

BOROUGH OF GIRARDVILLE

FOURTH & "B" STREETS

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. DATE: December 13, 2001 TIME: 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Vice-president R. Krick.

ROLL CALL

Members present: J. Chiaretti, M.B. Dougherty, R. Krick, C. Marquardt
Solicitor J. Kilker

Members absent: J. Haluska (work) Mayor J. Kelly (health)

PUBLIC COMMENT

H. Ressler of William Street questioned the recent flurry of parking tickets. He stated that for the last seven (7) years he has parked facing down the hill and never gotten a ticket. Living on a steep hill it is a problem to parking facing uphill and especially in the winter months. C. Marquardt noted that the fire companies have complained about people parking too close to the corners and it was decided to enforce all the parking regulations. This council has been called on the carpet numerous times for non-enforcement in recent months. M.B. Dougherty noted that there are difficulties with enforcement due to the schedules of the police officers. We do not have 24 hour coverage and so they must enforce what they can when they are on duty. Council is trying to make improvements with consistency and fairness. The question of the 4-wheelers on the streets was raised. J. Chiaretti said he is committed to finding a way of getting them off the streets.

J.Krick, East Mahanoy Avenue, asked what was going to be done about his water line problem. The pavements were dug up last year for the sewer project and since he has had problems with his line freezing. The weather is getting cold again and this problem is still not resolved. He was told that Council has no control over the project. This is a matter for the sewer authority. R. Krick suggested that a temporary fix, perhaps cold patch, until the pavements are repaired in the spring. This will be brought to the Sewer Authority's attention.

Mr. Oakum complained about wrong side of the street parking tickets on South John Street. He suggested Council consider making it a one way street going north. He also noted that the street seldom gets plowed and salted or ashed. He and a neighbor plow it themselves. R. Krick said this is the first time he is hearing that particular complaint and it will be addressed. Making South John Street one way will not solve the problems for the other hills in town.

D. Kelly asked why not suspend the parking regulations from December to March. Council all stated that is not possible. J. Chiaretti said that Council had decided to announce when Channel 16 is calling for snow the night before then parking facing down hill the next day would be permitted.

H. Ressler asked if the borough is going to get any use out of the leaf-vacs. C. Marquardt said that yes, the leaf-vacs would be used. R. Krick stated that it could not be expected for borough workers to clean up in front of people's houses. Hauling them around town is difficult. They will not fit down some streets. J. Kilker suggested scheduling dates and having residents sweep the leaves to the curb making it easier for the workers to just drive along and clean them up.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

Mayor's report: Read by Ofer. K. Collins. Motion to accept as read made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried. Request that in future this report be submitted in time for the work session.

Health/Code Officer's report: Read by W. Davis. Motion to accept the report as submitted made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Request for hard copies of this report to be submitted in time for the work session.

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

Permit Officer's report: Motion to accept as submitted made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Fire Chief's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept as submitted made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CDBG report: Submitted by Prodesign Plus. Read by C. Marquardt.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ranger response concerning the Fednorak property. No response received to date.

Ambulance driveway request. No response to request for further information.

Mr. Kilker is going to send letters to both organizations.

GAMA seats up for appointment. Upon receipt of notice of interest in retaining their current seats on the Sewer Authority Council voted to reappoint. Motion to reappoint Thomas

Dougherty and Edward Burns for five (5) year terms on the Girardville Area Municipal Authority made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Fire damaged house 239 East Main Street - J. Kilker has a letter that needs to be signed by the property owner. When all the paperwork is in line it will be sent to Dan Grow and hopefully put out to bid for this year. This needs to be classified as an emergency to qualify for funding in 2001. He has a letter from the fire chief making a statement to this effect.

M.B. Dougherty noted that she will look into possible funding for a computer for the police department. There is money out there for software or upgrading equipment.

Damage to storm inlet and line Richard and Ogden Street - Mr. J. Avelino of Consumers PA is aware of this matter. C. Marquardt is still waiting to hear from Popple to set up a meeting to discuss the damage.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to set re-organization meeting for January 7, 2001 at 7:00 PM, set 2002 meeting schedule for second Thursday each month and advertise both made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to set and advertise a Public Hearing for CDBG funding on January 10, 2002 at 6:30 PM made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2001-3 - Tax Levy 2002 at 6.2 mills made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt the 2002 budget as submitted and advertised made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to purchase a new computer for the office from MICSinc for \$1565.00 made by J. Chiaretti, second R. Krick. Question? There is a possibility of GAMA sharing the cost. Letter to be sent requesting this consideration. Vote. All. Motion carried. The current office computer will be cleaned up, programs reloaded to be given to the police department.

BILLS

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

CORRESPONDENCE

GAMA - notice of meeting with RUS, December 19, 2001 at 5:00 PM. Request for attendance by Council members available.

DCNR - notice of close-out of Phase II paperwork. Waiting for final payment from the State.

Schuylkill County - KOEZ 2002 application. Question on need for filing this. M.B. Dougherty will contact Mark Scarbinsky.

Blue Mountain Reading Railroad - annual request for assistance in keeping the railroad crossings free from snow.

Oceanport Industries - salt quote 2001/02 season

Center for Community Leadership - seminar Right to Know/Sunshine Act

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets: Christmas tree pickups will be January 7, 9, 11, 2001. This will be posted and sent to the newspaper.

A question concerning the work week schedule was raised. R. Krick said this needs to be discussed and can be done for the new year.

Purchase of a snow blower was requested. This would be used to clean around the building, school and the storm drain. Prices on snowblowers, Lowes \$539.00, Sears \$ 709.00. Motion to purchase the snowblower from Lowes made by J. Chiaretti, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion passed.

Ogden Street - No top until spring. There is now a time and temperature bind to finish by next week. The remaining area on Ogden and Second Streets will be leveled and a 2 inch top will be put down to smooth the road for winter travel. Work will resume when the weather breaks in the spring of 2002.

Police: M.B. Dougherty asked to schedule a meeting with the police officers. Officer K. Collins is to check schedules and get in touch with her. When set, date to be posted. She also noted that at the COG meeting purchase of bullet proof vests was discussed. There may be money available and she is looking into this matter.

Parks: Phase II equipment is beginning to arrive. Phase I has been completed and is waiting only the final payment from the State.

Recycling: Curbside pickup in December will proceed as usual. No curbside pick up for January, February and March. Christmas trees will be collected in January

OTHER BUSINESS

M.B. Dougherty said that the COG is still looking at purchase of health insurance. Right now it will start with the larger municipalities but there is a possibility of the smaller municipalities pooling together to purchase. This is still in the planning stages.

Next COG meeting will be January 4, 2002 here at the Girardville Borough Hall. Motion to host the January COG meeting made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to give the 3 borough workers, 3 police officers and borough secretary a \$25.00 Christmas bonus made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mr. Kilker reported that Mr. Scott complied with the court order. At issue is the \$400.00 in legal fees awarded if there was a second hearing scheduled. He asked if council wished to pursue this matter or withdraw. Motion to withdraw made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mr. Kilker asked Council to address a question concerning the BOCA codes at reorganization in January. The current wording classifies penalties as misdemeanor. The lesser charge in the State of PA would be a summary offense.

At this point Mr. Kilker informed all present that he did not wish to be reappointed as Borough Solicitor in January 2002. He cited personal reasons for withdrawing. He extended the offer of any assistance possible to the Borough in reference to borough history. He thanked Council and noted he would do whatever possible to ensure a smooth transition.

Both J. Chiaretti and C. Marquardt thanked Mr. Kilker for his service to the community and wished him the very best in his future endeavors.

C. Marquardt asked about looking into purchasing a new window for the police office. This window has been broken twice recently and a way of protecting the glass needs to be found. J. Chiaretti will look into this matter.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

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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

No comments at this time.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

Permit Officer's report: None submitted

Health Officer's report: None submitted

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

Keystone Opportunity Expansion Zone - M.B. Dougherty was in touch with Mark Scarbinsky. No action to be taken until a second letter is received. It is in our favor that the building is not currently on the tax rolls as part of the next steps would be to seek exoneration from the school board.

NEW BUSINESS

Request from Ashland Cub Scouts for use of the building, January 20, 2001, to hold their annual PineWood Derby. Motion to allow use made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Yackera. Question? None. Motion carried.

Request from the Girardville Ambulance service for use of the building on, January 15, 2001, to hold a meeting. Motion to allow usage made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request from the Girardville Ambulance Service for Council to adopt as a resolution recognizing the ambulance service provides service in the Borough and surrounding areas of Butler Township. This will allow the Service to apply for grant funding towards the purchase of a new ambulance. Motion to adopt this resolution made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to allow 2000 financial records be sent to Dennis Mensch for the annual review as soon as the final statements arrive made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Prodesign Plus CDBG application status report. (on file with CDBG records)

Motion to remove the John Street from the PADOT annual inspection list through appropriate telephone call notice made by M. B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. 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. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to transfer needed money from the General Fund to the School Fund made by J. Haluska, seconded R. Krick. Question ? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

North Schuylkill Council of Governments - November meeting. Next meeting scheduled for, January 25, 2001, Delano. There may be something preliminary concerning joint insurance and perhaps group health insurance.

Gilberton Borough - Notice that Gilberton Council voted to not extend the Joint Police Agreement. This brings the agreement to an end.

Service Electric - notice of rate increases for 2001 and new channel listings.

Auditor General Office - Fireman's Relief audit. (on file)

Code Enforcement classes

Code Enforcement solicitation

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation: All West End park Phase I play equipment has arrived. Construction will begin as soon as the weather clears.

Streets: Street committee meeting scheduled for, January 23, 2001, 7:00 PM. R. Krick asked if anyone has anything to add to the punch list please get the information to the office.

Police: M.B. Dougherty scheduled a police committee meeting for, January 23, 2001, at 6:30 PM.

Solicitor: Got in touch with Mr. Kish concerning the properties on Second Street and William & Preston. He indicated that he is going through bankruptcy, foreclosure, and divorce. He will sign any document necessary to get these properties off his hands. His attorney will send copies of the bankruptcy papers. This is similar to the Heiser property on Richard Street, which is in bankruptcy and has a delinquent mortgage.

Rosemary Grady is also going through bankruptcy and foreclosure.

Gillibauer who owns the Recchione property is in the process of cleaning up the shed in the back.

Four letters were sent out regarding Durinko, Kish, Rechionne, and Robert Price. Also, Mr. Pennington as we discussed.

Mr. Fedoriac owns the property across from the Rangers indicated he will convey the property to the Borough. Motion to accept parcel 45-6-180 made by R. Krick, seconded

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J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. The solicitor will notify the owner. Motion to have the solicitor prepare the deed made by R. Krick, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

After some discussion, it was decided to table the matter concerning the Rosemary Ross property until next meeting. R. Krick is going to try to make a contact. He will notify Mr. Kilker if he finds out anything either way.

Motion to proceed with the Kish and Heiser properties on Richard, Preston and Main Street made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to allow the solicitor to proceed to coordinate with the County to execute a lien against the Bernotas property on North Second Street made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Concerning the property on the corner of Third and B streets Mr. Kilker said that Council has a couple of options. Not deliver the deed to Ira Huntington because in his offer he indicated the property was a specific number of feet wide. Before taking legal ownership of the property he placed a mobile home on it and got a permit from the County to do so. His fence appears to be over what would be the property line. The property could be put into escrow informing Mr. Huntington of the perceived problems and request his informing Council of his plans. If he doesn't do that we can withhold the deed, file some type of action or deliver the deed and then insist that he move the fence from the right of way of the street.

Motion to authorize the solicitor to put the deed into escrow and send a letter to Mr. Huntington asking to meet made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Yackera. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

C. Marquardt gave the floor to Joseph Chiaretti to discuss his suggestions to Council concerning possible code enforcement. After some discussion, R. Krick asked if it would be legal to adopt the BOCA code in its entirety with specific effective dates on the various sections. J. Kilker said that would be possible. Motion to authorize the solicitor to begin work on an ordinance to adopt the BOCA codes as the official codes of the Borough made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded by R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

C. Marquardt made not of the questions concerning citizens with sewerage bills. R. Krick suggested tabling the matter until the Street Committee meeting to discuss this and have recommendations for next meeting. Mr. Kilker suggested it be referred to the Solicitor as this entails a liability. R. Krick noted that we do have a policy in force. What needs to be determined is if the policy was followed or not in terms of if, reimbursement

is going to be paid.

C. Marquardt noted also that the personnel policy packet should be looked at and make a decision concerning adoption be discussed at the next meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments at this time.

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

Respectfully submitted
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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** February 8, 2001 **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.

Members absent: J. Yackera

Mayor J. Kelly, Solicitor J. Kilker (7:10 PM arrival)

PUBLIC COMMENT

W. Faust made a complaint about the conditions on Ogden Street. The street is a sea of mud when warmer and the holes get deeper and deeper. C. Marquardt said that the contractor is scheduled to come back in the spring to pave. In the meantime, they are supposed to maintain the street so that it is driveable. He said he would contact the contractor tomorrow.

Mr. Kilker arrived, 7:10 PM

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.

Permit Officer's report: Motion to accept as submitted made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded by J. Haluska. Question? Mayor Kelly asked to see the list of permits issued. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor's report: Read by Officer J. Frantz. Motion to accept as read made by

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Question of hiring a Sewerage Enforcement Officer tabled.

Resolution 2001-2, participation in the KOEZ (Keystone Opportunity Zone) application with the County. This is for the A Street School building. Motion to adopt made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for use of police car to travel for mandatory training classes. Motion to approve made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to send renewal notices to all existing handicapped parking space holders made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to pay the GAMA (Girardville Area Municipal Authority) connection fees for both the Municipal Building and the School Building totaling \$1,000.00 made by J. Haluska, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Report from Prodesign Plus on status of CDBG (Community Block Grant Program). On file.

Request from VISION for contributions. No action.

Recycling figures for 2000 turned in to Dan Grow.

BILLS

List of bills read by C. Marquardt. Mr. Kilker's bill in the amount of \$510.00 was added to the list. Motion to pay bills as submitted made by J. Haluska, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Motion to transfer General funds to the School fund as needed made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Service Electric – Franchise fee for the fourth quarter

PSAB – yearbook availability notification

DEP – watershed meeting for February, Columbia County Ag Center

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DCED – request for response to how they are doing with fund handling
DEP – Growing Greener information

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation: Nothing to report. Equipment has arrived and is waiting for the weather to break. Installation in the West End Park will begin as soon as possible.

Streets: No report

Police: M.B. Dougherty noted there were a few issues to be addressed with the officers.

OTHER BUSINESS

J. Kilker reported that he and Mr. Huntington are too meet. Motion to authorize the solicitor to file an eject action if there is no agreement on removing the fence in question made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

At the police committee meeting, it was noted that the officers have started to cite the various problem properties around the Borough.

Notice of a hearing date was received from the PUC concerning the railroad cribbing on William Street. Mr. H. Ressler was concerned about what would happen if people did not show up to testify. M.B. Dougherty said that Council has an attorney, familiar with the PUC, looking into the matter. They will review and suggest options. Mr. Ressler asked if Council intended to pursue not only this matter but also other problem areas with the railroad such as the retaining wall on East Main Street. C. Marquardt noted that they are tough to deal with and Council is taking one matter at a time. Correspondence was exchanged previously concerning the retaining wall but no action was taken by the Railroad.

A meeting to discuss the KOEZ and the school building is scheduled for Monday, February 12, 2001 at 8:30 AM.

R. Krick asked that residents be reminded of the availability of the CDBG funds. If anyone thinks they will meet the income guidelines, they should apply. This money is to be used to pay for installation of lines for the sewer project.

At this time, Council went into executive session to discuss legal strategy at the request of the Solicitor.

Based upon the ongoing litigation Council discussed hiring an outside attorney from the firm of Lipkin, Marshall, Bohard, and Thornburg.

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Motion to hire Attorney Thornburg at \$120.00 @ hour with a \$1,000.00 retainer made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? J. Kilker said he would be willing to provide backup if necessary. R. Krick noted that a special meeting would be held if it became necessary to discuss this matter before next month's meeting. Vote. All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments at this time.

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

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Mayor J. Kelly, Solicitor J. Kilker

Members absent: J. Yackera

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pastor Elna from the Zion Lutheran Church asked if Council had made any decisions concerning the visiting youth group. This group will be willing to volunteer time and labor for a worthwhile project while they are in town. M.B. Dougherty asked if there were any limits on type of work. Pastor Elna said she did not think so. C. Marquardt noted that Council received the letter and it is under consideration.

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

Mayor's report: Read by Officer J. Frantz. Motion to accept as read made by J. Haluska, seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Question? R. Krick asked if the gray truck that has been sitting on William Street can be investigated. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Fire Chief's report: Quarterly report submitted. Motion to accept made by J. Haluska, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Third Street property owner submitted bills tabled.

SEO - R. Krick said he has had no answer yet from Wilkes-Barre for his request for names.

NEW BUSINESS

CDBG - report from Prodesign Plus on file with records.

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 transfer necessary money from the General Fund to the School Fund to pay those bills made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? M.B. Dougherty questioned the Solicitor's bill for .2 hours concerning the PUC. She asked what it was. Mr. Kilker answered that the attorney in question is entering a plea on behalf of one of the parties. It was notification that he was substituting for someone else. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Schuylkill County Court House - Water way study

PADOT - District 5 super pave and contracting information

Schuylkill County EMA - request for extension on return of pumps

Zion Lutheran Church - Youth group arriving and looking for a volunteer project. Council has taken this under consideration.

PUC - Hearing for William Street crossing canceled pending decision if this is a PUC matter.

Northern Schuylkill COG - minutes and notice of next meeting, March 28, 2001, 7:00 PM in Frackville. M.B. Dougherty noted that the COG is working with VISION on a possible group insurance plan.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

School: R. Krick reported that the bathrooms in the closets in the gym are completed.

Recreation: Nothing to report until the weather breaks and the park project can begin.

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Streets: R. Krick noted that there are problems with the patches on Line and Ogden Streets. V. Ambrose is to call Don Cuff, Entech Engineering concerning Line Street. C. Marquardt noted that there is still no answer about the problems on B Street. Street Committee meeting scheduled for, March 13, 2001 at 7:30 PM

Police: M.B. Dougherty asked to schedule a Police Committee meeting on, March 13, 2001 at 7:00 PM

OTHER BUSINESS

R. Krick asked for permission to use the Borough dump truck on, Saturday, March 24, 2001. This is to assist with the creek clean-up scheduled for that day. Motion to allow use of truck made by R. Krick, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. He then noted that any and all help would be appreciated. People are meeting down by the new sewer plant. He did not know the start time.

Mr. Kilker said that he had no answer from Ira Huntington so he filed for a declaratory action. This lays out the details, size of property, fence, location of mobile home if they are within the fifteen foot limit and asking the court to declare the relative rights of the parties. It explains what the process was to get the deed and the fact that a deed is ready for delivery but that he wants a thirty foot deed which is more property than the Borough has to convey. He went on to say that he had hoped to hear from I. Huntington before tonight but has not and so this is ready for signature.

Charles Federica will sign the deed tomorrow for the Pinchot property on East Ogden Street to convey it to the Borough. The unpaid taxes should be waived. This deed took a very long time to prepare. Due to conveyance without cost to a municipality we can ask the taxing authorities to waive them.

The deed for Vincent and Melissa Brennan was problematic. This property is located at 116 1/2 and 118 West Main Street. There were some questions about the address. It is ready for signature tonight.

Letters were sent to owners of the twelve (12) dilapidated properties. They were given two (2) weeks to respond or face litigation. This letter also notified owners of the State's intention to adopt Statewide building codes. The letter also states that if the owner has previously been cited it does not in anyway stop procedures already in place. As for Rose Mary Ross a notice by publication can be placed. The question still arises over what to do with the property if we get the judgement. M.B. Dougherty asked that since everyone in the row received a letter did Joseph Wayne receive one. J. Kilker said that was one that he had questions about and was holding. M.B. Dougherty stated that it seemed to be the consensus that the entire row should receive notices. J. Kilker said one would be sent to J. Wayne.

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C. Marquardt read a letter of resignation dated, February 8, 2001, from Joseph Yackera. He resigned his seat on Council and as Emergency Management Coordinator effective immediately. Motion to accept (amended several times due to the 30 day requirement for filling the seat) effective 30 days prior to April 19, 2001 meeting made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

The question of pay for missed meetings were raised. J. Yackera did not attend either February or March meetings. Council pay is set by Ordinance but the question raised asked if policy could set parameters for payment based on attendance of meetings. M.B. Dougherty suggested contacting PSAB for an opinion.

From the floor, V. Karavage noted that he had not attended the previous meetings but asked about the work done for Council outside of meeting attendance during the other 30 days of the month. R. Krick told Mr. Karavage when the policy was set it was decided not to try to gauge such things as legitimate excuses or other work. It was based simply upon attendance of either the work session or the regular meeting. J. Yackera will be paid only for the January meeting which he attended.

After some debate Mr. Kilker noted he would check into this matter.

C. Marquardt announced that the seat must be filled by the next council meeting. Letters of interest will be accepted until, April 17, 2001, the date of the work session for consideration.

Paperwork from USDA for other projects have been received. We would not get full funding for any paving done on the roads. Part would be a grant and the balance would be low interest loans. An estimated 20,300 square yards at a cost of approximately \$300,000.00. \$83,000.00 could be the grant leaving \$217,000.00 to be paid back. R. Krick said that EJ Brenneman contacted him about the possibility of doing a milling and repaving program. If Council is interested they could have someone come to a meeting to discuss the possibilities. It was decided to arrange this for the next work session. This would be planned for streets not included in the current sewer line contract.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

M.B. Dougherty reminded residents that next month's meeting will be the third Thursday due to the Easter holidays.

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

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer

BOROUGH OF GIRARDVILLE

FOURTH & "B" STREETS

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** April 19, 2001 **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

PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Engle asked if the Borough has a health officer. C. Marquardt noted that the current health officer's resignation is being submitted and accepted tonight. A. Engle noted that no one would put up with the problems he has been having for very long. His complaint involves dogs and the police department will look into this matter.

He also asked if the Borough has ordinances requiring property owners to keep their property in repair. Both R. Krick and M.B. Dougherty said that at this time the Council is looking into this matter at the present time. The State is going to require enforcement of building codes and communities need to assess how best to deal with the questions. J. Frantz added that we do have a dangerous building ordinance and that citations have been issued to property owners. Hearings on these citations are coming up soon. The Solicitor noted that for a borough of this size Council has expended a lot of time and money on this very question. M.B. Dougherty asked Mr. Kilker what the status of the ordinance he is preparing for consideration. Council authorized the solicitor to proceed at a previous meeting. R. Krick noted that the question of if the State was going to use BOCA or other possibilities for enforcement. J. Kilker said that he thought Council was going to wait for the State's decision on which codes would be enforced before proceeding with preparing an ordinance. J. Chiaretti added that his suggestions answer the questions being raised at the moment. R. Krick noted that using BOCA makes enforcement at the magistrate's office.

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J. Zdiera raised the question of eight and nine year olds being chased off the basketball courts for riding their scooters. She was informed by Mayor J. Kelly that everyone is chased off the courts unless they are playing basketball. It does not matter who they are or what they are riding. The surface is damaged by the wheels. The kids with the skateboards have finally been moved over to the old tennis court area and it is necessary to keep everyone else off as well.

T. Gower asked if a paving schedule is available yet. R. Krick said that paving is not up to Council. Street restoration will be arranged between the contractor and the Sewer Authority. Council has no leverage with the contractor. Council and the Authority both are looking into a process to mill down the roads. This project will depend entirely upon finding enough funding. Council is also waiting for a decision from the water company concerning the sections of Ogden and Second Streets that they are currently digging. The thought is to combine the money to be expended by both the Water Company and the sewer contractor to repair more than just the ditch areas. T. Gower asked if it is going to take another year or longer for Ogden Street to be repaired and repaved. R. Krick said that it will not be done at least until the end of the summer. The Council is more concerned with getting it done right as opposed to fast. C. Bann, sewer authority member added that a lot of the problems are the result of the winter weather. GAMA is working with the borough to try to get the streets done properly.

A. Uzupis asked if it was necessary to fill out claim forms for damage done during the installation of the main lines. She was told that they had to file. It was suggested that it might be best to do so in that case. Copies of claim forms are available in the office.

D. Kelly made complaints again about the problems of noise and loitering on Second and Main Street. He added that these are not necessarily kids. There are more than a few who are over the age of eighteen. Mayor J. Kelly said that they are being chased. The borough does the best it can with the limited police time available. D. Kelly made it clear that if arrests are made and charges pressed he is willing to testify. R. Krick noted there is an ordinance on the books to enforce restriction of access. Solicitor J. Kilker said he is willing to meet with Officer Frantz to discuss how aggressive the borough can be in enforcement. M.B. Dougherty suggested contacting Chief Adam Bernodin of Ashland to see how they addressed their loitering problems.

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 R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor's report: Read by Officer J. Frantz. Motion to accept as read made by J. Haluska, seconded by R. Krick. Question? M.B. Dougherty asked it is possible to list the

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parking tickets issued and paid. Officer Frantz said it was possible. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor J. Kelly read a letter of resignation from Officer Mark Schott. He informed Council that all borough equipment was turned in immediately. Motion to accept the resignation made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Officer J. Frantz submitted a report that the Chevy police car is in need of tires. R. Krick informed Mayor Kelly that a purchase of this nature is not necessary to be preapproved. If the tires are bad then you replace them.

A request was made to purchase 3 replacement batteries for the hand held units. R. Krick asked why a third radio is needed. Mayor Kelly spoke of the possibility of having two officers out on a weekend and the third radio is needed in the office as a spare. Motion to purchase one (1) battery made by J. Haluska, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. 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: None submitted. C. Marquardt read a letter of resignation submitted by M. Brennan. Motion to accept made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Officer J. Frantz as health officer 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The bills submitted by a Third Street resident are to be tabled.

PADOT requested a letter confirming Council's decision not to reopen the John Street bridge and remove it from the annual inspection list. This letter was sent.

Four names have been submitted for the Sewerage Enforcement Officer. All will be contacted with requests if interested in assuming the borough.

NEW BUSINESS

Report from Prodesign Plus concerning the status of applications for the block grant funding for sewer hookups. The deadline for submission of an application is set for, May 1, 2001.

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Letter from Dan Grow, County Office of Solid Waste, notice of meeting concerning the demolition projects. C. Marquardt attended this meeting. It is to be hoped that this program will be approved by the State and we will be able to demolish the 5 buildings selected.

Request from Little League to demolish the existing storage shed and place a prebuilt unit closer to the municipal building side of the driveway. Motion to allow made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request from Prodesign Plus to disclose any conflict of interest in Dean Hess's application for Block Grant funds. Hess is a borough employee. Solicitor J. Kilker informed council that he sees no conflict in this case. Motion to authorize the solicitor to draft a letter stating there is no conflict in D. Hess's application for CDBG funds made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Three estimates for removal of soil received for the excavation needed at the West End Park. Motion to accept the lowest bid made by R. Krick, second J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request from Girard Estates to have a letter from the Borough that we would be interested in purchasing stone if it were made available. Motion to send letter of interest made by R. Krick, second J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

The required phone quotes for the storm drain pipe replacement project on B Street were received and submitted. Motion to award the project to Doli Construction as the low bidder made by R. Krick, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. The paperwork with PADOT to secure part of the County funds currently held in escrow will be started as soon as possible.

Due to the resignation of Joseph Yackera as both Councilor and borough EMA coordinator, C. Marquardt opened the floor to nominations for an EMA coordinator. Motion to appoint Joseph Tinari borough EMA coordinator made by R. Krick, seconded M.B. Dougherty. There were no other nominations. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request for permission to use the Odgen Street and Richard Street bridges to carry the new water lines that are being installed on Ogden Street submitted by Consumers PA Water Company. Motion to allow this usage pending approval by the engineers made by J. Haluska, seconded R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

List of bills read by C. Marquardt. Motion to pay bills with the exception of the Prodesign Plus billing made by J. Haluska, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. It was noted for the public present that the bill from Lipkin,

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Marshall is related to a lawsuit filed against the borough for which insurance coverage is being argued by the insurance carrier. There is a possibility of reimbursement from previous carriers. The attorneys are investigating.

CORRESPONDENCE

Consumers PA Water Company - cc of letter to Entech Engineering detailing the possible installation of the new water line on the bridges at Ogden and Richard Streets.

VISION - meeting, Monday, April 30, 2001, details and registration information.

Medico Industries - registration for "Government Day" for anyone interested.

Schuylkill County Court House - 2000 Census data for Schuylkill County.

VISION - copy of revised plan and request for information.

Slippery Rock University - recycling information questionnaire to be filed.

Zion Lutheran Church - dates for Youth Group arrival changed to, June 25 - 28, 2001. A letter to be sent to Pastor Stratton to set up a meeting date to discuss the possible project for the Borough.

Grow With Me Daycare - request for use of borough hall for pre-school graduation ceremonies, Wednesday, May 30, 2001, 6:00 PM. Motion to allow made by R. Krick, second J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

STS - funding hearing, May 7, 2001, 2:00 PM in St. Clair.

Tamaqua Borough - hosting a meeting on Blight removal/demolition, May 2, 2001, 7:00 PM. Anyone interested may attend.

ARMC - reorganization notice

Assorted classes available

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation: J. Haluska noted there is nothing to report at this time. Construction at the West End Park will proceed when arrangements for the needed excavation can be made.

Streets: R. Krick said there is a need for an agreement with the Sewer Authority concerning usage of the borough work force for sewer related problems. There are questions about reimbursement for time. To date the Borough Supervisor has been sent out on an as needed basis.

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Police: M.B. Dougherty noted that issues raised by residents concerning our police officers are being addressed. If any resident has a question or problem they are asked to please contact a Council member.

A date and time for interviewing police officers will be set and all members will be notified. Applications on hand will be reviewed and current applicants contacted.

Solicitor: J. Kilker reported that seventeen (17) letters and a copy of the files have been prepared for the police office. The letters went out giving property owners' one (1) week to respond.

The deed for the Fedoriac property at 19 East Ogden Street is completed and ready to be filed. Motion to authorize a check for the Recorder of Deeds to cover this cost made by R. Krick, second J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to authorize the filing fees for the deed to transfer the Ello property on West Main Street to Melissa and Vincent Brennan made by J. Haluska, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

On the matter of Ira Huntington and the question of the property at Third and B Street an executive session is requested.

Also, to be discussed at the same time the Ross property on East Main Street.

OTHER BUSINESS

At this time C. Marquardt opened the floor to appoint a new council member to replace Joseph Yacker who resigned his seat. One letter of interest was received. This is from Joseph Chiaretti. Motion to appoint Joseph Chiaretti to fill the remainder of Joseph Yacker's seat on Council made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

At this time J. Chiaretti was sworn in by Mayor J. Kelly.

The resignation of Joseph Yacker left the seat of Vice-president open. M.B. Dougherty nominated R. Krick. The nomination was seconded by J. Chiaretti. No other nominations were made. Question? Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2001-2 Appointing R. Krick as Council Vice-president made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments at this time.

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At this time Council went into executive session.

Council reconvened.

On the matter of the Ross property: Motion to contact Mr. Catizone by certified mail and request a meeting. If there is no response legal action to be taken, made by R. Krick, second J. Haluska. Question? Time frame for response? Council decided upon ten (10) days. Vote. All. Motion carried.

On the matter of Ira Huntington: Solicitor J. Kilker informed Council that there was an offer of more money if the fence is allowed to remain in place. Council's decision is to hold the deed and a Declaratory Judgment be filed if the fence is not moved. Motion to have the fence moved in ten (10) days or file suit made by R. Krick, second J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Question of which attorney is drawing up the Borough's easements. J. Kilker is to contact Sud Patel and decide this issue. These are to be drawn up as soon as possible.

Motion to appoint M.B. Dougherty as CAO for the police pension plan made by R. Krick, second J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

It was noted for the record that J. Chiaretti will fill all of Joseph Yackera's committee seats.

Mayor J. Kelly noted that he was informed that the transmission on the Plymouth is shot. To repair it will cost approximately \$350.00. Motion to have the necessary repairs done made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

J. Chiaretti asked what information was available concerning the budget. He was informed that a copy of this year's budget would be available when he stopped in the office.

Request from Fire Chief, Frank Zangari, to resume the monthly meetings. It was suggested that these be held the same night at the work session at 6:00 or 6:30 PM. Mayor Kelly will move his Fire Police meetings to 6:00 PM and the work sessions will begin at 6:30 PM.

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

Respectfully submitted
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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** May 10, 2001 **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, J. Chiaretti, R. Krick, C. Marquardt
Mayor J. Kelly, Solicitor J. Kilker.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes as submitted made by J. Haluska, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Mayor's report: Read by Officer J. Frantz. Motion to accept as read made by J. Haluska, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor Kelly noted he received a letter from the American Legion requesting permission to hold their Memorial Day parade and services. The parade will begin at 9:00 AM at Julia Street and proceed uptown to Third Street. He has made arrangements to bring out the fire police for traffic control. Motion to allow made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Wm Penn Fire Company, Lost Creek is requesting permission to run their annual parade through town and also asking for traffic control. This is scheduled for, June 16, 2001, at 7:00 PM. The planned route is down 54, across the bottom of the Rap, west on Main Street to Second Street, north on Second to Mahanoy Avenue and east on Mahanoy

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Avenue back to Lost Creek. Motion to allow and have the Mayor call out the fire police for traffic control made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council received a letter of interest from Fisher Engineering, Inc. to fill the sewer enforcement officer position. Motion to appoint Fisher Engineering, Inc. as the SEO made by R. Krick, second J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to notify DEP of this change made by R. Krick, second J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Letter received from Frank Johnston resigning his seat on the Girardville Area Municipal Authority. Motion to accept this resignation and request from Butler Township three (3) names to fill the slot made by R. Krick, second J. Haluska. Question? Question of which entity accepts the resignation first was raised. In consideration of time frame for replacement council decided to accept the resignation and have the Authority accept it at their meeting in two (2) weeks. This will allow a timely replacement.

Request from J. Chiaretti for Council to approve a minimum access driveway at his property on West Main Street. This would involve the loss of three (3) parking spaces. Mr. Chiaretti noted that he did a parking survey on the block in question for several nights and did not think that the loss of the spaces would affect parking in general. C. Marquardt turned this matter over to the Street Committee for consideration and recommendation at next month's meeting.

Award notice for the DCNR grant application amounting to \$30,000 with \$10,000 matching funds from the Borough. This is Phase II of the West End Park Recreation Project. Motion to proceed with any necessary paperwork made by J. Haluska, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Prodesign Plus PC report on progress with the CDBG money for the sewer project read and on file. R. Krick noted that the meeting with the State left council members with the

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impression that a Housing Rehab grant would be appropriate. He suggested that Council ask Ron Dillman if we should proceed with an application.

BILLS

List of bills read by C. Marquardt. Motion to pay bills as submitted made by J. Haluska, second J. Chiaretti. Question? The question was raised who should pay the PA One Call bill. This call was made as part of the park project and is the Borough's responsibility. Motion to add the Schuylkill Electronics bill for \$69.95 to the list approved for payment made by R. Krick, second J. Haluska. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Schuylkill County Planning Commission - June 6, 2001, Transportation needs hearing.

Senator Rhoades - congratulation letter upon receipt of DCNR recreation grant.

Northern Schuylkill COG - meeting scheduled for May 23, 2001, in Girardville.

Mahanoy City - poll for pothole killer to be filled out and returned.

1999 Liquid Fuels audit - passed and in good order, on file.

Geisinger Health - annual rate increase notice.

M.B. Dougherty asked if the survey for VISION concerning health insurance was received and returned. She was informed that the Borough never received a copy of the form but one arrived for the Sewer Authority. It was filled out with the Borough information as the Authority has no employees at this time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation: Construction is waiting the excavating contractor. Council members met with Pastor Stratton. The church youth group will consist of 25 children. She is hoping to match that with children from the borough. A public meeting will be scheduled, time and date to be announced. They are staying at Cardinal Brennan High School and do have chaperones. Senior citizens who need assistance should call.

Streets: R. Krick requested a meeting on, May 17, 2001, at 6:30 PM.

Police: M.B. Dougherty requested an executive session to review the applicants and to discuss a payroll matter concerning a police officer.

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M.B. Dougherty noted that the Police Pension Fund requires a new resolution. Resolution 2001-3 to appoint the M&T Bank as depositor introduced by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Recycling: C. Marquardt noted that the County should be setting up the fall collection schedule soon.

OTHER BUSINESS

C. Marquardt attended the meeting with the commissioners concerning demolition. We have five (5) buildings on the list awaiting approval.

J. Chiaretti and J. Haluska attended the meeting in Tamaqua. He reported that the meeting was not very productive. The Borough does not qualify for urban development. After speaking with Champ Holman, from Senator Rhoades' office, a meeting with DEP is being set up. This is to discuss how to eliminate borough owned property. Bob Burns has expressed a willingness to work with the community to enable us to get rid of blighted buildings at low cost.

Also scheduled is a meeting with Reading, Northern and Blue Mountain on, May 14, 2001, at 2:00 PM. This is to discuss the cribbing problem on William Street.

J. Chiaretti had a meeting with Bill Howard, State consultant for code enforcement. James Cusaiti has expressed a willingness to look into accepting the position of code enforcement officer and J. Chiaretti asked Council to consider this possibility. He is willing to take the necessary classes and get the certifications. This to be approached with no salary until the possibility of subsidies from the State. It was recommended that James Cusaiti attend the next work session.

C. Marquardt noted that Mahanoy City has formed a task force. This included the Mayor, Health Officer, Permit Officer, Police Department, Fire Chief and one or two citizens. The purpose is to review buildings in the borough and make recommendations to council for disposition. It was suggested that Council go back to having regular meetings with the Fire Chief, Permit and Health officers. These could be on Tuesday night immediately before the regular work session. Council thought this might be a good idea but the matter was tabled for further discussion.

Council will be entering into an Agility Agreement with PADOT. In exchange for cutting the "Y" several times a year and simple bridge maintenance, sweeping decks and painting, the borough will get the State to sweep Main Street and Mahanoy Avenue. The "Y" and two of the bridges are in Butler township so there is a possibility that next year they will not be on our list of approved projects. J. Chiaretti thought the exchange was a very good deal. For 10 hours of borough work we get 10 hours of PADOT time of street sweeping.

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J. Kilker submitted a code ordinance for consideration by Council. With some changes recommended by Council members this ordinance is to be advertised. Motion to advertise made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. A synopsis will be advertised and the ordinance and BOCA codes will be available in the office during regular hours.

Two deeds Fedoriac and Brennan, as soon as they are received back from the Court House they will be delivered to the appropriate people.

Ira Huntington's attorney contacted J. Kilker's office. The police officer accompanied him to the property and layman's measurement showed the fence to be eight (8) feet over the line. Informed the attorney that if this is not taken care of suit will be filed. Cost \$70.50 filing fees

J. Durinko contacted J. Kilker's office and informed him that she intends to clear out the building and then decide on the disposition. She was informed that it was necessary to submit her plans in writing.

Contacted by an Attorney Fell concerning the Muntone property. No estate was probated and the inheritance is being renounced. His client will sign off to anyone interested in the building.

Hans Deibler started to put siding on the building on the corner. He was contacted again about the mess left and the fact that there seem to be skunks residing under the porch. He is being notified that he is to continue to clean up the building.

The VanHorn property on East Main Street is in the name of Van Horn only. C. Marquardt said that he should be cited and taken before the magistrate if that is necessary. The property is currently partially boarded up.

No answers from either Kish or Heiser. J. Kilker requested \$70.50 for each to proceed with filing against these owners.

J. Catizone informed J. Kilker that within the next two weeks a fence will be put up and the leaning wooden portion of the back of the building will be torn down. He will need a demolition permit. M.B. Dougherty is uncomfortable with allowing the wood to be piled on the property and all the problems that will result. We have several properties that have been torn down but have left it lying there.

The property at 227 East Mahanoy Avenue was raised. Mrs. Labie asked if that building was being considered for demolition. C. Marquardt said that the police are looking into the questions raised about that building again.

Easements for sewer lines were brought up. The solicitor was concerned about granting easements under sidewalks that might be owned by someone else. There is a possibility

for requiring insurance. R. Krick said he did not think it was necessary to have a resident incur costs for easements on sidewalks adjacent to their own properties. There are no third parties involved here. Motion to approve the easements striking Section #5 made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the Agility program made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Questions of adding an additional phone line for the municipal office was raised. Motion to look into this matter made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Labie requested that the recycling bins be better labeled. C. Marquardt said he would contact Dan Grow on the matter.

E. Labie raised the question of J. Chiaretti getting a permit from PADOT due to it being a state highway. He was informed the permit was obtained it only waits Council approval on granting the permission to vacate the parking spaces.

Council went into executive session. J. Chiaretti left before council returned saying he had another meeting he had to attend.

Upon returning from Executive Session C. Marquardt stated that Council reviewed the applications for police officer.

Motion to hire Kevin Collins from Mt. Carmel, start salary to be \$8.00 @ hour, on ninety (90) days probation, pending psychological exam made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. The Mayor was instructed to arrange the necessary evaluations and to fit him with uniforms from storage.

It was suggested that Mr. Dillman be contacted and asked if he is interested in doing a ride along with an evaluation in one month with no pay attached.

Policy suggested by R. Krick, the Borough pays for psychological exams and physicals, time for mandatory training and fire arms qualifications and ammo purchases. Borough will no longer pay time for mandatory training until the officer is here for one year. Second J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted
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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. DATE: June 14, 2001 TIME: 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Vice-president R. Krick.

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: C. Marquardt, J. Chiaretti

PUBLIC COMMENT

M. Ritro asked if J. Yagilenski was permitted to have dogs again. R. Krick said he thought that the court order against having dogs was still in force. Mayor Kelly noted this and will have an officer check into the matter. In addition, in the same yard complaints were made concerning vehicles on a car port. R. Krick informed Mr. Ritro that how the ordinance was worded needed to be investigated.

Mary Ellen Long of East Mahanoy Avenue asked what answer Council had to her letters concerning the property next door to her. The complaint concerned rats and high grass. Mr. Kilker noted that he replied to her and sent letters to the Fire Chief, the Police Department and the Health officer. There are legal steps the borough needs to follow in these cases. The property owner will be cited. This matter is not being ignored.

Mrs. E. Labie asked what progress has been made with the properties on West Main Street. Mr. Kilker informed her that steps are being taken in those matters.

Mr. J. Conners raised the question of the request last month by J. Chiaretti to have a driveway out onto Main Street. The objections raised concerned the safety of the children on the block and the loss of parking spaces. Mayor Kelly suggested they approach the neighbors and find out how many do object and possibly get a petition. R. Krick noted that Council is investigating the parking question and is not yet ready to make a decision.

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Ms. L. Uzupis asked if William Street is open to traffic. R. Krick said he didn't know for certain if the street is open yet or not. V. Ambrose thought the street was open except for the side where the ditch line is running. The grade is lower with a manhole that sticks up out of the street. R. Krick suggested calling DEP to get confirmation that traffic is allowed access to the street.

Mr. Edmundson complained that West Ogden Street is becoming a parking lot. There are junk cars with no stickers or licenses. Officer J. Frantz noted that two cars were already removed and others are currently being worked on. The question of the boats was raised and R. Krick said he didn't know if the auto ordinance applied to the boats on trailers. J. Frantz said he would talk to the salver and see what if anything could be done about the boats.

Mr. Kline of East Mahanoy Avenue asked what could be done about his neighbor using the garage to do burning and grinding. R. Krick suggested that he contact the County Zoning board as this sounds like a zoning question. Complaints can be made that he is operating a commercial garage in a residential neighborhood. Mayor Kelly said he informed the man renting the garage that he could not burn or weld on the premises. He suggests that Mr. Kline contact Frank Zangari, the Fire Chief.

Ms. L. Uzupis asked what is the schedule for clean up on Ogden Street. R. Krick informed her that a meeting was held with the water company, the construction company and council members. This was to figure out how best to allocate the funds for repaving the trenches on Ogden Street. There is an application in the works for money from the Department of Agriculture to fund paving of streets. The borough is looking at a projected cost of \$138,000.00. \$100,000.00 would be a grant and the balance a loan. The debate now is that USDA wants the borough to expend the loan money first and then get the grant money.

The question of paving the sidewalks on East Mahanoy Avenue was raised. R. Krick noted that this will be contracted out and will not be started until everyone on that side of the street has made their connection to the new sewer lines.

Ms. L. Uzupis asked if the borough workers were going to come and cut back the creek banks. R. Krick told her, no. It has actually been recommended that the growth be left the way it is to protect the creek.

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. Haluska, seconded by M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Kelly introduced Officer Kevin Collins to the residents present.

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 R. Krick. Motion to accept the report as submitted made by J. Haluska, seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Grant Report: Report from Prodesign Plus concerning the CDBG program read by R. Krick.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

On the matter concerning the open seat on the Sewer Authority, M.B. Dougherty noted that there was a question of the legality of having someone from outside a municipality serve on the board. This matter is tabled pending further research and possibly action by the State Legislature.

On the matter of the driveway request by J. Chiaretti no action was taken at this time.

On the matter of the additional telephone line. A suggestion was made to run an extension from the existing fax line allowing its use as an outside line. M.B. Dougherty objected saying an additional line was needed. M.B. Dougherty also raised the question of shared costs with the sewer authority. She will draft a letter raising these questions. Motion to send a letter to the Sewer Authority concerning shared equipment and office supplies and possibly a meeting made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Proposals for Phase II of the West End Recreation Grant. This allows the paperwork to proceed. Motion to accept made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Ordinance 2001-1, Code Enforcement introduced to Council. This adopts sections of the BOCA codes. Motion to adopt Ordinance 2001-1 made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request from D. Grow for the borough to send their share of the demolition funds in the amount of \$9111.00. This is the borough's share of 25% = \$13,000.00 minus the balance left from last year's program of \$3889.00. Motion to send the money and proceed with

the demolition program made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. J. Kilker noted that he has been in contact with D. Grow. The Heiser and Kish properties require either court order or ownership and both properties are being worked on.

BILLS

List of bills read by R. Krick. Motion to pay bills as submitted made by, seconded. Question? The question of the Entech bill was raised. This bill might be payable by the water company. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Complaint from Linda and Ann Uzupis. This matter was referred to GAMA for response.

Request from Nightengale Nursing Agency for use of the building, July 23, 24, 26 from 5:00 – 8:00 PM for First Aid and CPR classes. Motion to allow made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

DCED - notice of certification of KOEZ benefits for the school building for the calendar year of 2001.

Two letters of complaint about a property on East Mahanoy Avenue with cc's to the solicitor. These were addressed in the public forum section.

Pastor Stratton - request for a port-a-potty at the West End park for the youth group. As the park is basically completed and another project will need to be found for the group this matter was not discussed.

PADOT - notice of highway occupancy changes.

Schuylkill County Extension service - notice of West Nile Virus seminar.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation: J. Haluska reported that the West End Park is 90% complete. We are waiting delivery of the required sign.

OTHER BUSINESS

At this time, R. Krick introduced a hand delivered letter from Charles Marquardt resigning his seat on council. Motion to table this matter until next month's meeting made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Budraitis asked with the council expending demolition money the building next to her property could not be torn down. R. Krick explained there are many factors involved in the demolition of a property. It is very difficult to tear down a house that sits in the middle of a row of occupied homes. M.B. Dougherty added that it is necessary sometimes to take property owners to court in order to either get ownership or a court order that allows the building to be demolished. The status of the property across the street, formerly Mary's Bar was raised. Mr. Kilker said that the property was to be torn down by the present owners. In fact, that was part of the decision to allow them to buy the property. He will send a certified letter about the property. Motion to send Mr. Tyson a letter requiring a response within 10 days made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mr. Kilker then addressed Council on the matter of abatements. The Kish abatement was approved previously. The Heiser abatement needs to be signed.

Mr. Huntington's attorney no longer represents him. The Sheriff's department in approximately 10 days will serve Mr. Huntington.

Mr. J Catizone admitted to being responsible for the property on West Main Street. Mr. Kilker suggested that perhaps council wants to begin abatement proceedings against Mr. Catizone.

As for the other properties on that section of the block. Wayne's building and the building owned by the bank are probably defensible.

Motion to draw up the abatement proceedings against Mr. Catizone but not to proceed and to use the new ordinance with the BOCA codes to make a judgement concerning the other three buildings in question made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

R. Krick noted that the Sewer Authority requires hook up to the new sewer system and if not it should be possible to condemn the buildings. Mayor Kelly asked if any one not hooked up to the new sewer could find their property condemned. R. Krick said he was pretty sure that is how the ordinances are worded.

It was asked if the owners will be given a deadline to respond. Mr. Kilker noted that a 10 day response period is usual but that there can be a problem with service.

Mrs. Labie asked about the bridge on Second Street and was informed it is a County Bridge and any complaints need to be lodged with the Court House.

She also noted that there is an exterior cellar door on Second Street that could pose a hazard to anyone walking along. R. Krick noted that is the property owner's

responsibility. Mayor Kelly said he is aware of the problem and the police department is working on it.

V. Ambrose requested an executive session to discuss matters of personnel safety.

Council went into Executive session at this time.

When Council reconvened R. Krick noted that it would be necessary to talk to the Engineer about equipment needed for the maintenance of the sewers.

Respectfully submitted
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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** July 12, 2001 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Vice-president R. Krick.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor J. Kelly, Solicitor J. Kilker

Members absent: C. Marquardt

PUBLIC COMMENT

The floor was given to M. Bulino, Seltzer Insurance to present policies for renewal. Policies presented are consistent with last year's coverage. There was a question of adding pollution coverage but R. Krick suggested that the Municipal Authority might be the ones to carry that policy. On the question of an employee suing for work related injury Mr. Bulino said he would get a rendering from the insurance company. He is also continuing to work on getting the retroactive date adjusted. Currently it stands at August 1999. Proof of insurance back to 1992 has been submitted to the carrier. Mr. Krick thanks Mr. Bulino for his time.

Mrs. Labie asked if letters to the property owners on West Main Street received a response. R. Krick told her that matter would be addressed later in the meeting.

Concerning general complaints about conditions of buildings in town R. Krick stated that credible code enforcement is needed. This is something the borough is still working on.

Mayor Kelly noted that the owners of the properties on West Main Street are being cited but it is up to the magistrate to set payment schedules on fines she levies.

Mr. Allvord asked if he took a problem property with the understanding that he would tear it down would Council object? He was told Council would not object as long as the project proceeded in a timely fashion.

Mrs. Budraitis raised questions again about the property next to her on East Mahanoy Avenue. Mayor Kelly said the officer was sent to cite the owner but there is nothing on this month's report. He needs to speak with J. Frantz and find out what happened. Concerning the complaints about neighbors feeding birds but feeding the rats R. Krick replied the only thing you can do is ask her to stop. There is no action the borough can take in this matter. The property is being cited weekly but no hearing dates have yet been scheduled. R. Krick suggested that the police officer notify the neighbors when any hearings are scheduled and perhaps F. Zangari could attend as the Borough Fire Chief.

Complaints about the conditions on West Ogden Street were raised again. R. Krick said Council has a possible interim solution that will be discussed later on in the meeting. After fielding complaints and questions from several residents of the area J. Chiaretti thought it best to discuss the matter at this time rather than later. There is a temporary fix that if approved could happen within seven to ten days. J. Chiaretti explained that there is an agreement with Girard Estates and Burns Contracting to alleviate the worst of the holes and dust problems. They have 90 tons of millage which they agree to lay at no charge on Ogden Street between Richard and Second Streets and Second Street from Ogden to B Streets. Calcium Chloride will be sprayed to keep down the dust. The Borough will supply labor and trucks. The millage will be laid and rolled and sprayed with the calcium chloride. This process should smooth out the street and alleviate the dust problems. Council has been frustrated by the slow progress on getting funding to do actual paving.

On the question of William Street being open or closed to traffic R. Krick said he is waiting to hear from DEP if they have completed their part of the project. He did not feel he could answer the question until having a response from DEP.

A request was made for the insurance carrier names for Doli and Hammersley. This information will be requested from the Municipal Authority.

The police department is aware of the problem with the 4-wheelers and are on the look out for the offenders.

Pastor Stratton reported that the youth group from Texas had a good time. As an off shoot of this there is a youth group forming here in town. They will meet regularly and look into community service opportunities.

J. Haluska left the meeting at this time due to not feeling well.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

Mayor's report: Read by Officer K. Collins. Motion to accept as read made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Health Officer's report: Read by R. Krick. Motion to accept the report as submitted made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. J. Chiaretti asked to verify the list of properties examined. He was sure there should be another property on the list.

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

Report from Prodesign Plus concerning the progress of the CDBG read by R. Krick.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

R. Krick addressed the matter of the tabled resignation of C. Marquardt from Council. Council takes the position of non-acceptance of this resignation. C. Marquardt is aware of this stance.

There were three complaints from the Fire Chief with photos and these will be forwarded to the Solicitor.

In the matter of the open seat on the Municipal Authority, Butler Township submitted only one name for consideration. Council appointed Peter Teresavage to fill the remainder of the term left vacant by F. Johnston's resignation.

Motion made to have the Solicitor send a letter to the Ranger Hose Company asking them if they wanted the Pinchot property on East Ogden Street. Motion seconded by J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

J. Chiaretti reported that after last meeting and the input from his neighbors concerning the possibility his putting a driveway on Main Street he has had no further objections. He spoke to everyone who raised objections and after explaining what would happen the neighbors agreed it was fine. R. Krick suggested that this matter be tabled due to the conflict of J. Chiaretti's needing to vote on the matter at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

A request for a driveway was orally made at the meeting. R. Krick suggested that the request be put in writing and Council can then respond by letter. What is needed would be a drawing of the needed access along with measurements. Council's concern is that no parking spaces on the other side of the street be affected if this is granted.

Mr. Kilker is to send a letter to the Kline's on East Mahanoy Avenue reminding them of the time limit for tearing down the property they purchased. This property was to be demolished and is still in progress.

J. Chiaretti addressed the question of a code enforcement officer. He noted that this person would answer to no one as he stands behind the BOCA codes for enforcement. Currently he believes the job would entail approximately 14 hours a week and Council is looking into possible funding of the position. The question of salary was raised and M.B. Dougherty said she was under the impression that a code enforcement would pay for themselves as a result of the costs attached to permits and inspections that will be required.

Motion to replace the broken windows in the Borough Hall building using the quote from Empire Glass made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. The insurance has a \$1,000 deductible and the cost will be less than that amount. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to renew the Geisinger Health Plan contract for 2001-2002 made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Annual insurance renewals tabled pending a special meeting on, July 19, 2001, at 6:00 PM. Council feels this matter needs further discussion.

Motion to advertise this special meeting made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Notice of change of venue for the PUC hearings concerning the Railroad and the William Street cribbing. The hearing will be held in the Girardville Borough Hall.

BILLS

List of bills read by R. Krick. Motion to pay bills as submitted made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Prodesign Plus - copy of updated plans for Phase II forwarded to DCNR for approval.

Berkheimer annual EIT audit on file

DCED - KOEZ information letter

GAMA - Attorney Sud Patel's answer to the Attorney General concerning letter of complaint filed by a borough resident.

Letter from Attorney Grainger Bowman sent to the PUC requesting change of date for the recently scheduled hearing.

North Schuylkill COG - meeting date notice, July 25, 2001

BENECON - request for more detailed information concerning COG's health insurance study. This information was already provided.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: M.B. Dougherty noted that DCED is sending a person out to begin the study of the police department. An initial meeting is scheduled for, July 19, 2001, at 7:00 PM. Mayor Kelly informed M.B. Dougherty he could not attend this meeting as he planned to be out of town at the time. He would look into having the police officers attend if their schedules allowed.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Kilker informed Council that he had a problem with an attorney filing an appearance on behalf of the Borough before being officially hired to do so. Council has no contract with this attorney and his understanding is that billing will be in the area of \$200.00 per hour. That does not include whatever additional expenses will be deemed necessary to answer the questions posed by the PUC. R. Krick informed Mr. Kilker that it is Council's decision if they will seek an outside attorney to handle any matter. This matter was tabled to be discussed at the upcoming special meeting.

Mr. Kilker asked Council for checks to be issued to cover the service on the Kish properties. The Kish properties may need to be subdivided for demolition as only part of them are scheduled to be torn down. If Kish cannot be found it is possible to serve by posting. This matter can be discussed at the special meeting.

He informed Council that Heiser might convey the properties on Richard Street to the Borough. If an offer to convey arrives should he hold back on filing against Heiser. Council told Mr. Kilker if an offer to convey was made to hold back filing anything against Heiser.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All.

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SPECIAL MEETING

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** July 19, 2001 **TIME:** 6:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Vice-president R. Krick.

ROLL CALL

Members present: M.B. Dougherty, R. Krick, J. Chiaretti

Members absent: C. Marquardt, J. Haluska, Mayor J. Kelly, Solicitor J. Kilker

PURPOSE OF MEETING

To discuss renewal of insurance policies and general purposes

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public was in attendance.

BUSINESS

On the matter of hiring outside Council for the PUC hearings J. Chiaretti said he felt a bit removed from the matter. An overview was given him by both M.B. Dougherty and R. Krick. The hearing is to determine who will be liable for the needed repairs of the retaining wall. The PUC will decide if it is the Borough, County or Railroad's responsibility. M.B. Dougherty did not yet have any written contract from Grainger Bowman and so still had no idea of the actual costs involved in hiring him and his firm to represent the Borough in this matter. Motion to hire Grainger Bowman contingent upon a set salary to be negotiated made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

M.B. Dougherty will contact Don Cuff of Entech Engineering to see if he is willing to review the County's engineering report concerning the cribbing.

On the matter of the renewal of the insurance policies. Motion to renew all policies with Seltzer Insurance made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? J. Chiaretti asked what the bidding process is like. He was told it take several months to obtain quotes. It was suggested that Council consider bidding the insurance coverage for the Borough for next renewal dates. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti to send a letter to Mr. Phillips explaining to him that Council is renewing with our current agent but are planning to advertise the entire package next year.

Motion to offer a part time police position at \$8.00 @ hour to Matthew Dillman made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. There will be the standard ninety (90) day probation period.

R. Krick noted that it is now necessary to have the engineer sign off on any permits issued for residents in the flood plain. He will contact T. Niedzwiecki to find out how she wishes to arrange the signing of the permits.

J. Chiaretti asked what policy is concerning cutting grass on private property. M.B. Dougherty told him the borough will post the property first and if no action is taken will then go in and cut the grass and bill the property owner. R. Krick said the other recourse is to place a lien on the property if the bill is not paid.

Motion to adjourn J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All.

Respectfully submitted
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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. DATE: August 9, 2001 TIME: 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Vice-president R. Krick.

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: C. Marquardt

PUBLIC COMMENT

R. Edmondson asked about the junk vehicles and trash on East Ogden Street. He was told by Mayor Kelly that the police have been instructed to investigate and cite.

M. Ritro questioned the no parking signs posted in front of McDonald's restaurant on Second Street. Mayor Kelly explained that he was approached by the Second Street Pub owners about posting an area for parking motorcycles. He added that he agreed they could try it over the weekend and see what public reaction was generated but that Council would need to vote on the matter. There was debate involving both Council members and residents over private parking. Residents present did not seem to have a problem with this as it is only for weekends and during business hours. Mayor Kelly admitted he overstepped his authority but thought no harm would come from testing the waters. M.B. Dougherty noted that Council needs to look at all sides of this issue. Other businesses in town have not asked for special parking privileges and this raises a question that has many ramifications. J. Chiaretti added that this is a serious matter and Council should take it under consideration. Both Don Negron and Gayle Weikel, owners of the Pub, agreed that no decision needed to be reached at this meeting.

Mr. Gillibauer, owner of the Arcade on West Main Street, suggested that the borough should have full time police. J. Chiaretti asked if he had any idea of the costs of a full time force. Adding that a full time police force would cost 3 times the current budget for police salaries. There was a discussion of raising taxes and how much income that would generate. J. Chiaretti said he would work out the costs for consideration of this matter.

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P. Rappant asked what is any further action is being taken concerning the Scott property on West Ogden Street. He was informed that there is some contention over property lines which need to be straightened out before any action can be taken. Mr. Kilker added that it is a question of obeying the court order and there was no response to his letter to Mr. Scott's attorney. Motion to have Mr. Kilker send a letter to Mr. Scott with notice of one (1) week to clean up the property or face contempt petition made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Haluska. Question? R. Krick suggested that the property dimensions be investigated first and if found that Mr. Scott is not responsible for the area that needs to be cleaned then the letter is to be sent to the correct property owner. Other to be cited if needed. Vote. All. Motion carried.

A. Engle thanked Officer Collins for his assistance in getting rid of the trash behind his house.

M. Kelly asked about J. Chiaretti's request for a private driveway entrance which will result in restricted parking on West Main Street. Mrs. Kelly was informed that the restrictions are a requirement by PADOT for entrance onto a State road and only granted if the Borough Council agrees. Council did investigate the parking in the area and found that granting the request would not adversely impact the current parking situation.

E. Labie asked if there was any response from the property owners on West Main Street and East Mahanoy Avenue. She was informed that the demolition of the former Mary's Cafe is once again in progress. Citations were issued to the owner of 227 East Mahanoy Avenue. The bank should be cleaning up the weeds in the yard on West Main Street. There is debate over ownership of the former Butler property and Mr. Kilker has had no responses from the other owners. R. Krick said that the problem with absentee landlords is that if you proceed against them you win nothing but a building that needs to be torn down.

Pastor Stratton asked about possible activities for the Youth Group for Make a Difference Day. The question of cleaning up some of the abandoned properties was explored. R. Krick noted that Pastor Stratton could contact the Pine Grove landfill for assistance with dumpsters and the North Schuylkill Landfill is not always conducive to community efforts. M.B. Dougherty suggested contacting the local fire companies, K Of C, AOH and other organizations for help and suggestions for projects.

The question of possibly publishing the names of people who violate the various property ordinances like West Mahanoy Township does was raised. J. Chiaretti said that his suggestion was a large sign placed prominently on the property and he is looking into the legality of this action.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes of the regular and special meetings made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report as read made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor's report: Read by Officer K. Collins. Motion to accept as read made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Haluska. Vote. All. Motion carried. J. Chiaretti complimented the officers on an increase in citations. Mayor Kelly introduced the newest officer, Matthew Dillman, to the residents. In view of the recent accident a request was made to purchase a first aid kit for the police car. Motion to purchase a BLS first aid kit for \$129.99 made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Health Officer's report: Read by R. Krick. Motion to accept the report as submitted made by J. Haluska, second J. Chiaretti. 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, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Permit Officer's report: Motion to accept report for June and July made by J. Haulska, second M.B. Dougherty.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Concerning the Fedornak property on West Ogden Street, Mr. Kilker said he is waiting for a reply from the Ranger Hose Company accepting the property.

Agreement to hire reached at the special meeting, to represent the Borough in the upcoming PUC hearings requires signatures.

Motion to allow Joseph Chiaretti the requested driveway permit made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Haluska. Question? None. Roll call vote:

J. Haluska	Yes	M.B. Dougherty	Yes
R. Krick	Yes	J. Chiaretti	Abstain

Motion carried.

Motion to proceed with any required paperwork made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

J. Chiaretti noted that Girard Estates and Burns Contracting will be back for the second time on Ogden Street. This is expected to be completed next week. It is not the best remedy but the road is better. Motion to send a letter of thanks to Girard Estate when the second part is completed made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Council announced an agreement with DCED for a police department study approved on, July 19, 2001. Kirk Trate, Reading police chief will be conducting this study.

The Schuylkill County state application for funding for demolition 2001- 02 was denied. D. Grow requested council send letters to our local representatives for support of this much needed program. Motion to send letters to all local representatives in support of this funding made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to approve driveway request from W. Faust on West Ogden Street made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Letter to be sent explaining this permission if for 12 feet immediately in front of the requested driveway and will not allow for interference with any other parking on either side of the street.

V. Ambrose, Borough supervisor submitted his letter of resignation effective immediately. Motion to accept made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Mayor Kelly said that he felt Vytas did an excellent job and added he is sad to see him leave.

Motion to advertise upon decision of the Street Committee made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Street committee meeting set for, August 14th at 7:30 AM. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor Kelly suggested that Council send a letter of thanks for his service. Motion to send a letter made by J. Haluska, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

R. Krick said he spoke with Don Cuff from Entech and asked what to do in the event of further problems with the new sewer line. The advice was to have the Authority contact American Water to deal with them.

R. Krick added that the paving bid is ready. Motion to authorize Entech Engineering to advertise for paving bids with a date for next meeting made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? What streets will this entail? R. Krick noted he would have to check with Entech on that question. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

List of bills read by R. Krick. Question raised on how to deal with bills incurred by the Borough on behalf of the Sewer Authority. T. Yesalavage, Authority Chairman asked that Council pay the bills and submit them for reimbursement. Motion to pay bills as submitted made by J. Haluska, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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M.B. Dougherty asked if the insurance would pay for the cost of putting the VASCAR unit into the Chevy. It is necessary to replace the unit that was stolen. She was told that this matter would need to be addressed to the insurance carrier.

CORRESPONDENCE

DCNR - next round recreation funding notice. Motion to send for packet and forward to R. Dillman, Prodesign Plus made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

GAMA - copies of letters sent to both Doli and Hammersley's insurance carriers concerning the outstanding problems.

PUC - notice of hearing date change to September 25, 2001 at 10:00 AM

Seltzer Insurance - worker's compensation binder

VISION - e-mail correspondence with activities planned

County Demolition - signed contract and notice of bid packs being sent to contractors.

Various classes and seminars

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No committee reports.

OTHER BUSINESS

J. Kilker raised some concern about the attorney hired to represent the Borough at the PUC hearing. M.B. Dougherty said he is an administrative law attorney and comes highly recommended. Mr. Kilker requested an executive session to discuss legal matters. Council decided they would go into executive session after the public comment period.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Burlile asked if the letter he submitted to the Police department is being addressed. The complaint concerned break-ins and vandalism. Mayor Kelly said the police department is addressing a number of instances of break-in and vandalism at this time.

Council adjourned to an Executive Session to discuss legal matters at the request of the Solicitor.

Upon return from Executive Session R. Krick read a letter to Council from Mr. Kilker withdrawing from any legal actions taken against the properties at 2 - 16 West Main

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Street. He cited concern for possible conflict of interest as he has recently moved back into the borough and resides immediately adjacent to 16 West Main Street. Motion to allow made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Haluska. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

R. Krick informed Council that he spoke with Officer Frantz with concerns about a resident on West Ogden Street. Officer Frantz stated he would speak with the resident and as of yet no contact was made. Mayor Kelly said he would ask the officer about this and send him down to see the resident in question.

J. Chiaretti asked to add that the furnace in question in a house on West Main Street is BOCA approved, air vented and the owner was told completely legal. It is currently cleaned but not operating despite neighbor complaints to the contrary. He will get in touch with F. Zangari and the property owner to further investigate the complaint.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** September 13, 2001 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence in memory of those victims of the September 11th attacks led by Council President C. Marquardt.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor J. Kelly, Solicitor J. Kilker

Members absent: J. Haluska (work, attended work session)

PUBLIC COMMENT

E. Marquardt noted that the flags on the pole outside are a disgrace and must be replaced. Mayor Kelly told her that he had just gotten new flags from Representative Lucyk's office and they will be up tomorrow.

F. Zangari, Fire Chief, informed Council that in the wake of the attacks in New York City the County is organizing a volunteer relief work detail. Any interested fire company/ambulance members must meet the requirements which will be certain immunizations and specific training. He asked for Council's support in the event that the County mobilized and anyone from Girardville could and wanted to participate. Motion to support Borough EMA personnel in a County wide relief effort made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. F. Zangari noted he would keep Council informed in this matter.

Neighbors from West Ogden Streets once again lodged complaints about the condition of the street. They were informed that Council is in the process of trying to obtain grant/loan money from USDA to pave the street. R. Krick said the results of bores is that the street is not suitable for the originally planned process and so you have to start over again. It was believed that taking the paving responsibilities from Doli and Popple would result in a better job being done overall. After much discussion, Solicitor J. Kilker

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suggested setting up a committee with Council members and residents to perhaps come up with some solutions.

Complaints were again made about the property on the corner of William and Ogden Streets. J. Kilker noted that the petition for contempt is ready to be filed. Scott definitely is not obeying the Court Order as all surface debris must be removed. The petition when served will have a seven (7) day notice. It can be filed on 9/20 and we will wait for a court hearing date to be set.

Pastor Stratton passed out notices of a Prayer Service to be held on Friday at 5:00 PM at St. Joseph's Church.

The Youth Group has 3 trash barrels out on Main Street which seem to be doing well. Asked permission to place a 4th barrel on Second Street near the Jiffy Mart. Council agreed. R. Krick said he told Dean to empty the barrels.

For "Make A Difference Day" the group is looking for volunteers to assist and are looking for adult volunteers. Pine Grove landfill will take the first 15 tons at no cost. Permission to post a sign-up sheet at the Borough Hall was granted.

The Tag Day fund-raiser is scheduled for, Saturday, October 6, 2001, from 8:00 am - 12:00 pm. Pastor Stratton asked about police protection. Mayor Kelly assured her that a police officer will be on duty. Motion to allow this activity made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

M. Yesalavage informed Council of a problem he is having with water drainage with his neighbor. Mr. Kilker told Council that this is a private matter between residents and not their responsibility. R. Krick said that the neighbor might be willing to correct the matter. He asked C. Marquardt if he would talk to the neighbor and see if this problem could be resolved. C. Marquardt agreed.

H. Ressler asked if anything could be done about the broken windows in the building on William and Main Streets. C. Marquardt asked the Solicitor if the borough had any right to go onto private property. Mr. Kilker told him that the borough could board up the windows and place a lien against the property for the costs.

H. Ressler asked what the Borough was doing about the 4-wheeler problems. He was told that the officers are trying to stop them. Tickets can be issued on information received but only if a resident is willing to testify if needed.

The question of a full time police department was raised again. J. Chiaretti explained that our current real estate taxes bring in approximately \$58,000. It would be necessary to double taxes to pay for a full time officer.

The condition of a house on West Ogden Street was brought to Council's attention.

C. Marquardt noted that the property is the hands of a finance company and the only option is to cite the owner. She has no money to pay for necessary repairs. If it falls out into the street the borough would be the one who would have to clean it up.

Question of No Parking signs was raised and will be addressed under the Street Committee report.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

Mayor's report: Read by Officer Kevin Collins. Motion to accept as read made by J. Chiaretti, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.
R. Krick questioned the mileage as reported. Officer Collins said that there were numerous extra things out of town this month as a result of various citations.

Health Officer's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept the report as submitted made by J. Chiaretti second 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, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Permit Officer's report: Motion to accept as submitted made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Community Block Grant report: Read by C. Marquardt.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ranger Hose Company submitted a letter accepting the Fedornak property for \$1.00 with a clear deed. Upon receipt of such the building would be razed in 120 days. R. Krick questioned the clear deed request. J. Kilker told Council that the Borough does not have a clear deed and therefore cannot issue one. The fire company can pursue a quick claim deed after they accept the property. He suggested they get an appraisal and a title search. Council instructed the solicitor to send a letter explaining the situation. Motion to have the property appraised and put out for open bids if necessary made by R. Krick, second

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J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Solicitor to take care of this matter.

NEW BUSINESS

County CDBG applications - Motion to attend the hearing and submit the application made by R. Krick, seconded J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Question of ordering supplies for the gym floor tabled.

Request to attend a QuickBooks seminar at a cost of \$50.00 made by the Secretary. Motion to approve made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to apply for this round of Recreation grant funding for \$20,000 with \$10,000 from the Borough for matching money from the State made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise a public hearing for the Recreation grant application for, October 11, 2001, at 6:30 PM made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

J. Chiaretti requested residents consider becoming the Code Enforcement Officer. Letters of interest will be accepted. This position will have no pay attached at least at the beginning. A committee to consider all letters of interest will be made up of R. Krick, M.B. Dougherty and J. Chiaretti. A meeting will be scheduled in September, time and date to be announced. Motion to set a committee made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor Kelly asked all residents to fly their flags. He also wanted to thank Representative Ed Lucyk for the replacement flags for the municipal building.

Request from the Girardville Ambulance for a driveway to exit on West Main Street. This matter to be turned over to the Street Committee for consideration.

BILLS

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Lincoln Institute Survey to be completed

Budget Bulletin - to J. Chiaretti

STV Bridge report notice

North Schuylkill COG - meeting 9/26/01

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets: Request for special parking privilege for "The Second Street Pub" was turned down. R. Krick questioned the need to open a can of worms with an allowance of private parking.

In the matter of hiring a borough worker, R. Krick told Council there were two more people to be interviewed. A recommendation would be forthcoming.

Parks: The only new business is the new grant application.

Finance: A meeting will be set up and posted. M.B. Dougherty said she received a request to purchase a camera for the police department. This will be considered. Departments will be reminded to get their budget lists together.

Police: Nothing to report. The Plymouth is still in for repairs.

OTHER BUSINESS

J. Kilker reported that Heiser's will sign the properties over to the borough. The Bernotas property is on the tax sale list. This Kish property on the demolition list could be a problem if the borough accepts it. There might be difficulty in getting the parcel broken up. Council may have to take the building on Main Street which is a liability no one wants to accept. Council can file to get an order of the court to have the owner demolish the building.

The question of the Huntington property was raised. He was fined by the County for moving the mobile home in without a zoning permit. Suit has been filed in this matter to determine fence and border line. M. B. Dougherty asked if the Borough will be notified when he is served. Mr. Kilker said that the sheriff's office will notify of service.

C. Marquardt will look into where to address complaints or concerns about the bridge on Second Street.

C. Marquardt will check into the metal cellar doors at a property adjacent to the bridge. It was reported they are in bad shape and could pose a hazard to foot traffic.

On the matter of the Scott/ONeill property Mr. Kilker noted that the fence line seems to be near where it should be. Debris is within the fence line. R. Krick noted that there is a question of who placed some of the debris on the property. Claims have been made that a third party may be involved. This matter needs to be looked into further.

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Motion to adjourn made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Motion carried

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SPECIAL MEETING

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** October 5, 2001 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: J. Chiaretti, M.B. Dougherty, C. Marquardt, R. Krick
J. Kilker
Members absent: J. Haluska (work) J. Kelly (vacation)

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Meeting scheduled for hiring and general purposes

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BUSINESS

Motion to hire William Davis as the Code Enforcement officer made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to hire James Petusky as Street Department Lead Person made by R. Krick, second M. B. Dougherty. Question? Rate of \$8.00 with the standard ninety (90) day probation. Vote. All. Motion carried.

J. Kilker noted that he understood the borough is looking to add the burned building on East Main Street to the demolition list. He informed Council that he could have the deed by next meeting. R. Krick suggested that wait until Council has chance to make certain all the finance are arraigned first. He noted that Council is also looking at prices to haul the wood from the property on East Mahanoy Avenue. J. Kilker added that he has the most recent BOCA codes on CD-rom. Copies of any of the sections can be provided.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted
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PUBLIC HEARING **GRANT APPLICATION WEST END PARK PROJECT** **PHASE III**

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** October 11, 2001 **TIME:** 6:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: J. Haluska, Mayor J. Kelly, Solicitor J. Kilker

C. Marquardt informed those residents attending that this hearing was for public input on the Borough's proposed Phase III 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 III of the planned playground improvements. This phase of the project installs a cushioned surface on the existing basketball court and allows for more handicapped accessibility. 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 and they expressed hope that the Borough would be funded to continue improving the parks.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2001-4 that allows the Council President to sign and accept the contract made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. DATE: October 11, 2001 TIME: 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: J. Chiaretti, M.B. Dougherty, C. Marquardt, R. Krick
Solicitor J. Kilker

Members absent: J. Haluska (work, made work session) Mayor J. Kelly (illness)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Carado asked what is going to be done about Ogden Street and also inquired about the various dilapidated properties. R. Krick said he had no guarantee but the Borough should know by next Monday if something is going to happen in the matter of funding for paving streets.

Complaints were made about dirt bikes running up and down and making a bad situation worse. There were also questions about the Whitely property and whether or not it is condemned. When the water company installed new lines they did not run any to that property.

J. Chiaretti noted that Council hired William Davis as a code enforcement officer. He added that residents needed to give Mr. Davis time to get things in order so he can function properly. Mr. Davis was introduced to the residents present.

Complaints were made about people violating the stop sign on Ogden and Richard Streets.

C. Marquardt said he would address this matter with the police officers.

Mrs. M. Robitis complained about the mess left behind her garage. She did not receive a letter from Entech so her name is to be added to the list of people still dissatisfied with whatever repairs made concerning damages.

Pastor Straton noted that the scheduled tag day was rained out. This was rescheduled for this Saturday with a rain date of the following Saturday. Make a Difference Day sign up

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sheets are available and she asked everyone to consider volunteering their time. Both she and J. Chiaretti are going to finish making the arrangements to see exactly what projects get done. Availability of trucks and volunteers will make a difference. Also, there will be a Halloween party for elementary age children. Posters will be placed with further information.

Mrs. E. Labie asked when fall clean up is scheduled. She was told it will be the October 18, 19 & 20. L. Uzupis asked if there were any volunteers to help residents get things to the drop off? She was told residents must make their own arrangements.

D. Kelly raised the question of the damage done to the trees on his property. He feels that the police department are not properly handling the situation. People were supposedly arrested but he hasn't heard anything. Mr. Kilker asked if Mr. Kelly contacted the police. D. Kelly said he has called numerous times but gets no response. R. Krick added that policy should be that there is always a response when any resident calls.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the two sets of minutes as submitted made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report as read made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept as read made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried. It was noted that hearings attended are not included on this report.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Borough is waiting a response from the Ranger Hose Company to the second letter sent concerning the Fedornak property.

Ambulance driveway request - R. Krick requested that a more detailed plan be submitted in writing. His questions were concerning the width required by PADOT. Other driveway requests come in with detailed drawings and measurements attached. Either M.B. Dougherty or J. Chiaretti will contact Joseph Tinari on this matter.

County CDBG application - waiting a decision as to what will be submitted. This is under discussion with the Engineers.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to sign agreement with Prodesign Plus to complete the application for Phase III funding for the West End Park made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Both Mr. Edward Burns and Mr. Thomas Dougherty's seats on GAMA will expire at the end of this year. Motion to send letters to both informing them of this and asking if they want to retain their seats made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to hold Trick or Treat night, Wednesday, October 31, 2001, from 6:00 - 9:00 PM made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to allow the Good Time Club to host their annual Halloween parade on, Sunday, October 28, 2001, at 2:00 PM made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Parade will start at Main and Julia Streets and proceed up Main Street to the Girard Hose Company

BILLS

List of bills read by C. Marquardt. Motion to add \$10.59 for the police department and pay bills as submitted made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? J. Kilker noted that the amount of his bill is incorrect and should be \$427.50. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to transfer necessary funds to the School Fund made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: M.B. Dougherty set a meeting for 10/24 at 7:00 PM

Streets: R. Krick noted that he is optimistic about funding for paving. C. Marquardt informed council that the gates at the school yard need to be replaced. Motion to purchase new gates from Lok-Weld made by J. Chiaretti, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

On the matter of the damaged inlet on East Mahanoy Avenue a meeting with PADOT will be scheduled.

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Finance: J. Chiaretti set up a budget meeting for 10/23 at 7:00 PM

OTHER BUSINESS

On the matter of Code Enforcement J. Chiaretti suggested that Mr. Davis might have a generalized report in the way of citations. W. Davis made notice through this meeting that the Borough will be enforcing property maintenance. He suggested that residents get things done before he has to pay you a visit.

J. Chiaretti said Council needs an ordinance to include the 2000 BOCA Codes. J. Kilker suggested advertising 2000 BOCA Codes and subsequent revisions unless rejected within 60 days. An appeal board consisting of 3 people needs to be in place to handle appeals of citations under BOCA. W. Davis can give out warnings as of today under the current ordinance. Motion to advertise the proposed ordinance with copies here and at the Law Library to reference BOCA and all future amendments as put forth with reference to current ordinances unless superseded by BOCA made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request to purchase a digital camera submitted by W. Davis. J. Chiaretti said he would donate his pay to cover this expense. Motion to allow purchase up to \$300.00 made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Demolition - C. Marquardt said that the properties are down, seeded and posted. Council is looking at other properties for possible demolition.

R. Krick asked the status of the Huntington matter. J. Kilker said there is a question of whether or not the sheriff's office served the papers yet. Usually they call to notify when served. He will call them tomorrow to find out.

Suggestion to use the three (3) adjacent lots on Richard Street of parking for the playground. Mr. Kilker the Heiser deeds are in hand. The Tax Claim bureau will convey. The Marty Ello property should not be a problem. Motion to take and use the above mentioned properties for adjacent parking and authorize the Solicitor to obtain the deeds made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Motion carried.

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. DATE: November 8, 2001 TIME: 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Vice-president R. Krick.

ROLL CALL

Members present: J. Chiaretti, R. Krick, C. Marquardt

Mayor J. Kelly, Solicitor J. Kilker

Members absent: M.B. Dougherty, J. Haluska

PUBLIC COMMENT

D. Kelly informed Council he still has had no response from the police department despite numerous calls. He was not informed that there were only 30 days to file charges concerning the damage to the tree on his property. Mr. Kilker informed him that he had up to 2 years to file a civil action.

E. Marquardt thanked Pastor Stratton, the youth group and the adults who assisted for the clean-up on October 28, 2001. She commended them on a job well done.

Pastor Stratton reported that 10 teens and 8 adults participated in "Make a Difference Day". They collected 29 bags of trash, 29 bags of recyclables, and 3 tons were taken to the landfill. The group is looking at offering their services in the spring.

On, November 18, 2001, at 7:00 PM there will be an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service held at the United Methodist Church.

E. Kelly complained about getting a parking ticket when the vehicle was legally parked. A complaint was made about our police officers spending an inordinate amount of time out in Ashland at the Turkey Hill. J. Chiaretti noted that there have been other reports and this is a problem. C. Marquardt said there is a police committee meeting being scheduled and these matters will be discussed.

M. Ritro asked if the police would check out a truck parked on the 300 block of Preston Avenue. This truck has no license or sticker and has been there for the last 5 days.

E. Labie noted that the residence on Third Street is still a mess. William Davis noted that he has is working on that property. He checked and was told it is not a fire hazard unless flammables are stored. R. Krick noted that if the officers go by and the stuff is in the street it is littering.

A. Uzupis asked if No Littering signs could be posted entering town. C. Marquardt told her that PADOT has to post anything on their right of way and also, applicable fines need to be in place to enforce the signs.

A. Uzupis asked if the paving of West Ogden Street was moving along? R. Krick said he had no guarantees but work was scheduled to being the following Monday without the Federal award. The plan is to have reconstruction and a base coat done by Thanksgiving. R. Krick went on to thank Mr. Hanley from Representative Holden's office for all his work in making this happen and Don Cuff, Entech Engineering, for all his input. The only open question is the time frame for closing down the street.

A. Uzupis asked if we needed anyone to watch these people. J. Chiaretti suggested that a retired resident with experience in this area might be a good idea. Council will approach someone.

It was asked when the borough would be picking up the leaves. C. Marquardt informed residents that the leaf vacs are going to Frackville on Friday and that the borough workers have been tied up on other projects.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes for the regular meeting and the public hearing for the West End Grant application as submitted made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report as read made by J. Chiaretti, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor's report: Read by Officer M. Dillman. Motion to accept as read made by J. Chiaretti, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried. J. Chiaretti thanked the police officer for the additional information on the report. The matter of vehicles being ticketed was discussed. Miscommunication over when this would begin caused some difficulties. It was Council's intention to announce at this meeting that there would be strict enforcement of parking violations in the Borough and also to have a notice placed in the paper. Officers, however, began ticketing immediately. Mayor Kelly noted that any tickets that were incomplete or improperly filled out were voided. The question of going after untarped trucks was raised as being more important perhaps than parking violations. Officer Dillman informed Council that police are scheduled more at night than during the day when you would be able to stop truck traffic thorough town. The question of speed

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timing devices and the needed lines was raised. The officers are planning on painting the necessary white lines and doing speed checks.

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

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

Report from Prodesign Plus: Report on Community Development Block Grant read by C. Marquardt. Motion to authorize Prodesign Plus to apply for CDBG money for housing rehabilitation program and to pursue additional funding for sewer connections made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Motion to authorize completion of annual reports as required by DCED made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ambulance driveway request: J. Chiaretti said he spoke with Joseph Tinari about the application and needed information. J. Tinari said he would get back to Council but has not done so to date.

The Solicitor reported there has been no response from the Ranger's Hose Company concerning their title request for the Fednorak property.

NEW BUSINESS

Request from Cub Scout Pack #749 for use of the Borough Hall, January 19, 2002, to hold their annual Pine Wood Derby. Motion to allow made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Resolution 2001-6 eliminating member contributions to the Police Pension Fund for this year. Motion to adopt made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

The Good Time Club is requesting residents' cooperation on, November 10, 2001, when the Christmas decorations will be installed. No Parking signs will be posted.

Entech Engineering - proposal for necessary engineering for School Building block grant money. Motion to accept made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

C. Marquardt noted that it will be necessary to speak with Don Cuff concerning the current block grant application.

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Motion to advertise the budget and accompanying tax levy ordinance as submitted to Council for consideration made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to remove Jonathan Frantz as Health officer made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint William Davis as Health officer made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

List of bills read by C. Marquardt. Motion to pay bills as submitted made by J. Chiaretti, second R. Krick. Question? J. Chiaretti asked what was left on the truck loan. He was told that information would be available in the office. None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Motion to transfer funds from the General Fund to the School Fund to pay the approved bills made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Entech Engineering: transmittal outlining RUS application for paving funds.
Copy of letter sent to Marcella Duld's office from the Borough requesting expedition of funding.
Copy letter to Doli Construction concerning questions of unrepaired damages.

Fisher Engineering - Sewer Enforcement Officer (SEO) fee schedule for 2002

Northern Schuylkill COG - meeting 11/28, Shenandoah Borough

Ashland Regional Medical Center - outline various activities for November

Tax Claim Bureau - notice concerning Heiser properties

DCED - Notice of availability of electronic filing and classes for certain required forms.

M&T Bank - letter of complaint about loitering and property damage done at the bank building. It was noted that loitering in front of the various churches is also a problem. The police department continues the efforts to monitor and control the situation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets: R. Krick reported that the salt for winter 2001-02 has arrived. There were questions about when the hole on South Second Street where the water company is boring

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for new lines will be filled. C. Marquardt said he has calls in to the water company but has had no response as yet.

R. Krick noted that the cost of the repairs on Preston Avenue could be reimbursable. This will be submitted to the contractor.

C. Marquardt noted that with the PADOT Agility program the borough has time coming. It is possible to use this time now or hold it until the spring and have the street sweeper come through again at no extra cost to the borough.

PADOT supplied the grate for the drain box replacement on East Mahanoy Avenue.

Snow removal cost information is and the borough has requested permission from various residents with lots available to pile snow if needed.

School: R. Krick reported that North Schuylkill will be renting gym time. There will be no conflict with the current Biddy Basketball schedule or any of the other rentals.

Police: Committee meeting set for, November 23, 2001. Santa will be arriving on Thanksgiving Day at 5:00 PM. There will be the annual parade to the Girard Hose Company. The American Legion is planning Veteran's Day services at the memorial at 11:00 AM on, Sunday, November 11, 2001.

It was noted that there are signs posted around town requesting wood donations for a "skate park" to be dropped off at the old tennis courts. Mayor Kelly said that this was the first it was brought to his attention and it would be checked.

Recycling: C. Marquardt reported that the annual County sponsored recycling project was completed. Total proceeds were \$1448.00. This amount is split with the County and the balance divided among the local communities who participate by sending people to operate the station.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Kilker reported that the borough received a notice of a claim from a person falling in a hole in the street.

He noted that concerning the Scott property on West Ogden Street, Mr. Scott's attorney withdrew. R. Krick asked why this is still being pursued. Mr. Kilker explained that the motion was filed before the clean up of the property was continued. He also noted that he had written to Mr. Scott and asked him to call to discuss the matter but did not receive any reply. R. Krick added that this seems like overkill and needs to be looked at further. Mr. Kilker told the members that no hearing would be scheduled before the next council meeting giving ample time for a decision on the pursuit of this matter.

Tax claim deeds for the Ello and Heiser properties would be ready for Council for next meeting.

Mr. Kilker explained in depth the proposed ordinance adopting the BOCA codes as Ordinance 2001-2. He added that under the proposed ordinance a property owner would have the right to appeal within twenty (20) days. The Council needs to appoint a board consisting of three (3) members with two (2) alternates. These members to have experience in the building trades.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2001-2 BOCA International Property Maintenance Code, 2000 version made by J. Chiaretti, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Recommendations for the Appeals Board are:

Michael Kudrick -- electrical
Henry Wayne -- plumbing
Vytus Karavage -- carpentry
Alternates to be Joseph Chiaretti and Robert Krick

The Solicitor raised the question of members of Council sitting on the board. Mr. Davis told Council that Mahanoy City Council acts as the Appeals Board but he was told by the current enforcement officer that if questioned that could be a problem.

Motion to set up an Appeals Board with three (3) members and two (2) alternates made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint to the Appeals Board Michael Kudrick, Henry Wayne, Vytus Karavage, Joseph Chiaretti and Robert Krick made by J. Chiaretti, second R. Krick. Question? Mr. Kilker questioned members of Council being alternates on the Board. Vote. All. Motion carried.

William Davis, code enforcement officer, made his report at this time. He noted that the digital camera was purchased as approved and he has various files set up on his computer. There are 12 citations to be mailed tomorrow and some things have already been taken care of just through conversation.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Chiaretti, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** December 13, 2001 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Council Vice-president R. Krick.

ROLL CALL

Members present: J. Chiaretti, M.B. Dougherty, R. Krick, C. Marquardt
Solicitor J. Kilker

Members absent: J. Haluska (work) Mayor J. Kelly (health)

PUBLIC COMMENT

H. Ressler of William Street questioned the recent flurry of parking tickets. He stated that for the last seven (7) years he has parked facing down the hill and never gotten a ticket. Living on a steep hill it is a problem to parking facing uphill and especially in the winter months. C. Marquardt noted that the fire companies have complained about people parking too close to the corners and it was decided to enforce all the parking regulations. This council has been called on the carpet numerous times for non-enforcement in recent months. M.B. Dougherty noted that there are difficulties with enforcement due to the schedules of the police officers. We do not have 24 hour coverage and so they must enforce what they can when they are on duty. Council is trying to make improvements with consistency and fairness. The question of the 4-wheelers on the streets was raised. J. Chiaretti said he is committed to finding a way of getting them off the streets.

J. Krick, East Mahanoy Avenue, asked what was going to be done about his water line problem. The pavements were dug up last year for the sewer project and since he has had problems with his line freezing. The weather is getting cold again and this problem is still not resolved. He was told that Council has no control over the project. This is a matter for the sewer authority. R. Krick suggested that a temporary fix, perhaps cold patch, until the pavements are repaired in the spring. This will be brought to the Sewer Authority's attention.

Mr. Oakum complained about wrong side of the street parking tickets on South John Street. He suggested Council consider making it a one way street going north. He also noted that the street seldom gets plowed and salted or ashed. He and a neighbor plow it themselves. R. Krick said this is the first time he is hearing that particular complaint and it will be addressed. Making South John Street one way will not solve the problems for the other hills in town.

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D. Kelly asked why not suspend the parking regulations from December to March. Council all stated that is not possible. J. Chiaretti said that Council had decided to announce when Channel 16 is calling for snow the night before then parking facing down hill the next day would be permitted.

H. Ressler asked if the borough is going to get any use out of the leaf-vacs. C. Marquardt said that yes, the leaf-vacs would be used. R. Krick stated that it could not be expected for borough workers to clean up in front of people's houses. Hauling them around town is difficult. They will not fit down some streets. J. Kilker suggested scheduling dates and having residents sweep the leaves to the curb making it easier for the workers to just drive along and clean them up.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

Mayor's report: Read by Ofer. K. Collins. Motion to accept as read made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried. Request that in future this report be submitted in time for the work session.

Health/Code Officer's report: Read by W. Davis. Motion to accept the report as submitted made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Request for hard copies of this report to be submitted in time for the work session.

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

Permit Officer's report: Motion to accept as submitted made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Fire Chief's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept as submitted made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CDBG report: Submitted by Prodesign Plus. Read by C. Marquardt.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ranger response concerning the Fednorak property. No response received to date.

Ambulance driveway request. No response to request for further information.

Mr. Kilker is going to send letters to both organizations.

GAMA seats up for appointment. Upon receipt of notice of interest in retaining their current seats on the Sewer Authority Council voted to reappoint. Motion to reappoint Thomas

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Dougherty and Edward Burns for five (5) year terms on the Girardville Area Municipal Authority made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Fire damaged house 239 East Main Street - J. Kilker has a letter that needs to be signed by the property owner. When all the paperwork is in line it will be sent to Dan Grow and hopefully put out to bid for this year. This needs to be classified as an emergency to qualify for funding in 2001. He has a letter from the fire chief making a statement to this effect.

M.B. Dougherty noted that she will look into possible funding for a computer for the police department. There is money out there for software or upgrading equipment.

Damage to storm inlet and line Richard and Ogden Street - Mr. J. Avelino of Consumers PA is aware of this matter. C. Marquardt is still waiting to hear from Popple to set up a meeting to discuss the damage.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to set re-organization meeting for January 7, 2001 at 7:00 PM, set 2002 meeting schedule for second Thursday each month and advertise both made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to set and advertise a Public Hearing for CDBG funding on January 10, 2002 at 6:30 PM made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2001-3 - Tax Levy 2002 at 6.2 mills made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt the 2002 budget as submitted and advertised made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to purchase a new computer for the office from MICSinc for \$1565.00 made by J. Chiaretti, second R. Krick. Question? There is a possibility of GAMA sharing the cost. Letter to be sent requesting this consideration. Vote. All. Motion carried. The current office computer will be cleaned up, programs reloaded to be given to the police department.

BILLS

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

CORRESPONDENCE

GAMA - notice of meeting with RUS, December 19, 2001 at 5:00 PM. Request for attendance by Council members available.

DCNR - notice of close-out of Phase II paperwork. Waiting for final payment from the State.

Schuylkill County - KOEZ 2002 application. Question on need for filing this. M.B. Dougherty will contact Mark Scarbinsky.

Blue Mountain Reading Railroad - annual request for assistance in keeping the railroad crossings free from snow.

Oceanport Industries - salt quote 2001/02 season

Center for Community Leadership - seminar Right to Know/Sunshine Act

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets: Christmas tree pickups will be January 7, 9, 11, 2001. This will be posted and sent to the newspaper.

A question concerning the work week schedule was raised. R. Krick said this needs to be discussed and can be done for the new year.

Purchase of a snow blower was requested. This would be used to clean around the building, school and the storm drain. Prices on snowblowers, Lowes \$539.00, Sears \$ 709.00. Motion to purchase the snowblower from Lowes made by J. Chiaretti, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion passed.

Ogden Street - No top until spring. There is now a time and temperature bind to finish by next week. The remaining area on Ogden and Second Streets will be leveled and a 2 inch top will be put down to smooth the road for winter travel. Work will resume when the weather breaks in the spring of 2002.

Police: M.B. Dougherty asked to schedule a meeting with the police officers. Officer K. Collins is to check schedules and get in touch with her. When set, date to be posted. She also noted that at the COG meeting purchase of bullet proof vests was discussed. There may be money available and she is looking into this matter.

Parks: Phase II equipment is beginning to arrive. Phase I has been completed and is waiting only the final payment from the State.

Recycling: Curbside pickup in December will proceed as usual. No curbside pick up for January, February and March. Christmas trees will be collected in January

OTHER BUSINESS

M.B. Dougherty said that the COG is still looking at purchase of health insurance. Right now it will start with the larger municipalities but there is a possibility of the smaller municipalities pooling together to purchase. This is still in the planning stages.

Next COG meeting will be January 4, 2002 here at the Girardville Borough Hall. Motion to host the January COG meeting made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to give the 3 borough workers, 3 police officers and borough secretary a \$25.00 Christmas bonus made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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Mr. Kilker reported that Mr. Scott complied with the court order. At issue is the \$400.00 in legal fees awarded if there was a second hearing scheduled. He asked if council wished to pursue this matter or withdraw. Motion to withdraw made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mr. Kilker asked Council to address a question concerning the BOCA codes at reorganization in January. The current wording classifies penalties as misdemeanor. The lesser charge in the State of PA would be a summary offense.

At this point Mr. Kilker informed all present that he did not wish to be reappointed as Borough Solicitor in January 2002. He cited personal reasons for withdrawing. He extended the offer of any assistance possible to the Borough in reference to borough history. He thanked Council and noted he would do whatever possible to ensure a smooth transition.

Both J. Chiaretti and C. Marquardt thanked Mr. Kilker for his service to the community and wished him the very best in his future endeavors.

C. Marquardt asked about looking into purchasing a new window for the police office. This window has been broken twice recently and a way of protecting the glass needs to be found. J. Chiaretti will look into this matter.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All.

Respectfully submitted
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