

BOROUGH OF GIRARDVILLE

FOURTH & "B" STREETS

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Reorganization Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** January 7, 2002 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

Oaths of office were administered by Mayor Joseph Kelly to all newly elected Borough officials before the meeting. Council members Joseph Chiaretti, Joseph Quinn and Tax Collector Elizabeth Dougherty were sworn in. The Mayor chaired the meeting for purposes of reorganizing.

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Joseph Kelly

ROLL CALL

Members present: J. Chiaretti, M.B. Dougherty, R. Krick, C. Marquardt, and J. Quinn.
Mayor J. Kelly, Solicitor E. Mika

BUSINESS

Nominations opened for Council President. Motion to nominate C. Marquardt made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. No other nominations were made so a voice vote was called. All. Motion carried.

The Mayor passed the chair to Council President C. Marquardt.

Nominations opened for Vice-President. Motion to nominate R. Krick made by M. B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. No other nominations. Voice vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for Secretary/ Treasurer. Motion made to appoint Mary Ambrose made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for Borough Solicitor. Motion made to appoint Eric Mika made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination to fill position on Vacancy Board. Motion made to appoint Vytus Karavage made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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Nomination for Bank Depository. Motion made to use M&T Bank made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2002 – 1 stating officer for bank files made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for NSLA representative and alternate. Motion made to appoint R. Krick made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried. Motion to appoint J. Chiaretti alternate made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for Health/Code Enforcement Officer. Motion made to appoint William Davis made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for Permit Officer. Motion to appoint Theresa Niedzwiecki made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for Engineer. Motion made to appoint Entech Engineering, Inc. made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for Chief Administrator Officer of the Police Pension Fund. Motion to appoint M.B. Dougherty made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination to appoint Sewer Enforcement Officer. Motion to appoint Fisher Engineering, Inc. made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination to appoint Fire Chief. Motion to appoint Frank Zangari made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for NS COG representative and alternate. Motion to appoint M.B. Dougherty made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried. Motion to appoint J. Chiaretti alternate made by M.B. Dougherty second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Council decided to wait until the regular monthly meeting to appoint committees.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All.

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** January 10, 2002 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: J. Chiaretti, M.B. Dougherty, R. Krick, C. Marquardt, J. Quinn
Mayor J. Kelly, Solicitor E. Mika

PUBLIC HEARING

Floor opened for public comment on the pending United States Department of Agriculture application for funding for street repairs/paving.

Duly advertised public hearing for input.

R. Krick noted that the application was for all proposed street paving/repairs. It may be scaled back pending going over the costs submitted. Borough residents expressed pleasure at the work that has been completed to date and look forward to the finish work in the spring.

Motion to have the solicitor review the application and proceed with the process made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

H. Ressler requested that the next time it snows the borough plow William Street wider. It was single lane only and this causes difficulty getting up and down the hill. He assumed that they were going to come back and widen the street but they never did. The Borough could do a better job in plowing the streets.

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. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

J. Chiaretti asked about the status of the ATV complaints. He was told that Officer Collins is requesting information from McAdoo Borough on how they handle this problem. It is the department's understanding that the vehicles can be confiscated and they are looking further into the matter.

Health Code Enforcement Officer's report: Read by William Davis. Motion to accept the report as submitted made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Concerning the code enforcement officer M.B. Dougherty suggested that both W. Davis and E. Mika get together and make certain we are on the same page. Solicitor E. Mika informed Council that some changes in the BOCA ordinance will be recommended.

CDBG report: Submitted by Prodesign Plus, read by C. Marquardt.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ambulance driveway request - J. Chiaretti stated that he believes there is still some confusion over the requested clearance area. PADOT needs to sight the required distance and the ambulance request is incomplete. He will attempt to set a meeting with all involved.

Ranger Hose Company/Fednorak property - E. Mika told Council he met with Mr. Kilker and was informed that a qualified appraisal was requested. If it is less than \$1500 it can be sold outright if more bids are required. Motion to authorize the Solicitor to contact the fire company and find out why the delay made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Drain box Richard Street - C. Marquardt informed Council that he spoke with Mr. John Avelino and set a meeting with a representative from Poppel Construction. Both parties are interested in finding out why Poppel did not show. Pictures and bills have been submitted. This matter is still pending.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to accept the Fire Chief's annual agreement with the addition of paragraph concerning enforcement of BOCA codes made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request Young Marines use of a classroom in the School Building to meet twice monthly. Details to be worked out concerning community service in lieu of rent. Motion to have School Committee discuss what will serve as community service made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Quickbooks - purchase of needed upgrade. Tabled.

Code Enforcement Budget - Motion to set up funding with advance of \$75.00 to be replenished as receipts are submitted made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Handicapped Parking space annual renewal - Motion to send letters to the existing grantees made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to submit 2001 books for annual review to Dennis Mensch, CPA, Ashland made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

List of bills read by C. Marquardt. Motion to pay bills as submitted with the addition of LL Boiler made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Motion to pay the playground equipment charges out of PLIGIT funds made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Question? Money to be refunded upon receipt from DCNR. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Pastor Stratton - notice that the Make a Difference Day project is one of 18 area commendation winners. Reception 1/23/02

Sandra Hadesty - submission of bill for plumber due to blocked sewer line

R. Krick said the Street Committee will look into this letter. Policy is that the Borough be contacted prior to the plumber being called. We were contacted when the plumber was on site. The concern is people still connected to the old lines. People should be connected to the new system. Should money be expended on the old system when the new system should be utilized? Is it possible to put a retroactive date on a policy that states we will no longer service the old sanitary sewer system on a specific date?

Solicitor E. Mika recommends doing exactly that with the Sewer Authority. There is no date inserted in the current ordinance. Matter tabled pending Street Committee recommendation.

NS COG - meeting 1/23, 7:00 PM in Girardville. M.B. Dougherty said the COG is pursuing finding fund for vests.

DEP - notice of Dust Regulations relating to Ogden and Second Streets

North Schuylkill School District - notice of available training electronic filing annual tax form. Attendance not mandatory.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Committees for 2002 were set at this time.

Streets:	R. Krick, M.B. Dougherty, J. Chiaretti
Police:	M.B. Dougherty, R. Krick, J. Chiaretti
Finance:	J. Chiaretti, J. Quinn, C. Marquardt
Parks:	M.B. Dougherty, C. Marquardt, J. Quinn
Recycling:	C. Marquardt, M.B. Dougherty, J. Quinn
School:	R. Krick, J. Chiaretti, J. Quinn
Personnel:	J. Chiaretti, M.B. Dougherty, J. Quinn

Streets: R. Krick asked that people be aware that it is illegal to throw snow into the plowed streets. The Borough will prosecute. E. Mika will take some time to review Ordinance 94-3 and go over the paperwork submitted by W. Davis. The Borough will have to cite in accordance with the ordinance.

Police: M.B. Dougherty asked to set a date to hold a meeting.

School: Boiler repaired.

Recycling: No curbside until April. Bins are open and available.

OTHER BUSINESS

E. Mika noted he has two matters to discuss.

Regarding the Heiser properties located on Richard Street. The Borough requested the properties be transferred for demolition. The sale became final and the Tax Claim Bureau is now asking for approximately \$878.00 to complete the sale. R. Krick questioned the purchase at private sale. The impression of Council was that the properties had reverted to the County for taxes and was being signed over to the Borough. Council has never before purchased properties outright for the demolition program. Motion to pay if the Solicitor finds no recourse made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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In the matter of the Kelly lawsuit. The Board is aware that the Solicitor has a conflict in this matter. Recommendation that Council President contact council and just let them know that it is okay for the insurance company to handle this matter.

C. Marquardt raised the question of acquisition of the Van Horn property on East Main Street.

PUBLIC COMMENT

L. Uzupis asked if anything could be done about the height of the manhole in the center of the 100 block of West Ogden Street. R. Krick told her that nothing could be done now to lower the manhole and when the street is finished in the spring everything should be level.

Mrs. Labie asked if there was any action on the properties on West Main Street. R. Krick informed her that Council is in the middle of all those the new solicitor needs a bit of time to get up to speed on all the pending matters.

At this time Council went into Executive Session.
Council reconvened

C. Marquardt announced that the Solicitor will review the issues and cases and will have answers for next meeting.

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

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PUBLIC HEARING **COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION**

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** January 10, 2002 **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, J. Quinn

Members absent: Mayor J. Kelly, Solicitor E. Mika

C. Marquardt informed those residents attending that this hearing was for public input on the Borough's proposed application for CDBG money. He turned the floor over to Mr. Ron Dillman, Prodesign Plus, the consultant who is filing the application.

Mr. Dillman explained that the Borough is applying for 2002 CDBG funding. The application will be for the \$500,000.00 maximum request. The plan is to use the money in the following breakdown:

\$60,000	complete current unfunded sewer connections
\$405,000	housing rehabilitation
\$35,000	administration costs

As of today there are no lead base paint containment requirements but the firm is fully capable of handling this if needed. The required risk assessment training has already been completed. Any homes built before 1978 have the assumption of lead base paint. Lead base paint containment raises the average cost per house to approximately \$25,000.00. There is a definite need here for this assistance and it can be shown. We have 85 – 90 households interested in participating. He added that there is the possibility that only the sewer connections portion could be funded. Application for the maximum amount does not insure that is what will be approved. He was pleased with the response from the borough residents. The proposed plans were available for those present to review. Citizens present noted that the possibility of home improvements is greatly appreciated.

Mr. Dillman requested that Council appoint a Fair Housing Officer. Motion to appoint Joseph Chiaretti made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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J. Chiaretti asked how the process of applications would be handled because with the proposed amount of money the Borough could only expect to do 16 – 17 homes. R. Dillman told him that the previous grant was based on a first come, first served basis. Applications were processed and approved in that manner. J. Chiaretti asked if a representative from Girardville could be involved in the decision of who gets funded. R. Dillman said that he would accommodate Council in any way. R. Krick noted that previously Council took a stand back policy in dealing with the applications.

Motion to set and advertise the second public hearing, February 14, 2002, at 7:00 PM made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. DATE: February 14, 2002 TIME: 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: J. Chiaretti, M.B. Dougherty, R. Krick, C. Marquardt, J. Quinn
Mayor J. Kelly, Solicitor E. Mika

PUBLIC HEARING

C. Marquardt turned the floor over the R. Dillman, Prodesign Plus. This is the second public hearing concerning the 2002 Community Development Block Grant Application. Mr. Dillman explained to those present that this application for \$500,000.00 and is broken down in the following manner:

\$60,000.00	remaining sewer projects
\$405,000.00	housing rehab
\$35,000.00	administration

He then opened the floor for questions or comments on the application which has been on display here at the borough hall building.

Mr. C. Barry questioned the administration costs. It was explained that the costs are budgeted but can vary. They are used to cover the application preparation, environmental review, income surveys and general administration.

Motion to adopt the Resolution for submission of the application to DCED and allow the Council President to sign the application made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

In another matter Mr. Dillman handed in the completed annual reports for the 2000 grant. Motion to allow the Council President to sign and submit this report made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

At this time Mr. Dillman read his monthly report on the 2000 program.

J. Chiaretti asked about having someone from the borough involved in the awards processes of this money. He was told by R. Krick that these grants are not awarded until late in the year and it was premature to be concerned about this matter.

PUBLIC HEARING

C. Marquardt opened the floor for the Public Hearing on the current USDA application for funding for street paving/repairs.

Solicitor E. Mika explained to residents that this is the second of the required public hearings for residents input and questions concerning the Borough's application for funding from USDA. Mr. M. Ritro asked exactly what the application was about. Mr. Mika informed those present that as a result of the sewer project many of the borough streets were impacted. The Borough is pursuing funds to pave and or repair. This is a loan application in the amount of \$306,000.00 from The United States Department of Agriculture. There were no further questions from the floor. The general consensus seemed to be that the street repairs are necessary and therefore the borough should pursue all avenues available.

At this point J. Chiaretti said he had a few comments to make because he felt that the residents had a right to be aware of how this process was working. Initially, the Council was told that application could possibly be eligible for ½ grants – ½ loan program. After USDA looked over the paperwork we ended up possibly qualifying for a loan interest loan at 1 ½ - 2 % rate. Then, after further paperwork, because Council operates the Borough in the black and we have some money in the bank. Not a lot of money mind you but some. We are penalized and told that the borough does not qualify for any grant money and the loan will not be the low interest rate loan initially projected. In order to get this \$306,000.00 loan, Council needs to guarantee that we will raise our millage, and make cuts in planned spending for recreation and demolition. It seems that communities are expected to operate in the hole. To add insult to injury, Council needs to borrow the money to pay the contractor for work done pending the approval and receipt of the money from the Federal Government. M.B. Dougherty noted that we have money in the bank as a roll over into the next fiscal year to meet first quarter expenses. This is done so that we do not have to file for a tax anticipation note and pay interest charges each year until the real estate tax revenue starts arriving in March.

Pastor Stratton asked when taxes would be raised. J. Chiaretti told her that there will be an increase next year.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ed Wytovich representing the Mahanoy Creek Watershed Association asked to speak. He informed Council that the organization is planning a stream channel clean-up from

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one end of town to the other on April 6, 2002. They are asking the borough to cover the cost of the disposal of whatever trash is collected and use of the borough trucks to haul. Pastor Stratton noted that the Pine Grove Landfill agreed to take a specific amount of trash from the clean-up project in October and that total was not met. Perhaps they would be willing to allow its use for this project. J. Chiaretti agreed that was a very good idea. There would be approximately 4 truckloads that could be taken there at no charge. Motion to allow use of the two borough trucks and the Borough Hall as a meeting center for the clean-up, April 6, 2002, made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Pastor Stratton said that the Teens were planning a clean-up on March 16, 2002, but she would take this information back to them and suggest joining in this effort. She also asked to present to Council the commendation received as a result of the Make a Difference Day project. Out of 132 projects county-wide, our group was one of 18 to receive commendation from the County Commissioners. C. Marquardt thanked her and said the certificate will be hung in the Borough Hall.

Mr. C. Barry asked to discuss the parking tickets being issued for parking on the wrong side of the street. His argument is that where he parks you can only park on one side of the street. Both Mayor Kelly and J. Chiaretti addressed this issue with the bottom line being you are to park in the direction of the traffic flow. Although the street in question is only one lane and traffic flow can be questioned it is understood what is meant by direction of flow for parking purposes. J. Chiaretti asked Mr. Barry for his cooperation in this matter.

Mr. H. Ressler asked if there are any height restrictions on fences. His intention is to fence the front portion of his property and he does not want to violate any rules. He was directed to approach the code enforcement officer for his answer. There is also the question of County Zoning rules that may be in force as well as BOCA.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

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

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Fednorak property - Solicitor E. Mika instructed Council that any time property is conveyed to a volunteer fire company it comes attached with a clause that stipulates if it ceases to be used as such the property reverts to the borough. R. Krick said he thought that was what the fire company was trying to avoid by asking for a clear deed and having an appraisal done on the property. The appraisal came in at \$600.00 which allows the borough to accept offers without the bidding process. E. Mika stated that he has had no response from the fire company to his letter on this matter. He suggested that they submit a bid for the property which Council could then accept or reject. This would result in an outright sale. The fire company needs to contact either the solicitor or the borough directly with an offer on the property. This matter tabled until hearing from the fire company.

Ambulance Driveway - PADOT requirements were received today and given to J. Chiaretti immediately preceding this meeting. J. Chiaretti asked to be able to look these over with the Street Committee and a member from the Ambulance Association to go over the exact distances to make certain everyone understands what is involved.

Van Horn property - Solicitor E. Mika told Council he is still waiting to hear if there are County funds available for the demolition of this property. If and when the funding is available the property will be deeded over to the borough.

NEW BUSINESS

Handicapped parking space request submitted by Marianne Jacavage, 136 East Main Street. Motion to grant made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

2001 Audit completed and returned. Motion to accept and file with DCED as required made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Questions? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request from Rangers Hose Company to use the gym on June 9, 2002 for a Chinese auction. R. Krick said that the County renovations may pose a conflict with this date but nothing has been set as of yet. He also raised concerns about protecting the floor. C. Marquardt said that J. Catizone had some suggestions in that area. Motion to grant use tentatively, pending timing of the construction and protection of the floor made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Solicitor E. Mika presented a Resolution to authorize the issuance of a General Obligation Note to finance the cost of improving Streets to M&T Bank in the amount of

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\$87,183.00 to be paid in one year at an interest rate of 3.45%. This to pay the contractor for work already completed. Motion to pass this resolution made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. R. Krick asked when the money would be available. E. Mika told him that as soon as the paperwork is in place, as early as Tuesday of next week. He was concerned about disbursement. This could be deposited into the General Fund and disbursed as needed.

Interviews for police officers were carried out by Council. M.B. Dougherty reported that the candidate everyone seemed interested in had good references. He is currently employed in the Ringtown Borough. Motion to hire Michael Cavett as a part time police officer at \$8.00 per hour made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

It was noted that the Borough is interested in acquiring a salt shed. M.B. Dougherty told Council that funding could be available through the NS COG. Motion to submit a bid in the amount of \$10,603.00 for a pole building to the NS COG made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. This will be turned over to M.B. Dougherty to pursue.

BILLS

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

Motion to transfer \$10,000.00 from PLIGIT to the General fund to cover expenses made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to pay the additional bills to the Tax Claim bureau not on the list made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Girardville Senior Citizens - donation of \$300.00 to help defray heating costs. Motion to send a thank you note made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All.

Schuylkill County Treasurer - Municipality Audit Summary for the Borough (on file)

Schuylkill County Planning Commission - Notice that copies of all granted zoning permits will be forwarded to the municipality. This will allow better tracking of required building permits. Pastor Stratton informed Council that they are looking for three projects and it would be worthwhile for the borough to pursue this when available. C. Marquardt said Council would review the paperwork when it arrived.

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Schuylkill Community Action - Notice of availability of funds for neighborhood revitalization. More information will be forthcoming.

PADOT - Notice of requirements for use of liquid fuels money for paving projects.

PATOT - Notice of mailing address requirements no in place.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets: R. Krick asked about the amount of County liquid fuels money left. A definite dollar figure to be obtained. He then asked for permission to approach Francoza Trucking for a number on installing storm drains on Fourth Street. Council agreed. A meeting will be scheduled at everyone's earliest convenience and will be posted.

School: R. Krick reported that the Young Marines are planning on painting the classroom space they will be using for a meeting area. He also noted the possibility of someone being interested in using the building but this is very tentative at the moment. Any further developments will be reported to Council.

Police: M.B. Dougherty reported that the Department of Justice has a 50 -50 program for the purchase of bullet proof vests. She asked the Mayor to get some price information so that this matter could be explored.

Recycling: C. Marquardt reported that the existing dumpsters will be gone by the end of the month. Due to costs the County is switching all sites to the blue recycling bins like the ones currently in Ashland. He has a meeting scheduled with Bob Bylone, County Waste Management, to discuss this matter.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. J. Cusati approached Council for permission to name the Ogden Street Bridge the John Hinkle Memorial Bridge. He wanted to know if it was possible and what would be involved. Several people were discussing this and thought it would be a good idea. Private citizens would raise the money for a bronze plaque to be placed on the bridge. Whatever was done would be done professionally. As the bridge is a borough bridge Council saw no problem with the pursuit of this matter. Motion to allow made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mr. J. Tinari asked Council if it would be possible for the Ambulance Association to use the B Street Park for a bazaar in August of this year. C. Marquardt said a call would need to be placed to the insurance carrier. There was a question of whether or not alcohol would be allowed in a public playground. This matter will be discussed further at future meetings.

Mr. E. Burns, Girardville Basketball Association, took the floor to make a presentation of a donation from the Association to Council in the amount of \$1500.00. This as a thank you for the use of the gym and to help defray the costs associated with the building. C. Marquardt thanked the Association on behalf of Council.

Executive Session - legal matters

At the request of the solicitor a special meeting is scheduled for, Tuesday, February 26, 2002 at 6:00 PM. This meeting to discuss the required ordinance for the General Obligation Note required for the USDA application and general purposes. Motion by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

The solicitor is to review the other matters discussed and have at the next meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted
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Secretary/Treasurer

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SPECIAL MEETING

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. DATE: February 26, 2002 TIME: 6:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: J. Chiaretti, M.B. Dougherty, R. Krick, C. Marquardt, J. Quinn
Mayor J. Kelly, Solicitor E. Mika

PURPOSE OF MEETING

To discuss proposed ordinance increasing indebtedness of the Borough and general purposes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Mika asked that for the record it be noted this is a special meeting, duly advertised and that no member of the public is present.

BUSINESS

Request for a motion advertise proposed ordinance 2002-1, an ordinance increasing the indebtedness of the Borough of Girardville, Schuylkill County, PA by the issue of a general obligation bond in the amount of \$306,840.00 for sundry purposes; fixing the form, number, date interest, and maturity thereof; making a covenant for the payment of the debt service on the bond; providing for the appointment of a sinking fund depository for the bond; and authorizing execution, sale and delivery thereof. Motion to advertise said ordinance made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to have Michael Kitsock, AMC; haul 10 tons of cold patch for the borough at a cost of \$100.00 made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to allow the Ranger Hose Company use of the Municipal Building in place of the A Street gym for a Chinese auction made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? Mayor Kelly asked about the floor in the building. C. Marquardt informed Council that the committee will be responsible for all set up and clean up. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** March 14, 2002 **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, C. Marquardt, J. Quinn
Mayor J. Kelly, Solicitor E. Mika

Members absent: J. Chiaretti

PUBLIC COMMENT

Council gave the floor to Mr. Dave Kramer, Lavelle. He is a representative of the Mahanoy Creek Watershed Association. His organization is raising questions and concerns about the use of bio-solids for mine reclamation projects in and around this area. They are looking for local municipalities and townships to go on record as opposing this practice. Motion made by R. Krick that Girardville Borough Council go on record opposing the use of bio-solids and also the use of river dredging in any mine restoration and mine reclamation. Motion seconded M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to send letters to DEP, Legislators and the State Senator's office to request a moratorium on the use of bio-solids made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the two sets of minutes as submitted made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

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

Mayor Kelly noted there was a request from the Teener League for assistance with getting the field in shape for the season. A request was submitted to participate in the Prison Work program to both the State facility and the County. County will come in, April 18 – 19, 2002. It was asked that we provide a lunch of a hoagie and soda for each man. We are waiting to hear from SCI – Mahanoy City.

Update on the John Hinkle Memorial campaign. A deposit of \$2500.00 was sent to begin the process of manufacture. Thanks are extended for the many donations and further information will be available in the near future about additional fund raisers.

Permit Officer's report: December/January Motion to accept as submitted made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CDBG report: Submitted by Prodesign Plus. Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to allow completion and submission of DCED monitoring report made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Rangers Hose Company submitted a \$1.00 bid for the Fednorak property. Motion to sell the Fednorak property to the Ranger Hose Company for \$1.00 consideration made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? R. Krick asked that for clarity a time period for demolition be specified by the fire company. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Van Horn property, East Main Street - Dan Grow is approaching the Commissioners this Wednesday concerning funding for demolition.

Ambulance driveway request - R. Krick informed Council that the Street Committee recommends denying the request due to the amount of footage required. Due to J. Chiaretti's absence this matter was tabled pending any questions he may have in this matter.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2002-1 for acquiring debt as advertised made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise second notice of above ordinance made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2002-4 relating to the adoption of Ordinance 2002-1 made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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Motion to allow Police Department to purchase 2002 updates made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to submit participation paperwork for the Summer Youth Employment Program made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request from Permit Officer for decision on necessity of inside work permits due to adoption of BOCA tabled on advice of the solicitor. This matter to be handled by committee.

BILLS

List of bills read by C. Marquardt. Motion to pay bills as submitted made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Motion to allow transfer of funds from the General to the School fund contingent upon necessity made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Motion to allow transfer of funds from PLIGIT to General Fund contingent upon necessity made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Request Immaculate School for use of East End Park area for a Field Day. Letter read by C. Marquardt. Motion to allow request and notify made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Entech - Notice of bids posted for A Street School Project

Moyer Packing Co - recycler of restaurant cooking oil

North Schuylkill COG - Meeting notice, March 27th, 7PM Delano

Kirkpatrick & Lockhart - request for any problems with Reading, Blue Mountain concerning failure to maintain crossings.

Keystone Publishers - solicitation for codification

SCI Mahanoy - participation application Prisoner Works program

Tax Claim Bureau - Notice of date change tax sale

Higgins Insurance - Request for permission to pursue quotes on an insurance package for the borough. Motion to not pursue quotes at this time and notify agent of the decision

made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Entech Engineering - copy letter to water company requesting funds for repairs on Ogden Street

Copy letter concerning EDU count and additional funding request with recommendations for rate changes

Schuylkill County Planning Commission - County water supply study/recommendations

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets: R. Krick reported he had a call from DEP concerning the wells on William Street. If there are any broken caps they will replace them and they will coordinate repairs with the street restoration.

He spoke with a contractor concerning the storm drain problem at B and Pine Streets. They will look at the possibility of repairing this before the street is paved. Also, quotes on drainage for Fourth Street should be available soon.

Street Committee meeting set for, March 20th at 8:00 AM.

Police: M.B. Dougherty wanted to thank J. Quinn for acquiring six bullet proof vests from Bloomsburg University. These are for use of our police department and resulted in a very large savings for the borough.

Parks: C. Marquardt reported that some of the equipment has been put together and is ready for installation as soon as weather permits.

OTHER BUSINESS

Immaculate Heart School extended an invitation to anyone from Council and the Mayor to attend March Madness Full of Kindness. They are hosting the borough's senior's citizens. This is on March 20, 2002 from 12:30 – 2:00 PM. Anyone is welcome to attend.

R. Krick asked Council for permission to contact the solicitor concerning possible coordination of ordinances for area communities relating to the bio-solids. E. Mika noted that it is difficult to regulate State Highways. Local townships have more jurisdiction over local roads. It was recommended that the Watershed Association consider presenting their concerns before the Northern Schuylkill COG. It was also suggested contacting PSAB and PSATS for input.

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Solicitor E. Mika asked permission to consolidate the paperwork and submit the required documents for the loan to DCED. Motion to submit the paperwork as needed made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

D. Kramer thanked Council for allowing him the floor on behalf of the Watershed Association and also for their support. R. Krick asked about use of the borough hall for meetings. C. Marquardt said that the facilities would be available if needed.

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

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. DATE: April 11, 2002 TIME: 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor J. Kelly

Members absent: Solicitor E. Mika

PUBLIC COMMENT

Susan Earll asked what if anything could be done about the property immediately adjacent to her home. The owners have moved out and left the yard a mess and there are people wandering in and out of the house. This matter was given to the police department to check.

Edna Labie asked if the owners of the various properties that need to be cleaned up or torn down were given deadlines. The borough is turning into a dump. C. Marquardt informed residents that the code enforcement officer just submitted his resignation this week. Council will be looking for someone to replace him. Mrs. Labie suggested citing these people as often as possible.

Susan Earll asked if the borough was going to have a spring clean-up. She was told that we do a drop off clean up in the fall in conjunction with the County.

Susan Earll and James Bankes raised questions about the borough workers, i.e.; hours, what they do and their names. They were told that James Petusky and James Neary work for the borough. They work from 7:00 AM – 3:00 PM and are on call for emergencies. They take care of the parks, storm drains and the borough in general.

The same two then asked if the borough considered having a part-time borough crew and full-time police. It was their opinion that a full time police department would be more beneficial to the borough in general. Several council members explained that cost

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constraints kept the borough from having a full-time officer. It would not be feasible to have a part-time borough crew as they are on call for emergencies and snow removal. J. Chiaretti noted that he has received compliments on the job that the borough workers do in town. J. Quinn added that being new to council and having looked at the budget he is amazed that the borough stays afloat.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes as submitted made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. 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 Officer K. Collins. Motion to accept as read made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Fire Chief's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept as submitted made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Prodesign Plus CDBG report: Read by C. Marquardt.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ambulance driveway request - this matter will no longer be pursued.

Fednorak property - waiting response Ranger Hose Company.

Guidelines for full time employees - motion to adopt with recommended changes made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to advertise proposed ordinance with changes to BOCA ordinance made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Hydrant request for C Street - correspondence with Consumers PA Water Company will result in a new hydrant placed on C Street. As part of this project a new main line will be installed. Coordination of this to take place with street restoration.

Resignation submitted by Dean Hess - Motion to accept made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Resignation submitted by William Davis, Health/Code enforcement officer - motion to accept made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. This position to be advertised with a May 10, 2002 deadline for applications.

Resignation submitted by the Girardville Area Municipal Authority for William Johnston - motion to accept and advertise this position made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Sale of property located at 103 North Richard Street - motion to accept bid of \$1,000.00 from Antoinette Osborne made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Request from Frackville Borough for a representative to attend meeting April 18th at 1:00 PM at 219 S. Balliet Street to discuss forming Eastern Recreation Commission. M.B. Dougherty will be attending this meeting.

Entech - recommendation awarding School Bldg contract to Evergreen Building

Schuylkill County - demolition program submission information. Council previously submitted a property on East Main Street. This is still in consideration for the program.

Schuylkill County Planning Commission - Meeting to discuss Uniform Construction Code on Monday, April 29th at 1:00 PM at the court house. Rep from Center for Local Government will be there. C. Marquardt to contact Jeff Feeser to find out details of what is acceptable for submission as a project.

Schuylkill Community Action - letter of notice of availability funding applications for affordable housing efforts.

PADOT - notice of receipt of annual Liquid Fuels money \$27,567.17

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STS - meeting May 8, 2002, 2:00 PM at Court House to discuss application for operating assistance funding.

COG - copy of ordinance concerning bio-solids. R. Krick noted that the ordinance is being reviewed for revisions of definitions.

Tax Claim Bureau - deeds for 105 – 107 North Richard Street (Heiser properties)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Streets: R. Krick informed he has not gotten a response from the contractor concerning Fourth Street.

C. Marquardt noted that Michael Kudrick will be in on Monday to check about installing a 220 line for the welding machine.

Parks: M.B. Dougherty reported that the question of possible overtime for the playground equipment installation was discussed with the borough workers. They preferred to stay later in the day rather than come out on a Saturday morning. She further added that the borough will try to survive the summer without a replacement for Dean Hess.

Police: Mayor J. Kelly reported that a response from SCI – Mahanoy turning down our request for the prison work program was received. The County's response was positive, however, and they will be this month.

Recycling: C. Marquardt noted that curbside recycling will resume this month. Mr. Robert Bylone, from the County's Waste Management office was here to speak with the Senior Citizen group. The new bins seem to be working out well and additional ones are in the works.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mahanoy Creek Watershed Association will be holding a clean-up on, April 27, 2002. R. Krick asked if they could meet at and use the Borough Hall building. He also requested use of the borough trucks to assist with the effort. Motion to allow use of building and vehicles made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted
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Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** May 9, 2002 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor J. Kelly, Solicitor E. Mika

Members absent: M.B. Dougherty

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pastor E. Stratton asked if Council followed up on the First Union money. R. Krick said that M.B. Dougherty was looking into the paperwork the borough received but the dates were already closed. The promised additional paperwork never arrived.

L. Uzupis asked when the finish work would be done on Ogden Street. R. Krick told her that the weather was pushing the work into June. The closing on the loan to pay for the project is scheduled for Monday.

L. Uzupis also thanked the officers for watching the stop sign on the corner.

Linda Wormer from the Pennsylvania Department of Treasury came to make a presentation concerning various programs offered to both the borough and the general public. She left flyers and cards for anyone interested to contact her office about these programs.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

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

Mayor Kelly noted that two officers are being subpoenaed by the D.A.'s office. They will be paid \$9.00 a day by the county. He asked how to handle the time from the borough's standpoint. J. Chiaretti recommended handling this matter when the time comes. As of right now there is no schedule and we have no idea of how much time it will involve.

Motion to support the American Legion Memorial Day Parade/Ceremony made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried. The Mayor will call out the Fire Police for traffic control.

Health/Code Officer's report: None.

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

Prodesign Plus CDBG report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to send a letter in support of Schuylkill Community Development to purchase an XRF (lead base paint) machine made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Van Horn property – submitted to County, waiting allocation of demolition funding.

Ranger Hose Company/Fednorak property - waiting response from Ranger's.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance 2002-2 – amending BOCA property maintenance codes. E. Mika explained the reasons for the amendments to the penalty portion of the ordinance. Motion to adopt as advertised made by J. Chiaretti, second, J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Police Pension Audit – recommendation from the State to pursue dissolving the plan due to lack of anticipated participation. This matter is tabled pending recommendation from the Solicitor.

Open seat on the Girardville Area Municipal Authority - due to lack of response filling this seat is tabled.

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Open position of Code Enforcement/Health officer - C. Marquardt noted that four (4) resumes were received. J. Chiaretti noted that Susan Earll was very interested in this position. He wants to speak with her and be certain she understands everything that is needed and make certain she is still interested. Motion to appoint Susan Earll as code officer made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. J. Chiaretti said he will contact S. Earll directly.

USDA – Letter received concerning the sewer project financing. C. Marquardt said that information will be released as available. A tentative meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2002.

BILLS

List of bills read by C. Marquardt. Motion to pay bills as submitted made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? R. Krick noted that as part of recently completed Liquid Fuels audit it was recommended that the Treasurer's bond be raised to \$35,000.00. He amended his motion to include the cost increase of increasing the bond. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Frackville Borough – meeting Eastern Recreation Commission April 18th at 1:00 PM Frackville Borough Hall. It was noted that M.B. Dougherty had attended the first meeting

Geisinger Health Plan – rates for 2002-2003. On file.

St. Paul Insurance – notice of non-renewal. Required notice due to substantial changes in insurance policies being issued. Michael Bulino is going to call to schedule an appointment to fill out the required applications for the insurance renewal process.

William Penn Fire Co – request for permission to use streets and traffic control for their annual parade on June 15th at 7:00 PM. Motion to grant permission J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Entech Engineering – cc of paperwork for School building project. C. Marquardt said that the area is marked for construction and it should begin soon.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: Mayor Kelly reported that the only things on his list are the parade notices.

Streets: The borough workers requested the purchase of a new push mower from Sears in the amount of \$169.00. It was reported that the other push mowers are in very bad shape. J. Chiaretti asked if anyone checked the current mowers. Motion made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn to replace the mower if the old ones are really shot. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Recreation: R. Krick informed Council that DEP has been called in to investigate the West End Playground. This was the site of a gasification plant which closed approximately in the 1930's. They are going to do some preliminary testing to see what type of problem might exist. Council should not proceed with the installation of the new equipment until the results of the site assessment are made known.

Minor work needed at the East End Park.

Recycling: Additional bins are on site. The borough is doing much better than some other locations. C. Marquardt thanked residents for helping to keep the recycling center in good order.

School: There is a problem with a bulging wall. Suggestions for possible repair were submitted by J. Petusky, Borough employee. R. Krick asked for permission to look further into the matter to find the best solution for the problem.

OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted that a clean-up of the wood pile on East Mahanoy Avenue is in the works. There is still some availability for dumping at the Pine Grove Landfill from the other projects. Members of council are looking into donations of the needed equipment and trucks.

The water line/hydrant installation project on C Street is set to begin as soon as the water company is ready to go.

C. Marquardt informed Council that the house siren is down and possibly in need of repairs. It can be sounded from the fire house box but the Schuylkill County Communications Center cannot sound it from their office. F. Zangari will have Green's Communications down to assess the situation and have an estimate for any needed repairs.

R. Krick noted that the Mahanoy Creek Watershed had a streambed cleanup. Two truckloads of trash were removed. He reminded residents not to dump garbage in the creek and warned that violators will be cited.

FLOOR

Pastor Stratton asked if it was a law against parking in a driveway or a courtesy not to block someone's driveway. Mayor Kelly told her that you are not supposed to block access to any driveway, even your own.

J. Cusati reported that fund raising to pay for the plaque for installation on the Ogden Street Bridge in memory of John Hinkle was a success. Approximately \$1000.00 additional funds were raised. This money will be donated to an on-going project in town.

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One possibility is the Girardville Teens project to place "Welcome" signs at the entrances to the borough. Pastor Stratton indicated that the funds would be greatly appreciated.

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

Respectfully submitted

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SPECIAL MEETING

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** June 11, 2002 **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, R. Krick, C. Marquardt

Mayor J. Kelly, Solicitor E. Mika

Members absent: J. Quinn

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Joint meeting with Girardville Area Municipal to pass required ordinances and resolutions for financing of the sewer project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

BUSINESS

The Girardville Area Municipal Authority met and passed the following:

Resolution accepting RUS Loan

RUS form Resolution (1780-27)

Resolution approving the Guaranty Agreement

Resolution requesting extension of Authority's corporate life (50 years)

Revised rate resolution (\$36/month)

Revised Tapping Fee Resolution (\$750/EDU)

The Borough Council then took the following action:

Motion to adopt Ordinance #2002-3 – approving the guaranty of the RUS loan made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Ordinance #2002-4 extending the corporate life of the Authority made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Motion amended by R. Krick to reduce the size of the Authority from seven (7) members to five (5). Amended motion second by M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted
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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** June 13, 2002 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor J. Kelly, Solicitor E. Mika

Members absent: J. Quinn (illness)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kathleen Jones, Butler Township resident, made a complaint about the noise levels down by the sewerage treatment plant. She was told that the Authority has been made aware of the complaint and they are looking into it.

There were several questions concerning the Municipal Authority and the new billing practices. The questions were answered to the best of Council's ability. The residents were informed that all decisions are made by the Authority not Council and that is where questions need to be directed. When asked if the rates are going up, residents were told, yes. Billing beginning with June will be \$36.00 per month. Neither Council nor the Authority sets the billing rates. They are set by USDA, the federal financing agency.

Robert Belifore, West Ogden Street, approached Council with pictures of the garbage in a shed adjacent to his property. His complaint is that this matter is not being taken care of quickly enough. Arrangements had been made for the borough workers to clear away the garbage placed outside but they discovered it to be rat infested. R. Krick, chairman of the Street Committee decided this was too dangerous and told them not to pick up the garbage. Susan Earll, Code enforcement officer, contacted the property owner who made arrangements with Kreitzer Sanitation to haul away all the garbage. A neighbor is having a sewer line installed and there is a trench across the access. As soon as the truck can get to the property this matter will be cleared. R. Krick wanted it made clear that the homeowner is paying for the garbage removal.

Robert Belifore asked who is responsible for the creek bed. R. Krick asked if he was talking about the same property. For years the borough cleared those areas but was told by the owner to keep off as it is private property.

Questions were raised as to why the borough workers are in Butler Township. They were down at the Teener League field chipping the trees cut and cleared by the inmates. Residents were informed that it is the Girardville Teener League field and that the borough has always maintained it and cut the grass.

Pastor Stratton asked if it were possible for the Girardville Teens to have use of a classroom in the school building for meetings. They would put in sweat equity. Council saw no problem with this as long as the group was supervised when using the building.

Sally McMonegal asked about the neighboring yards with high grass. This complaint was given to Susan Earll to investigate.

M.B. Dougherty asked about the legality of doing a code officer report and publishing names. Solicitor E. Mika said that would be at Council's discretion.

Complaints about the rampant vandalism were raised. C. Marquardt informed residents due to a recent accident the borough does not have a police car. All calls will be handled by the State Police. In regards to the vandalism the Mayor replied that no one ever sees anything. Residents need to witness and be willing to make reports and go to the magistrate is necessary.

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 M.B. Dougherty, J. Chiaretti second. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Mayor Kelly submitted a letter from the American Legion Post setting plans for a Veteran's Day ceremony in November.

The Mayor also reminded residents of the William Penn Fire Company parade scheduled for Saturday evening. He did not want anyone to be concerned when they heard the sirens. Fire Police are scheduled to be out to assist with traffic control.

Health/Code Officer's report: None submitted.

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

Prodesign Plus CDBG report: Read by C. Marquardt.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ranger Hose Company/Fednorak property - E. Mika received correspondence stating that the fire company planned to raze the building within 120 days of receipt of the deed. This was a stipulation of Council for the transfer of the property. He will handle this matter in short order.

Documents from the PUC regarding the retaining wall on William Street were received. Copies of the Borough's answer to the decisions made have been filed and copy is on file in the office. All related parties received copies.

NEW BUSINESS

Handicap parking space request for 357 West Main Street received and given to the Street Committee for consideration. Answer expected by next meeting.

Council was presented with the opportunity to sell the open containers purchased for the recycling program. The County is in process of receiving bids and will include the Borough's two as part of the deal. The bid will award the Borough 10% of the award for each dumpster or approximately \$200.00 each. Motion to sell the containers through the County 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 M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

DEP – notice of full scale soil gas survey for the week of May 20th

PSAB – information on the requirements due to the passage of the Uniform Construction Code.

Immaculate Heart School – thank you certificate for Borough support of their Field Day.

American Legion Post #309 – thank you letter for support for Memorial Day services

PA Department of Treasury – thank you letter from Linda Wormer for allowing her to take the time to make the presentation of services

Northern Schuylkill COG – Notice of cancellation of May 2002 meeting
Meeting Date: June 26, 2002 at Mahanoy City

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: M.B. Dougherty noted that the recent accident is currently under investigation. Also, Council is pursuing avenues for possible purchase of a new vehicle. In the meantime, calls will be handled by the State Police.

Street: R. Krick reported that the contractor called to find out if the funds for paving are now available. He informed them that they are. The contractor is to contact D. Cuff, Entech Engineering and then set dates for paving. We are waiting for a schedule.

Recreation: R. Krick informed Council that no report was received from DEP on the samples taken at the West End Park. Information will be passed along as soon as it is available.

School: R. Krick noted that the front of the school building is on hold waiting approval of a change order. It turns out the area under the front steps is hollow. Work will begin as soon as the Commissioners approve the changes needed.

OTHER BUSINESS

C. Marquardt noted that the sire was down. Green's Communications made two service calls and discovered that the receiver needed to be replaced. The charges for the service calls will be waived and the bill will be approximately \$200.00. The siren is once again up and running.

Pennies for Play – Donna St. Clair asked for Council to match the funds that were collected in cans town wide and a piece of equipment be chosen for the East End Park. It was suggested that she come to Borough Hall and get the catalogues and pick out a piece. Choice to be discussed with Ron Dillman to make certain it will fit in the area of the playground.

J. Chiaretti noted that the "Teens" project on East Mahanoy Avenue needs to be coordinated. Arrangements have been made with Girard Estates for use of a front loader. This will need to take place on a Saturday. There is about two tri-axles worth of debris to be hauled. J. Chiaretti said he would talk to the Pine Grove landfill to make the necessary arrangements for dumping. C. Marquardt will talk to D. Lally, Lally Trucking to arrange

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the trucks. Pastor Stratton was happy to hear about the green light and will organize the Teens as soon as a date is chosen.

FLOOR

Mrs. E. Labie asked if anything is being done about her complaint on junk vehicles on East Mahanoy Avenue. This matter was turned over to the Code Enforcement officer.

Mrs. S. McMonegal asked permission to use Borough Hall as a delivery point for the American Legion Auxiliary when they have their annual pie sale. C. Marquardt told her to submit her request in writing for consideration at the next meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted
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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** July 11, 2002 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: J. Chiaretti, M.B. Dougherty, R. Krick, C. Marquardt, J. Quinn
E. Mika, Solicitor

Members absent: Mayor J. Kelly (family illness)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Questions were raised by the public concerning the matters of dilapidated buildings and junk cars. Both C. Marquardt and E. Mika addressed this matter by explaining the course of action planned by Council recently. S. Earll, the code enforcement officer, will begin with the worst of the problems. These will be tackled 3 properties at a time from start to finish as opposed to jumping from one project to another. The process will be to allow code enforcement to take the steps necessary to begin the process of having the property owner clean up voluntarily or start to cite. If no action after the required twenty days, the next step would be to hand the problem over to the solicitor's office and then on to the magistrate. Initially, the problems on East Mahanoy Avenue from Fifth to Second Streets will be addressed as well as the buildings on West Main Street. Mr. Mika informed all residents present that Council recognizes significant problems. We have one new code enforcement officer and there need to be priorities. The Street Committee plans a "drive by" to identify the various problem properties and hold a meeting to set priorities. Properties that are regular problems with no response from owners can be served by posting and then citations can be issued resulting in fines.

Marco Ritro asked what could be done about cars stopping in the middle of the street to talk to people either on the sidewalk or in another vehicle and blocking the way. He noted this has happened more than once. He was told to write down the license plate number and give it to the police department who could issue citations.

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Heath Ressler asked what could be done about the explosives being set off in the middle of the night. He was told that reporting these things to the State Police is the only course of action at this time as we are still without a police vehicle. The State Police are handling all calls from the borough. It is difficult because by the time police can respond the parties responsible are long gone.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

Mayor's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Amended by Officer K. Collins. Motion to accept as amended made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

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

Prodesign Plus CDBG report: Read by C. Marquardt.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ranger Hose Company/Fednorak property – Solicitor E. Mika informed Council this matter would be finished tomorrow.

Handicapped parking space request - tabled

NEW BUSINESS

Copy Railroad response to the PUC – Solicitor informed Council that he received notification that the response was late and will not be considered when final decisions are rendered.

Motion to participate in the 2002-2003 L3P salt purchasing contract made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Twenty-two tons @\$33.05 from American Rock Salt Co., Mt. Morris, NY. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

C. Marquardt reported that PP&L sent notification that poles with attachments need to be verified. In future a charge will be levied on anything on a pole above 18 feet. There will be a report to Council when this is completed.

Letter from USDA stating an intention to not close the Girardville Area Municipal Authority loans pending certain conditions. Solicitor E. Mika raised concerns about the need for a prompt answer to this letter. Thomas Yesalavage, GAMA chairman, informed Council that the Authority did everything USDA requested and they still will not close the loan. The suggestion was to hold a joint meeting to discuss this matter.

T. Yesalavage noted that the Authority would respond before the deadline of July 19, 2002. Mr. Mika requested a copy of the response be forwarded to his office.

BILLS

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Emergency Management/Schuylkill County – request for updated EMA plan

This matter will be handled by J. Tinari, EMA coordinator and F. Zangari, Fire Chief

Schuylkill County Engineering Dept – request for update on anticipated liquid fuels money to be spent on storm sewer replacement project. (reply made)

American Legion Aux – request use of building 8/28/02 from 9:00 AM to Noon for delivery and distribution of pies sold as a fund raiser. Motion to allow usage made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Girardville Teens – request for use of a classroom in the school building for meetings and storage of supplies. Motion made to allow use of the classroom next to the food pantry and to allow any minor repairs made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: M.B. Dougherty stated that most of the concerns had been addressed. The insurance adjuster was in and the car needs to be stripped so it can be removed. J. Chiaretti recommended purchasing a new vehicle. Members looked at available used vehicles and there were mechanical problems and also very high mileage on those available for purchase at this time. The State Contract is with Warnock and they specifically build police cars. All the contract information is in hand. M.B. Dougherty suggested approaching Senator Rhoades for some money towards this purchase. She requested permission from Council to request this aid and was told to proceed.

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Street: R. Krick reported that we are waiting for Franzosa Trucking to tell us when they will begin paving. C. Marquardt noted that D. Cuff, Entech Engineering, had a question on why it was taking so long for the project to begin as the money is available immediately. Cuff was going to contact R. Krick to discuss this matter.

Recreation: No report yet from DEP concerning the West End Park.

School: R. Krick reported that the front entrance project is still in limbo. We are currently waiting for the County Engineer and looking into the needed additional funding to complete the project.

OTHER BUSINESS

Robert Belfiore asked if the garbage was cleaned up out back of Ogden Street. He was told that Kreitzer Sanitation reported being there and that the job was done.

James Cusatis asked for the floor to thank everyone involved in the "Hinkle Project". He reported a total of \$3726.00 collected through donations and fundraisers. After all expenses are paid the balance will go to the Girardville Teens for their improvement projects. August 10, 2002 at 11:00 AM is the date and time set for the dedication.

Street Committee will meet, July 16, 2002 at 7:00 PM.

Use of building for bio-solids meeting, July 18, 2002 granted

M.B. Dougherty reported that a total of \$1300.00 was raised through Pennies for Play. Motion to purchase a tire swing with the funds, pending approval from Prodesign Plus made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

M.B. Dougherty reported that the Northern Schuylkill Council of Government received a \$75,000 grant. The borough will receive \$9,000.00 towards the purchase of a salt storage shed. The COG applied for grant money for a Rail to Trails project. They are \$2500.00 short and are asking each member municipality for a donation towards this project. Motion to donate \$200.00 to the NS COG made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

FLOOR

No comments.

At this time Council went into Executive session.

Motion to post a For Sale sign on the Plymouth and if no bids are received to scrap it made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

It was noted that at this time Officer Matthew Dillman remains suspended. Officer K. Collins comes into the office to return calls and take care of whatever business he can without a vehicle.

Motion to allow Little League to hold a picnic in the East End Park on August 2-3, 2002 with a rain date of the Fourth made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to purchase the needed street signs made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Vote. All.

Respectfully submitted

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** August 8, 2002 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: M.B. Dougherty, C. Marquardt, J. Quinn

Mayor J. Kelly, Solicitor E. Mika

Members absent: J. Chiaretti, R. Krick

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marlene Parfitt asked what could be done about her neighbor's yard. C. Marquardt said he would pass it along to the Code Enforcement officer.

Edna Labie noted that she called the Code Enforcement officer this passed week about the problem on Third Street. He has been there a lot this week and it would have been a good time to catch him.

John Kriete asked what was being done about the burned out building on East Main Street. He was told that it is on the demolition list and that the list is out to bid. Council is waiting for the Commissioners to award the bids. He also asked about the four properties on West Main Street. Noted he has lived in town for three years and these buildings have apparently been problems for a much longer time. M.B. Dougherty noted that there is a difficulty in locating property owners who live out of town. Knowing who they are is a different matter than being able to find them. Mr. Mika also noted that there are approximately twenty-three (23) properties that require attention of one sort or another. Eleven (11) of them he is going to pursue and the remaining will be pursued by the Code Enforcement officer. He went on to explain that out of town property owners are more difficult to track down and get them back to the County. Council is pursuing these matters and citations will be issued within the next thirty (30) days.

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Mrs. Labie asked when the paving projected is slated to begin. She was told that the contractor is scheduled to be in town, working within the next two weeks.

Mrs. Labie asked about the junk yard on East Mahanoy Avenue. C. Marquardt noted that the police officers are dealing with those questions now. The other property, across the street, is being cleaned up in conjunction with the Girardville Teens.

Holly Hopkins asked why the West End Park is closed. It was explained to all present that DEP was called in to investigate this area as a former location of a Coal-gasification plant. The tests showed no surface contamination but located five (5) spots where there is some soil contamination. The park was closed and rides removed as a precautionary measure until discussion with the engineers and park designer could be arranged. It is possible that rearrangement of how the park is designed will solve the problems to the satisfaction of DEP. This is a matter of safety first. DEP results were received on Friday morning and by Friday afternoon the park was closed.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

Health/Code Officer's report: None submitted

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ranger Hose Company/Fednorak property – Mr. Mika informed Council that the transfer of this property is completed.

Handicapped parking space request for Regina Gownley – J. Quinn informed Council that the Street Committee's recommendation is to not grant this space. Parking availability on the block does not warrant a space at this time. Motion to deny request made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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In relation to this matter Mayor Kelly asked that the \$50.00 application fee be returned. He was told that it is a matter of policy to return this money if the space is not granted. *NOTE – Mr. Quinn gave the check from Mr. Gownley to Mr. Ron Ferrari after the meeting. A letter to be sent returning the application and noting the unorthodox return of the check.

NEW BUSINESS

Handicapped parking space request for Cleo Linder – matter given to Street Committee for recommendation.

Community Development Block Grant Housing Rehab Grant – paperwork received from State, Borough awarded \$310,000.00. Motion to execute and return contract made by M.B Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried

Resignation submitted by Charles Bann for his seat on the Girardville Area Municipal Authority. Motion to accept made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Motion to advertise the vacancy made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question ? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Proclamation – Motion to adopt a proclamation declaring, August 10, 2002, the date the Ogden Street Bridge is dedicated to John F. Hinkle made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. The plaque is installed on the bridge and the dedication ceremony scheduled for 10:00 AM, Saturday, August 10, 2002. Everyone is invited to attend. Mayor Kelly added that there are to be representatives from Timothy Holden's office as well as from J. Lucyk and J. Rhoades' offices.

Concerning questions concerning the police department it was explained that J. Chiaretti and J. Quinn were investigating the purchase of a new vehicle through the State's "piggyback" program. Purchase of a vehicle will get the officers back on patrol. A 2002 Chevy Impala is being considered at a cost of up to \$21,000.00. Motion and resolution made and approved to purchase the vehicle and obtain, execute and issue all documents, including general obligation bonds, necessary to complete the purchase by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to apply to Senator Rhoades' office for financial support in this endeavor through the Community Revitalization Program in the amount of \$15,000.00 made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

It was noted by C. Marquardt that the Northern Schuylkill Council of Government received the applied for grant money. As a result the Borough will receive a grant in the amount of \$9,000.00 to acquire a shed for the storage of the borough's salt supply. C. Marquardt went on to thank the COG for their support.

BILLS

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Senior Citizens – request for use of hall on, Monday, August 26, 2002, for their annual indoor picnic. Motion to grant request made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: Mayor Kelly informed Council that an area “car cruise” is scheduled for, September 1, 2002, at 3:00 PM. This is planned to come through town via East Mahanoy Avenue, down Second Street, down Main Street and out of town towards Ashland. He will have fire police on hand for traffic control. There are approximately 150 cars registered as this time. Motion to allow the “car cruise” through town made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Streets: Paving is scheduled to being within the next two weeks.

Recreation: M.B. Dougherty said she was talking with a rep from the Schuylkill County Council of the Arts to see what if any money was available to arrange some type of activity. Further information when available.

School: Outside improvement project is currently on hold. Waiting the Commissioner’s approval of the needed change order and release of additional funding. We are hoping the construction will resume shortly.

Recycling: C. Marquardt noted that Dan Grow has made us aware of the possibility of grant money being available for a compost site. This matter was pursued previously and dropped due to lack of a location and needed funds. Interest of local communities will be investigated through his office.

OTHER BUSINESS

M.B. Dougherty noted that the Girardville Area Municipal Authority was looking for Council support in placing an ad to have resident’s contractor contact Borough Hall before having any sewer line installation work done on their property. The solicitor recommended that the property owner make this call themselves. Part of the reason is to make certain that contractor’s have the necessary insurance and to allow the one inspector some notice of work proceeding. Motion to support this request made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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C. Marquardt said that he had a letter of apology to send to the Girardville Teens. Apparently, due to a miscommunication there was not enough assistance at the clean-up project and some of the teens were upset. He wanted to make certain that they understood that this completely accidental and in future better planning would be done for any projects.

FLOOR

No further comments.

Council went into executive session on personnel and litigation matters.

Upon return C. Marquardt called the meeting back into order. Council instructed r. Mika to handle both issues and get back to Council.

There will be a special work session on, August 15, 2002, at 6:00 PM.

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

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Regular Meeting

Public Hearing – Flood Plains

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** September 12, 2002 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: R. Krick, C. Marquardt, J. Quinn
Solicitor E. Mika

Members absent: J Chiaretti

Arriving late: M.B. Dougherty 7:40 PM, Mayor J. Kelly 7:35 PM

At this time the floor was given to Ron Dillman, Prodesign Plus to open discussion concerning the new round of Community Block Grant Development funding and the flood plains. He began by giving a description of the purpose:

The various project sites proposed for the sewer connection work program and the housing rehabilitation program may be located in areas that have been identified by the Department of Housing and Urban Development, Federal Flood Insurance Administration to be located in a Special Flood Hazard Area of the Mahanoy Creek. The proposed activities will be designed in accordance with all Local, State and Federal requirements. The No Action alternative is not acceptable since homes are required to hook up to the Municipal Sewerage System and if homes are not rehabilitated they will continue to deteriorate eventually leading to health and safety risks for the residents of the homes. Girardville Borough Council has concluded that the sewer connection work program and the housing rehabilitation program will not result in new or adverse effects on the natural or beneficial floodplain values since no infrastructure and/or construction of new facilities will occur in previously undeveloped property. The projects conform to local Floodplain Zoning Regulations, which essentially prohibits the construction of buildings within the project area and will not significantly increase or decrease the potential harm to people and property or to the natural and beneficial floodplain values located in the floodplain of the Mahanoy Creek. The housing rehabilitation program is designed to

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rehabilitate existing properties not to construct new structures; however, project sites found to be located in the floodplain will be required to provide evidence of Flood Insurance in order to participate in the program. Therefore the criteria of the National Flood Insurance Program are not appropriate to the project. At this point Mr. Dillman opened the floor for any questions. S. McMonegal asked if this money was going to be used to fix up the abandoned/empty houses in the borough. Mr. Dillman explained that only owner occupied, primary residences meet the requirement for funding. There are already letters of interest on file. There were no further questions on the matter but a general consensus of those present that this money is badly needed and should be well spent.

At this time Council President, C. Marquardt thanked Mr. Dillman and began the regularly scheduled Council meeting.

Mr. Dillman proceeded to inform Council and those residents present on the matters concerning the recreation grants and the current problems with the West End Park area. After meeting with the DCNR representative in late August it was decided to relocate the equipment currently located in the playground and find other locations for the second and third phases that have received grant money. There are some options and Prodesign Plus has already begun some preliminary layout work which needs to be submitted to the state for approval before any further work can be done. Motion to proceed and go to DCNR with a lease agreement with both Girard Estate and the Diocese of Allentown for two of the proposed locations made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? Mr. Mika asked what DCNR would be told. Mr. Dillman informed him that no less than a 25 year lease agreement must be in hand in order to resubmit the final designs. Phase I is already completed. Phase II equipment is purchased and on hand. Phase III is approved and it will be necessary to find locations for the equipment. Vote. All. Motion carried. Mrs. E. Labie asked what ever happened with the McIntyre property on West Main Street which was supposed to be a park. She was told that it is currently private property. Mr. Krick informed residents that it is necessary to close the park as a recreation area until it can be decided how best to proceed. Recommendations for an environmental problem of this type are two foot of cover with grass and trees. There is the possibility of installing a basketball court but DCNR will not fund that type of construction.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

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

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

Permit Officer's report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? R. Krick asked if the question about the permit raised by T. Niedzwiecki had been addressed. C. Marquardt said the matter was in hand. A new permit would be issued before work proceeds. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Health/Code Officer's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept as submitted made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Question? E. Mika noted that several of these matters were going directly to the District Magistrate's office. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mrs. Labie asked if these matters were of public record. Mr. Mika told her those filed with the magistrate are public record. Mrs. S. McMonegal expressed concern again about a property next to her. She was told that this is one of the more difficult ones but is being addressed by the solicitor. Mrs. M. Parffit asked if a property adjacent to her was on the list. C. Marquardt informed residents that Council is aware of the many complaints, the list has been prioritized and there are 23 in total that require attention and each will be addressed in time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Handicapped parking space request by Mrs. C. Linder, Second Street. Upon recommendation of the street committee motion to deny made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to advertise the fair housing officer information as required for the CDBG made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request Mr. J. Barrett, William Street to not have to install handicapped accessible curbing on his corner due to the hill and what will be resulting water problems. This matter was tabled until it could be further investigated.

C. Marquardt read a letter which was addressed to Mr. Sud Patel, the Municipal Authority's solicitor. This letter was from Mr. Korah Abraham, USDA, the funding agency for the sewer project.

Mayor Kelly arrived at this point – 7:35 PM

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R. Krick informed residents that the USDA is saying that the Council will have to raise taxes to cover any default amount of the part of the sewer authority. Council's understanding is that the Authority was formed to stand on its own. USDA has threatened to have the bank foreclose on the 4.5 million dollar loan currently outstanding. Mr. Krick further noted that it is his understanding that Rural Development is supposed to finance these projects not bankrupt municipalities. Mr. Mika recommended that Council have no response to this letter.

M.B. Dougherty arrived at this time – 7:40 PM

BILLS

List of bills read by C. Marquardt. Motion to pay bills as submitted made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? The payment schedule for the insurance was questioned. Council decided on the 8 payment plan. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Calvary Baptist Church – invitation to “Friend Sunday” 9/15/02 at 10 AM to express appreciation for local public officials

DCNR – notice application for funds to purchase a police vehicle was received on time.

Ashland Library – request for donations. This given to the finance committee for budget discussion.

Legion Auxiliary Post #309 – thank you letter for use of the building

USDA – request for release of information on local farmers. Motion to allow made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

IHES – request to block off a section of Preston Avenue during recess time. R. Krick noted that J. Chiaretti was to address this question with Sister and hopefully find a better alternative. Tabled.

Schuylkill County Firefighters – Dedication ceremony 9/15/02, 4 PM

DCNR – Homeland Security request for test of emergency responses from local government. Response sent and acknowledged.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: Mayor Kelly noted that white line paint was ordered to be used for speed timing. M.B. Dougherty noted that the DCED grant towards the purchase of the new police vehicle would probably be \$10,000. She wanted to thank Senator Rhoades for all

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his assistance in obtaining this funding. A letter to be sent. C. Marquardt noted that the vehicle is being decaled. A meeting date will be set and posted.

Street: R. Krick said that an inspection tour will be scheduled. Drainage and grates in addition to the paving have been done. Several manholes have been adjusted and the sealing is yet to be finished. Mayor Kelly informed residents that Second Street would still be closed for approximately 2 -3 hours for sealing.

E. Burns asked Council to address the problem of contractor's digging up the streets and not repairing them properly. Mr. Mika wanted to discuss this matter further with Council.

Recreation: M.B. Dougherty had nothing to report as all the matters were discussed when R. Dillman was present.

School: R. Krick reported that D. Cuff said the change order will go to the Commissioners next week and after approval it will take approximately 2 weeks to finish.

Recycling: C. Marquardt reported that the annual fall county sponsored clean up will be held in town on October 10th 11th and 12th. The schedule will be in the paper.

OTHER BUSINESS

Finishing up the clean up project on East Mahanoy Avenue with the youth group will be scheduled as soon as all the details can be worked out. Projected date is "Make a Difference Day" October 26, 2002.

Request from secretary to destroy old, personal information records related to the Crime Watch Program. Motion to allow made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

C. Marquardt informed residents that the demolition bids had been rewarded. The property on East Main Street would be taken down by Johannes Excavation as soon as the paper work process is completed.

FLOOR

Mrs. Kowalick asked when we finally get a new police vehicle are we getting police. Her comment was that residents never see the officers. Officer K. Collins, who was present at the meeting, was introduced again to residents. Mayor Kelly and C. Marquardt both said that questions of scheduling will be addressed. The department works with 64 hours weekly which is very limited. In the same vein Mayor Kelly noted that the State Police have been monitoring the school zone and gave out quite a few tickets today.

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Pastor Stratton noted that she heard there was going to be second round funding related to the First Union Program available. Council agreed to investigate this matter as there had been no detailed information received on the first round.

At this time Council went into Executive session at the request of the solicitor. Purpose to discuss legal matters concerning Mr. Ira Huntington.

Motion to authorize the solicitor to begin looking into an ordinance regarding street restoration made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer

BOROUGH OF GIRARDVILLE

FOURTH & "B" STREETS

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GIRARDVILLE, PA 17935

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** October 10, 2002 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

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

Solicitor E. Mika

Members absent: M.B. Dougherty, Mayor J. Kelly

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. M. Parffit asked about the property adjacent to her on North Second Street. She was told the information was given to the Code Enforcement officer. Mrs. E. Labie asked about the property on Third Street. She was told this matter is in the hands of the police department and a letter was sent. Officer Collins will explain what he can do within the legal parameters. The Matulaitis property on East Mahanoy Avenue has been boarded up and the front was cleaned. A certified letter was sent to the owner two days after last month's council meeting. No opportunity to investigate what else might have been done inside the property.

Mrs. Labie noted that Council did get rid of the Butler property problem on East Mahanoy Avenue but wanted to know the status of the complaint concerning the abandoned vehicles. Letters and second notices have been sent out. C. Marquardt told her that would be in the police department report. Mrs. Labie also noted there are tires lying on the lot and nothing being done down at 220-222 East Mahanoy Avenue. It was to be demolished upon purchase. R. Krick added that it is now policy to stipulate a time frame for demolition of properties purchased with that as the plan.

Mrs. Labie informed Council that she and other residents appreciate the work done.

There was a question of removing vehicles from behind the school building on East Ogden Street. The owner had agreed to move them. E. Burns was in contact with the man but they were not moved. Solicitor E. Mika noted he would speak with Officer Collins about what could be done relating to those vehicles.

R. Zahodnick asked about the status of the West End Park. He heard it was going to reopen. He expressed interest in purchasing a piece of the property behind his home to build a garage. R. Krick told him that the borough was not in a position to make any decisions relating to the property. Sale of any portions of the property would be unlikely as the liability is too great. DEP would have to be part of any decisions relating to use of the land.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

Mayor's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept as read made by J. Quinn., second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Officer Collins reported that the cars behind the school building on Ogden Street as well as the ones on the Avenue had letters sent to the owners. Some of the cars on East Mahanoy Avenue were too old for records. Requesting certified owner records from PADOT takes some time. It appears that this is just a place to dump cars. Owners are from Shenandoah and Frackville. Only one is from town. He will look into the party from Mahanoy Plane who leases the property from Girard Estates. He reported sending notice to the resident on Third Street giving a deadline for cleaning up the property and clearing the street.

Health/Code Officer's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept as read made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Permit Officer's report: None submitted this month

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

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

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Letter from IHES requesting closing off section of Preston Avenue for recess. J. Chiaretti spoke with Sister Stephen Ann, Principal, and explained to her that these is not feasible due to the possibility of emergency. She agreed.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to add the salt shed to the borough's insurance policy made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to disburse Volunteer Firefighter's Relief fund distribution for 2002 in the amount of \$5,576.28 made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to set Trick-or-Treat night as, October 31, 2002, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to allow the Good Time Club to host the annual Halloween parade on, October 27, 2002, at 2:00 PM made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Charles A Marquardt Environmental Certifying Officer for the Community Development Block Grant for housing rehab made by J. Chiaretti, second, J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

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

Motion to transfer \$600.00 from the General Fund to the School Fund to meet expenses made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Schuylkill County – Notice of 2003 CDBG fund meeting, 10/30/02 at 9:30AM. Deadline for application 11/29/02.

Holman Election Committee – request for ordinance requirements on use of loudspeakers. Information sent.

Commonwealth of PA - PURTA distribution 2001

Entech Engineering – Copy of change order for A Street School exterior work.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: Questions on the delivery of the ordered police car. C. Marquardt said that his last information is it is going through the shop for decaling. Original delivery date given was two (2) weeks and we now stand at six (6) weeks. Calls to the dealership have been made on a regular basis and hopefully the car will arrive soon.

Street: R. Krick spoke with D. Cuff, Entech Engineering, on the issue of the \$20,000.00 from the water company and how this affects the paving contracts with USDA. There is County Liquid Fuels money available for a possible project.

Solicitor E. Mika brought to Council's attention that street restoration after digs for sewer line connections does not seem to be happening. He had a possible ordinance for consideration. This was given to the Street Committee for review.

OTHER BUSINESS

Make-A-Difference project scheduled for 9:00AM, October 26, 2002, is to finish up cleaning off the property on East Mahanoy Avenue. This is in conjunction with the "Girardville Teens". Any adults interested are welcome. Fire police have been arranged to help with traffic control.

Mrs. E. Labie noted there was no permit officer's report this month. She asked what should a resident do if they are aware of work being done and no permit being displayed. She was told to call Theresa Niedzwiecki directly which would allow her to check if a permit was issued. If not it allows the permit officer to make certain that, if needed, a permit is properly obtained.

C. Marquardt added that a salt storage shed was purchased with grant money from the Northern Schuylkill Council of Government. The Borough is expecting a salt delivery sometime next week.

FLOOR

Motion to adjourn made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All.

Respectfully submitted

Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** November 14, 2002 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: J. Chiaretti, M.B. Dougherty, R. Krick, C. Marquardt, and J. Quinn.
Mayor J. Kelly, Solicitor E. Mika

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. M. Parfitt asked what was being done about the kids running back through an adjacent property. C. Marquardt passed this matter on to Mayor Kelly to have the police department check.

Mrs. E. Labie thanked Council for the success on getting the owner to clean up the property on Third Street. She also thanked Council for removal of the abandoned vehicles on East Mahanoy Avenue. She brought to Council's attention the matter of 30 – 35 tires that are still a problem in the same area. Mayor Kelly noted that he would check with his officer on this matter.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes as submitted made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. 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 Mayor Kelly. Motion to accept as read made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Health/Code Officer's report: None submitted.

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Permit Officer's report: Motion to accept October and November reports as submitted made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Prodesign Plus CDBG report: Read by C. Marquardt.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion to adopt Resolution 2002-6 submitting a CDBG application to the County for repairs to the boilers in the A Street School Building. Motion made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

In the matter of the budget up for consideration, J. Chiaretti outlined in detail the anticipated income and expenditures for next year. There will be a four (4) mill increase resulting in an average real estate tax increase of \$36.00 for borough residents. The anticipated tax income allows for an expected 10% delinquency in collections. Residents asked if that is the norm and were informed that it seems to be what remains uncollected from year to year. The number varies from community to community but is a fair average of uncollected taxes County-wide.

Motion to tentatively adopt the 2003 budget as submitted made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise availability of 2003 budget for inspection made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise the tax ordinance for 2003 setting the rate at 10.2 mills made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to sign certification of ordinances as required for the closing of the Girardville Area Municipal Authority loan made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to sign contracts with Prodesign Plus for the Sewer Connection Program and the Housing Rehab Program made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to authorize Prodesign Plus to complete the 2002 annual reports for the 2000 CDBG funds made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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Request from the Senior Citizen group to hold their annual Christmas party in the borough hall on, Monday, December 16, 2002. Motion to allow made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request, not in writing, by a resident for permission to house a Canadian Lynx on their property on West Main Street. Motion to deny this request made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Letter of resignation submitted by Code Enforcement officer Susan Earll. She cites personal reasons. Motion to accept the resignation made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? It was asked if this position would be filled. Solicitor expressed some concern due to the implementation of the UCC by the State. It was decided to table the matter of filling the position. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

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

Motion to transfer necessary funds to the School Building fund made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Northern Schuylkill COG – meeting 11/20/02 Shenandoah Borough

Entech Engineering - copy letter DOLI regarding change order #8, Road Reconstruction

Toole, Mika, & Jones - copy letter St. Joseph Parish regarding possible leases on properties for playground installation

Schuylkill County, Lorri Bennick - information regarding Rails to Trails project

Senator Rhoades - Congratulatory letter on receiving DCED funding, \$10,000.00. To be used towards purchase of police car. Thank you note to be sent.

USDA - copies letters to Entech Engineering and Community Banks relating to Girardville Area Municipal loan closing.

Rose Angelotti - thank you note for assistance in time of need

Assorted flyers and seminars schedules

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: M.B. Dougherty set a meeting for, Tuesday, November 19, 2002 at 6:30 PM. This to discuss personnel issues, and guidelines for the new vehicle.

Mayor Kelly announced that the Good Time Club will be installing the Christmas decorations on, Saturday, November 16, 2002 and asked residents not to park by the poles that are posted.

He also noted that Santa Claus will arrive in Girardville on Thanksgiving Day. Motion to allow the Good Time Club to host their annual Santa parade on, Thursday, November 28, 2002 at 5:00 PM made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Street: R. Krick reported that there was a request from the Girard Hose company for additional room to allow for the truck to make the turn down on to Second Street. This request is being tabled until a meeting can be set up with the Street Committee and fire company officers to discuss in further detail.

The proposed ordinance regulating repairs to borough streets due to digging is tabled due to the fact that the committee did not have time to review the document.

There were two handicapped parking space applications submitted. It was decided that all requests would be tabled until the New Year when the committee will review the existing spaces and consider applications for new spaces.

Recreation: It was reported that the borough workers will begin to remove the existing playground equipment from the West End Park. It was necessary to investigate the availability of replacement parts for any damaged in the removal process.

School: R. Krick reported that he received a check from Biddy Basketball in the amount of \$2,000.00. This donation to be used for the school building. He also noted that the contractor is working on the building but has no time frame at the time.

FLOOR

Mrs. E. Labie asked if there would be borough calendars next year. C. Marquardt explained that it was a three (3) year grant and it has run its course. If there is money available in the future we will certainly participate.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All.

Respectfully submitted
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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** December 12, 2002 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: E. Mika, Solicitor (illness)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. E. Labie noted that she would not make any further complaints until after the New Year as a gift to the Council.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

Mayor Kelly added that he would like to schedule a Police Committee meeting in January. Date to be posted when supplied.

Officer Collins reported that he is working out details concerning the various automobiles around town. A letter has been sent to the owner of the van currently parked in the school yard.

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Health/Code Officer's report: None available due to lack of officer

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

Prodesign Plus CDBG report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. All

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to adopt ordinance 2002-5, Tax levy ordinance 2003 setting general tax rate at 10.2 mils made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt the 2003 budget as advertised made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to allow purchase request from Police Department for various items made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

PA DOT bridge survey to be completed.

Motion to approve and advertise meeting dates for 2003 made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Meetings to be held the second Thursday of each month with work sessions held the preceding Tuesday. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

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

Motion to allow transfer of funds from the General to the School fund to meet expenses made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Labor & Industry – survey completed and returned.

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PSAB – notice requesting letter of interest in participating in a shared code enforcement program, cost based on the 2000 Census. Motion to send the letter made by M. B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? M.B. Dougherty noted that the COG was looking into an enforcement program and she was interested in talking with a representative of PSAB on the matter. Vote. All. Motion carried.

USDA – recommendation to add TTY/TDD phone information to the letterhead as the borough receives federal funding. Motion to add to bottom of letterhead made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Commonwealth of PA – General Services, salt contract confirmation for 2003-2004. Motion to participate in the 2003-2004 purchase of salt made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Susquehanna River Basin Commission – request for use of building for a public meeting on January 16, 2003 at 7:00 PM. Motion to allow made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: Mayor Kelly reminded residents to park the correct way on hills. If Channel 16 is calling for an inch or more of snow or any ice then residents may park in a manner to allow safe movement of their vehicles. After 48 Hours the officers will go back to ticketing incorrectly parked vehicles. J. Chiaretti asked if notes could be left on windshields. Officer Collins added that he will be ordering new parking tickets as the current supply is running low. He will be recommending some changes and wants to add a place for warnings. J. Quinn asked that the officers be fair and consistent with warning as well as tickets.

Recycling: C. Marquardt noted that curbside recycling will cease for the winter months and will begin again in April. There will be a change in schedules due to the various trash collections. New days will be Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

School: County Community Development Block Grant application has been filed. This application requests funding to do needed repairs on the big furnace in the building. C. Marquardt noted that the ramp outside the building is completed but there has been no work for at least a week. R. Krick will speak with Don Cuff, Entech Engineering on this matter.

Streets: R. Krick noted that the snow removal went fine with few complaints. Regarding Silver and Main Street storm drain, PADOT will flush and if that does not clear the problem they will supply the machine and we will supply the manpower to try to alleviate the problem. Engineering may not need to be involved. PADOT will also replace drain boxes along Mahanoy Avenue and cut back the trees.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Motion to allow the Northern Schuylkill COG to use the building for their monthly meeting in January at 7:00 PM made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

PUC- C. Marquardt informed all present that a ruling had been received regarding William Street. It is determined that the responsibility for repairs of the retaining wall rests with the railroad. The borough will assume responsibility for signage and traffic control during the repairs and all costs are to be reimbursed. He is in touch with the attorney handling the matter.

At this time Council went into Executive session relating to personnel matters. Upon return to chambers Council gave no indication of what was discussed in the Executive Session.

C. Marquardt asked for a motion to give a \$25.00 Holiday bonus to borough employees. Motion made to give \$25.00 bonus to employees by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? Who is to receive this? C. Marquardt replied Jim, Jim, Mary and Kevin. Vote. All. Motion carried.

FLOOR

No comments from the floor.

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

Respectfully submitted
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Secretary/Treasurer