning the block grant money was sent out today with the Girardville Area Municipal Authority mailing.

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List of properties submitted to the County for inclusion in the 2001 Demolition program. Letter sent to Zoning Office concerning the trailer Ira Huntington placed on the property at B and Third Streets. Council asked that Zoning investigate this matter.

Request from the permit officer for recompense for attendance of monthly meetings was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2000-5 - County CDBG application for funding of handicap accessibility for the school building. Motion to adopt and submit application made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to approve and advertise the 2001 tentative budget made by J. Haluska, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

One sealed bid received in answer to the ad for sale of property located at 391 West Mahanoy Avenue. Mr. Charles Pitts submitted a bid in the amount of \$2606.00. Motion to accept and approve sale of property to Mr. Pitts made by R. Krick, seconded by J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Requested updated copies of the tax maps have been received. There was no charge for these copies, however, additional copies will be \$5.00 per page.

Motion to adopt the Nondiscrimination/Sexual Harassment policy as reviewed made by J. Haluska, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to allow the Good Time Club use of the Borough pick-up truck for the installation of the Christmas decorations made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor Kelly submitted one price quote for purchase of hand radio units. This matter was discussed by the Police committee and was previously approved. Council agreed that he could purchase these accepting the lowest bid.

BILLS

List of bills read by J. Yackera. Motion to pay bills as submitted made by J. Haluska, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? It was noted that the Solicitor's bill was not on the list. The copy was received in time for the work session but not left on the Secretary's desk. This was to be added. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to allow transfer of money from the General fund to the School fund as needed to meet this month's bills made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Service Electric - payment of Third Quarter franchise fee.

Office of Solid Waste Management - Survey to update the County MSW Solid Waste Plan. This was filled in and submitted by C. Marquardt.

North Central Highway Safety - Request for bicycle safety task force information. Motion to send in the requested information made by J. Haluska, seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All.

Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad - Request for snow removal around crossings. This request is filed every year and the crossings are plowed whenever the streets are plowed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

School: R. Krick reported that the bathrooms being installed by the Biddy Basketball Association will be completed shortly. This will allow the doorway in the hall to be moved closer to the gym entrance limiting access to the school building. Anyone using the gym will enter and remain in the gym itself.

OTHER BUSINESS

Santa Claus is set to arrive on Thanksgiving Day at 5:00 PM. Motion to allow the annual Santa Parade made by J. Haluska, seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mr. Kilker noted that the matter of the trailer Mr. Huntington placed on the property next to his is in the hands of the Zoning Commission. He asked what Council wished to do concerning the filing of the deeds. Motion to accept the conveyed deed from the Playground Association made by R. Krick, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Mr. Kilker is to hold off conveying the deed to Mr. Huntington. M.B. Dougherty asked if payment had been received from Mr. Huntington. The money was received and then the difficulty with the deed was discovered. Motion to set the funds into a special account or give to the Solicitor to hold in his escrow account made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Letters were sent to the following property owners informing them that the properties are dangerous and need to be secured: Mr. Kish - Second Street, Mr. Hoffman - Main Street, Mrs. Durinko - Second Street, Mr. Heiser - Richard Street, Mr. Diebler - Main Street, and Mr. Scott - Ogden Street.

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Demolition - Mr. Kilker noted that a list of properties was submitted to the County for consideration in the next round of funding. He asked if he should take similar actions concerning these properties as last time? R. Krick suggested taking similar actions. It at all possible we want to have the owners remedy the situation.

R. Krick noted that last month that permission was granted to the Ambulance Association to do mock vehicle rescue. The wrecked vehicles were supposed to be removed within a day and were not. There is a liability question when we allow damaged vehicles to sit unattended for a week. Motion made that future training would only be allowed if the vehicles are removed within 24 hours by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Kilker asked to address Council from the floor. He asked if Council would consider doing something about the Strong building. It is a safety hazard. The demolition would cost between \$20,000 - 30,000.00. There is a problem with rodents. He spoke to Frank Zangari who informed him that if there was a fire in the section the entire town would lose power. R. Krick said that removing that building will not solve the problem with that section of houses. Michael Kitsock, a local contractor, questioned if you could be able to take that building out without damaging the adjacent buildings. Also, the County will not do renovations on unoccupied buildings. J. Kilker said he would have someone enter the adjacent buildings, privately, and see if they have their own walls and foundations. He requested that Council continue to look at these properties for possible demolition.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Haluska, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All.

Respectfully submitted
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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** December 14, 2000 **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, J. Haluska, R. Krick, C. Marquardt.

Mayor J. Kelly, Solicitor J. Kilker

Members absent: Joseph Yackera

PUBLIC COMMENT

E. Marquardt registered a complaint concerning the person who purchased the Reccione property. He went into the shed that is on Preston Avenue and left junk laying all over the street. It has been a mess for at least 10 weeks. Mayor Kelly said he would talk to the owner about cleaning up the mess.

E. Labie asked if there was any response from the property owners on West Main Street. Mr. Kilker informed her that basically there have been no further responses. He cannot locate one of the owners. He questioned the existence of Mrs. Ross and suggested that Council could file a suit and depose John Catizone.

J. Chiaretti asked council members to take some time and look over the copies of the maintenance codes he left in their boxes. His suggestion was that council go over this and decide what they will be enforcing. Adopting the codes across the board could prove to be an enforcement problem for the borough. It is possible to adopt the BOCA codes in their entirety with exceptions to enforcement. R. Krick suggested a meeting to go over the notes and hash out what is and is not enforceable. A date will be set to meet.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

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

Health Officer's report: No report submitted

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

Fire Chief's report: Report submitted for the fourth quarter. Motion to accept as submitted made by J. Haluska, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor's report: Read by Officer M. Livergood. Motion to accept as read made by J. Haluska, seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor J. Kelly announced that Officer Mark Schott would be on the schedule as regular duty. He has been working but as a ride along mostly. Mayor Kelly is still trying to get in touch with Ted Buriak concerning J. Frantz's firearms qualifications. Frantz is not going to be put on the schedule until he passes. J. Kilker asked why it is taking so long for him to qualify. J. Kelly responded that he failed the first time and was supposed to have scheduled a second time. He has received no word as to if and when the second round was scheduled.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The tabled request from Permit officer, Theresa Niedzwiecki, was brought before council once again. After some discussion it was decided to have her attend those monthly meetings only as needed. A letter to this effect is to be sent.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2000-6, 2001 Tax Levy at 6.2 mills made by J. Haluska, seconded R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt the 2001 budget as tentatively adopted and advertised made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Resolution 200-6, eliminating annual contributions to the police pension fund for the year 2000, made by J. Haluska, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to renew the Joint Police Agreement with Gilberton for six (6) months made by

J. Haluska. Motion dies for lack of second. After discussion of various problems, mostly administrative, with the agreement it was decided to request a meeting with Gilberton Borough representatives to see if a solution could be found. Motion to extend the agreement from 12/31/00 thorough 1/11/01 made by R. Krick, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. A letter with this information and requesting a meeting on, December 27, 2000, at 7:00 PM here at the borough hall to be sent.

Motion to approve the agreement using Prodesign Plus, Frackville, as the grant consultant for the CDBG sewage line installation made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to approve and submit access request for the IDIS system for both Faith Rickert (Prodesign Plus) and Mary Ambrose (borough) M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? This is for the purposes of accessing the computerized records and drawdowns for the CDBG funds. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to re-appoint Frank Johnston to the Girardville Area Municipal Authority, as the Butler Township representative for a five (5) year term made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Frank Zangari to the position of Fire Chief for a one year term effective, January 1, 2001, made by R. Krick. This is with the stipulation that signatures from officers of each of the fire companies agreeing to this are received. Motion seconded by J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to amend the agreement by removing the BOCA code enforcement section made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded R. Krick. Question? This is until the Council decides how and what codes will be enforced. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to approve for advertising the Council meeting schedule for 2001. M.B. Dougherty requested that the April meeting be moved back one week due to a conflict with Easter week. Motion to change the April meeting to the 19th and approve the schedule for advertising made by J. Haluska, seconded R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the pre-approved bill list for 2001 as submitted made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Borough Christmas tree pick-up schedule for, January 8, 9, 10, 2001 and post made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to participate in the 2001 Department of General Services salt contract made by J. Haluska, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

List of bills read by C. Marquardt. Motion to pay bills as submitted made by J. Haluska, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request to transfer needed money from the General Fund to the School Fund to pay the bills. Motion to transfer funds made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Schuylkill County Office of Economic Development - Keystone Opportunity Zone information. M.B. Dougherty is going to contact Mark Scarbinsky to see if it will be possible to include the school building. She will have more information after mid-December.

Schuylkill County Zoning - Letter informing the borough of the violation with the trailer being placed on the property. Mr. Kilker noted that the deed is ready to be transferred and he is waiting to hear from Mr. Hudack of the zoning office.

Seltzer Insurance - Audit of last year's workman's compensation policy with a refund of \$540.00

Mrs. Conway - resident request for information on a sewer cam to check out the old sewer line. This was answered with the information that the borough does not have access to a sewer camera and the suggestion that they contact a plumber.

ARMC - invitation to an open house 1/18/01.

Consumers PA Water Co. - notification concerning water line and hydrant installation on Upper Railroad Street. The line is complete but the new hydrants must remain out of service. When the tie-in with a new line from Lower Railroad Street is complete they will be put into service. Spring is the estimated time for completion.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation: J. Haluska had nothing to report at this time.

Streets: R. Krick said that a meeting would be set and posted to go over the punch list items. Possibly this coming Sunday morning a drive around town to check over the streets visually.

Police: M.B. Dougherty noted that police committee business was covered in earlier discussions.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Kilker recommended that Council accept service of the papers for the Butler lawsuit. He requested that Council authorize the Mayor to sign the waiver of service. He noted that he was aware of some possible problems with the insurance carrier.

C. Marquardt said this was being looked into by the agent. Motion to allow the Mayor to sign the waiver of service for the Butler lawsuit made by R. Krick, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

V. Bernotas would not sign the deed that had been prepared. Mr. Kilker informed council that he would try to meet with him again and if no action is taken a municipal lien will have to be executed against the property.

M & V. Brennan have not yet paid for the property at 116 1/2 West Main Street. A letter is to be sent informing them they have 90 days to make payment in full and arrange the transfer of the deed.

Deed transfer between C. Pitts and the Borough is ready to be signed. This involves 391 W. Mahanoy Avenue property.

In his opinion, Mr. Kilker noted, there is little chance of getting Mrs. Ross, Mr. Heiser, and Mr. Grady to do anything concerning the condition of their properties. It was suggested that the borough have Mr. Heiser convey his property to the Borough or get a quick claim deed issued by the tax claim bureau.

M.B. Dougherty asked the status of the Kish properties. Mr. Kilker said he got back the certified letter sent out and now has a new address. The notices will be sent out again.

Concerning the Muntone property, Mr. Kilker said he needs to check further into the matter of ownership of the property.

The Pennington property on Ogden Street is being cited every day for the violations.

Mr. Kilker is in contact with the owner of the Pinchot property across from the Ranger's Hose Company. They are looking into conveying the deed to the Borough.

Mr. Kilker noted that he is holding the checks issued for the Ross property. He is getting nowhere in locating her. R. Krick said that if we take the building we accept liability. There is the possibility that there will not be a demolition program next year and then the Borough is stuck with the property. C. Marquardt asked how this could be approached. J. Kilker said Council could subpoena financial records if you have reason to believe that someone else is paying the taxes. The tax claim bureau can tell you that taxes were paid but not who paid.

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M.B. Dougherty noted that the next COG meeting is January 24, 2001, at 7:00 PM in Delano Township.

R. Krick noted that in the Pennsylvania Magazine he read that Council can regulate payment for members. He suggested a policy where if the member does not attend either the monthly work session or regular meeting they would not be paid for that month. J. Haluska asked about people who could have trouble finding job coverage for swing shifts. R. Krick said that the policy couldn't get into legal excuses because there would always be an excuse. There are some members who consistently do not show up at any meetings. Motion to adopt policy stating if a Council member does not attend either the monthly work session or regular meeting they will not be paid for that month made by R. Krick, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

C. Marquardt asked for a motion to give the borough employees a half day on, Friday, December 22, 2000, for the Christmas holiday. No motion was forthcoming. He asked if Council would consider giving the borough employees a holiday bonus. Again, no motion was forthcoming.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Haluska, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All.

Respectfully submitted
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