

BOROUGH OF GIRARDVILLE

FOURTH & "B" STREETS

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg.

DATE: January 9, 2003

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, Solicitor E. Mika

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments from floor at this time.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report as read made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. 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 questioned the police work hours. He added that comments have been made about not ever seeing the car on patrol. Officer Collins reported that for the last couple of weeks he has been on duty every other night for 6 hours and 8 hours on weekends. Mayor Kelly noted that he instructed the officer not to cruise if the weather or the streets are bad. One circuit around town is done upon coming on duty and then he is available to answer calls as needed.

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

Prodesign Plus CDBG report: Read by C. Marquardt.

Fire Chief's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept as submitted made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sludge ordinance – R. Krick and M.B. Dougherty both noted that council was waiting to find out how this was going to play out with the COG. They are waiting to see which communities will be considering approving this with or without changes and the possibility of joint advertising to help cut costs. E. Mika said he had reviewed the sample ordinance and it is well written. It regulates rather than bans and allows for tipping fees to be assessed. This matter is tabled until the next work session.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to send the 2002 books to the auditor for review made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the automatic bill payment list as amended and submitted made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? GAMA monthly billing added. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2003-1 – issuing a Tax Revenue Anticipation Note in the amount of \$40,000.00 at 2.45% with M&T Bank. Motion made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? J. Chiaretti asked if this money is borrowed as needed. E. Mika told him that this money is deposited in one lump sum and payable by 12/31/2003. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to approve application to participate in the 2003 KOEZ program for the school building made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Council opened the bids for the installation of two (2) 330 gallon oil tanks for the municipal building.

Antz Distributing Co - \$1,986.00

C&C Contracting - \$1,780.00

Motion to award the bid to the low bidder, C&S Contracting made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to approve, sign and submit the annual reports on the Community Development Block Grants currently administered by Prodesign Plus, Frackville made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

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

Motion to transfer necessary funds from the General Fund to the School Fund to meet those expenses made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Northern Schuylkill COG – scheduled meeting notice for 1/22/2003 at 7:00 PM at the Girardville Borough Hall.

M.B. Dougherty noted that a representative from PSAB will be in attendance to discuss their Code Enforcement program. She recommended that anyone who was available attend.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: Mayor Kelly noted that he discussed the possibility of a snow emergency route on Main Street and Mahanoy Avenue with a representative of PADOT. After some discussion of the pros and cons of this matter it is decided to table this until spring when public meetings could be held for input from the residents that would be affected. C. Marquardt suggested the Street Committee review this matter.

Street: R. Krick noted that there was a meeting with the engineer concerning the problem at Silver Street. He advised that there is a possibility of a Growing Greener Grant to help with this drainage problem due to the mine water that runs into the storm system. There is also the possibility of using the remaining County Aid funds to help pay for this project. The Mahanoy Creek Watershed Association is willing to participate in this as a joint effort. Motion to authorize the engineer to proceed with whatever is needed to file a Growing Greener Grant Application for Silver and Main Street made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to authorize a joint Growing Greener application with the Mahanoy Creek Watershed Association for the purpose of monitoring the flow of mine discharge from the Packer Five borehole. This discharge flows into the borough at the western point. Motion made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to send a letter to the Mahanoy Creek Watershed Association in support of their Growing Greener application for funding for a wetlands made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

R. Krick noted that there are concerns about private residents plowing the streets in front of their homes and having the piles left on corners or in front of other private properties.

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This poses a traffic hazard as well as parking difficulties. He asked if there is anything the borough can do about this matter. E. Mika suggested addressing this through the crimes codes. Officer Collins will check to see what would be appropriate to address this for possible citations.

C. Marquardt wanted to address the problem of residents tossing snow back into the streets after they are plowed. He said that this practice is a major safety hazard. Residents are to pile snow on the curb and that citations will be issued.

Recycling: C. Marquardt informed residents that the County is a bit behind on picking up the recycling. This is due partly to the weather and also needing to replace a driver. He asked that if the bins are full residents not leave their recycling lying on the ground.

Christmas tree pickup is scheduled for January 13th, 14th & 15th

School: R. Krick informed Council that the interior doors have been started but due to the contractor taking a week off there will be another week or so to completion. The railing along the exterior ramp has been installed.

OTHER BUSINESS

E. Mika asked for permission to commence legal proceedings against the owners of the property located at 12 West Main Street. They were given sixty (60) days prior order to clean up the property. The owner has been contacted but nothing has been done. Motion to allow the solicitor to commence with proceedings to obtain an injunction to clean up the property at 12 West Main Street made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

E. Mika requested that Council examine the proposed ordinance for street and sidewalk repairs. This is to regulate excavation done by homeowners and contractors. The matter is of immediate interest as the Sewer Authority has advertised and awarded a contract for replacement of sidewalks on East Mahanoy Avenue. He recommends having standards in place and reviewing the GAMA contract for inconsistencies.

J. Petusky requested permission to order four (4) new mats for the floors in the borough hall building at an approximate cost of \$160.00. The mats are not drying fast enough and it allows for slippery floors with everyone tracking in wet shoes. Motion to purchase the requested mats made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

R. Krick reported to Council that he had heard about a problem at the Tamaqua site where river dredging is being dumped. Apparently, due to a problem with signage, two truckloads were dumped in the wrong hole. He went on to add that the Susquehanna Headwaters Association is in support of the spreading of biosolids. There are ongoing meetings so that concerned citizens can learn about this and express their opinions.

FLOOR

Mr. Joseph Cusati asked Council what is going to be done about the cribbing on William and Lower Railroad Street. He noted that there was information last month saying that the railroad is responsible for the repairs. C. Marquardt informed him that Council is waiting to hear if the railroad filed an appeal of the decision which was their right. If not then it is presumed that the work will begin as soon as weather permits. The railroad is responsible to make the necessary repairs and the borough will be required to maintain proper signage and traffic control.

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

Respectfully submitted

Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. DATE: February 13, 2003 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
Solicitor E. Mika

Members absent: Mayor J. Kelly (medical)

PUBLIC COMMENT

C. Marquardt read a letter submitted by the Good Time Club. The letter thanked the borough for its continued support in assisting with the Christmas decorations. They were requesting consideration of penalties for those who do not move their vehicles when the no parking restrictions are in effect. This matter will be discussed by the Police committee for possible solutions.

C. Marquardt then thanked the members of the Good Time Club for all their efforts which allow us to have flags and Christmas decorations.

Mrs. E. Labie asked what progress was made on the citations by the code enforcement officer from last fall. Solicitor E. Mika responded by informing those present that some of the matters will need to hold until the borough has a new code officer in place. Some of the larger matters, however, have had significant progress. He did not want to comment further due to actions scheduled to occur in the very near future.

Mr. M. Ritro asked what the new building is that is going up behind the ambulance building. C. Marquardt informed him that it is additional space for the association. The space will be used for storage, meetings and training.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS

Motion made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti to approve the annual Fire Chief Contract with Frank Zangari, Jr. This to be effective January 1, 2003. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Option to opt into a program allowing the borough to file for relief from unemployment compensation claims filed due to circumstances not caused by the borough. Motion to participate made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

List of bills read by C. Marquardt. Additional billing of \$490.00 for repairs to the circulating pumps in the borough hall and \$10,051.64 pay off of the loan on the police car. The grant check arrived allowing this to be paid off early. Motion to pay bills as submitted and transfer funds from the General fund to the School fund as needed made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Senior Citizens – note thanking the Council for all their kindness. Included was a check for \$300.00 to help offset the heating costs for the building. C. Marquardt thanked them for their generosity.

Schuylkill County EMA – notice of changes needed for the Borough's EMA plan and a presentation regarding the required changes. Englewood Fire Co., 2/19 at 6:00 PM.

Northern Schuylkill COG – information on possible solutions for the need for UCC enforcement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: Recommendation to draft a letter to residents with handicapped parking spaces assigned. The purpose is to evaluate if the need for the spaces still exists. Motion made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Meeting scheduled Tuesday, February 25, 2003 at 7:00 PM.

Motion to advertise for Part-time police using a similar ad and being placed in the News Item, Pottsville Republican and the Standard Speaker made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Street: R. Krick reported that the borough is out of road salt. C. Marquardt noted that phone calls to various suppliers looking for another delivery have not been successful.

C. Marquardt reminded residents that it is illegal to throw snow out into the streets. This is especially a problem now due to the lack of salt. He reminds residents that there will be citations issued. Also, it is required that each homeowner clear a 24" path on their property within 24 – 48 hours of a snow storm. Again, citations will be issued for non-compliance.

Recreation: R. Krick reported that we are waiting on deeds for the parcels behind the school and church. E. Mika noted that the Diocese is working on deeds conveying the properties. When the offer is made the borough will need to decide if they are going to accept. There will be transfer charges payment of which will be required. Girard Estate is unwilling to enter into any long term leases and this takes the C Street Park off the list as a possible location for some of the play equipment. DCNR requires 25 year leases minimum to place equipment paid for through the grant program.

J. Chiaretti noted he was approached about the possible purchase of a portion of the former West End Park. A neighbor wants to put up a garage. R. Krick questioned the borough's ability to sell any of the property due to the liability. DEP's recommendation has been to cap it, plant grass and trees and fence the area. Any digging of any kind could result in contamination.

OTHER BUSINESS

E. Mika introduced Resolution 2003-2. This is relating to changes in the Right to Know law requiring municipalities to have in place policy regulating access to public record. Motion to adopt Resolution 2003-2 – a resolution establishing a policy regarding requests for public records pursuant to the Right-to-Know law and containing clauses for severability, repeal, and effective date made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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C. Marquardt asked council's opinion about checking into a cell phone offer from AT&T. You purchase a phone for \$9.99 @ month and receive 500 free evening/weekend minutes. Daytime minutes are \$0.12 @ minute. He suggested this would be a good way to maintain contact with the borough workers during the day. Motion to purchase two phones made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? J. Quinn asked about accountability. C. Marquardt said the phones should remain in the trucks. Vote. All. Motion carried.

FLOOR

No comments at this time.

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

Respectfully submitted
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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** March 13, 2003 **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
Solicitor E. Mika

Members absent: Mayor J. Kelly (medical)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. E. Labie asked why it was okay for Philadelphia to dump their snow into the Schuylkill River and Girardville got in trouble for doing the same thing. She was told that is was a local DEP representative who made the complaint.

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 J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept as read made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? R. Krick asked how many miles were on the police car. C. Marquardt said that 400 miles were clocked in 4 days. He wanted to check this again, however. J. Chiaretti asked if this matter was discussed with the officer. He was told not yet as the report was just received tonight. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ambulance additional parking restriction request – tabled

Girard Hose Co. additional parking restriction request - tabled

Sludge ordinance – Solicitor E. Mika noted that it is an excellent ordinance and if the Council is interested in adopting it there will need to be some minor changes. He recommended a committee review this and that a decision be made next month. The committee to review the ordinance will consist of M.B. Dougherty, R. Krick and J. Chiaretti. This matter is tabled pending the review. Copies of the ordinance are to be distributed to each member of Council.

Property Tax billing – J. Chiaretti asked that the matter of the borough's receiving and having to pay property taxes be discussed. He suggested that there be a policy in place to deal with these matters in a timely fashion. E. Mika explained that the State law requires municipalities to pay property taxes unless it can be shown that the property is used for public purposes. If you want a property to be exempt you must file an exemption and show public use. The deadline for filing an exemption for 2003 is passed. It is his opinion that the Borough has to pay the property taxes. M.B. Dougherty objected to paying this portion of the taxes as they are borough taxes. She noted we will be paying the tax collector who then turns the money back over to the borough less her 5% commission. She and everyone else on Council feel this is ridiculous. Both E. Mika and J. Chiaretti spoke with the Assessor's office and came away with the same answers. The taxes must be paid. It was suggested that this may be a matter for the COG as Girardville cannot be the only municipality in this position.

J. Chiaretti also noted that there is a problem with the Osborne properties on Richard Street. The Court House shows they own two properties and the borough owns the third. His understanding is that the Osborne's own all three properties. This and matters similar need to have some type of resolution. The Solicitor made a point of noting that when the Borough transfers property it does so with a "Quit Claim" deed. This is done so that the Borough is not responsible for liens and gives no guarantee to the buyer. Anyone purchasing property, whether from the Borough or a private individual should have a title search completed. R. Krick said he believed that when a property is transferred it is with the understanding that a title search should be done by the parties buying the property.

Handicapped Parking – Motion to renew all the current parking spaces and letters of notification to be sent made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to purchase a spreader for the dump truck from James Connell in the amount of \$100.00 made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to participate in the 2003 Summer Food Services Program made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to hire Danielle Budnavage as the SFSP coordinator and send for the required training made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to place ads as required for participation in the SFSP made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to participate in the Summer Youth Employment Program and submit the required paperwork for both the borough in general and the school building made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? Dates? June 16 – August 15, 2003. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

List of bills read by C. Marquardt. Question? M.B. Dougherty and J. Chiaretti objected to paying the property tax bills. They both suggested making some further inquiries at the Court House about this matter. Also, there were questions raised concerning the snow removal billing for the month of February. Council needs to investigate who was called out to help with the removal process. Motion to pay bills as submitted with the exception of the property taxes and the snow removal bills and with the understanding that Motor Fund bills will be held until receipt of the 2003 allocation made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to transfer sufficient funds from the General Fund to the School Fund made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Aaron Niemynski – letter expressing concern due to lack of code enforcement in the borough. C. Marquardt will send an answer to this letter.

USDA – notices of change of Service Office due to internal reorganization

PA DCED – notice of performance review for the 2000 CDBG program. Satisfactory

U/C activity report

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Rails to Trails meeting – 4/24/03 7:00 PM, Mahanoy City

Reading Blue Mountain & Northern Railroad – copy letter to PUC requesting extension on required repairs due to weather.

Northern Schuylkill COG meeting – 3/26/03, 7:00 PM, Delano

Berkheimer – notice of reallocation of office resources

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: M.B. Dougherty reported that interviews were conducted on, March 11, 2003, at the work session. The committee makes recommendation to hire two new officers at a starting rate of \$8.00 per hour with a ninety (90) day probation period. Motion to hire Lance Monaghan and Eric Hoffman made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Street: Nothing to report

Recreation: E. Mika reported that we are currently waiting the signed deeds back from the Diocese of Allentown. They should be arriving any day now. This is all that is holding Prodesign Plus from submitting the changes to DCNR for final approval on relocating the grant distributed for the former West End Playground.

This raised questions about the West End Park. The problem of keeping everyone out of there, as required by DEP, is not a simple fix. Fencing and locking it will not solve the problem. J. Chiaretti recommended putting the orange construction fence back up now that the weather is turning nicer and see how that works.

School: R. Krick reported that Evergreen is back and have installed one exterior door today. Hopefully this project will be completed soon. Biddy is finished with their tournaments at this time.

FLOOR

No further comments from the floor at this time.

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

Respectfully submitted
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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** April 10, 2003 **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. Marlene Parfitt complained to council about a neighbor's property. There was water running for an extremely long time. They contacted the water company and had the water turned off at the stop. The owner was notified but nothing has been done. She is concerned about possible damages as a result of this water leak. The porch is falling down and the pool in the back yard is collapsed. E. Mika asked Officer Collins if the property was cited. Officer Collins said he didn't believe so.

Mr. Mika told the residents present that lack of code enforcement makes situations like this difficult to remedy. The Borough has had people who have tried to do the job and found it overwhelming. Though these types of properties can be cited it can also be a civil matter. Mayor Kelly agreed to send an officer down to 244 North Second Street to check the outside and possible issue citations.

Mrs. Marie Barber (for her Mother, Mrs. Jambeter) and Mrs. Anna Lally both attended to voice complaints about the house located between them. There was a sewerage problem which was alleviated, however, the basement has not been cleaned out and the odors are affecting both of their homes. They approached the owner and he tells them he has no money to deal with the problem and lives in Ashland now and does not care. Again, Mr. Mika tried to explain that in situations like this the borough does not have a lot of power. There is no sign of this being a health matter from the exterior of the property and cannot be dealt with as a health and safety issue. It is a matter that can be dealt with as a civil suit brought by the neighbors. Officer Collins stated that he

contacted the Department of Health who sent him to DEP. DEP told him the same thing the attorney is saying. Mrs. Barber noted that she got the same information from the Department of Health. They do not handle this type of complaint as it does not affect the public at large. Mrs. Lally complained that not only is the property filled with garbage but the owner does not turn on their sump pumps and the water drains into her cellar forcing her pumps to run constantly. Also, there is garbage out front and in the cellar and the garage and backyard is a mess with dog feces. Mr. Mika informed them that the borough could cite as a result of outdoor conditions but cannot address the interior problems. With BOCA the borough can post notices and upon failure to act can take the owner to the magistrate. C. Marquardt instructed Officer Collins to take a look at these two properties. M.B. Dougherty asked, what about the middle of June, July and August when you can possibly smell it out on the street. Does that make it something the borough can pursue? Mr. Mika said that could be addressed individually at that time. Some discussion of the matter yielded suggestions of the neighbors getting together and paying the cost of cleaning up the situation as opposed to going to court. There is nothing to stop the owner from making a mess again but it would likely be less expensive. Mr. Mika did remind residents that they would need permission from the owner to step onto the property.

A similar complaint was lodged about a property on C Street. The current residents have taken off and left the property a mess. Council was informed that Beneficial owns the mortgage on the property. C. Marquardt stated that he spoke with a representative from Beneficial. They informed him that from the time the property is abandoned it takes one year until they foreclose on the property. And, even upon assuming the property they will try to find a buyer "as is" to avoid having to deal with cleaning up the mess. They prefer not to have to deal with clean-ups. In the meantime, Mr. Mika told these residents, that again, they have the right to pursue this as a civil matter.

Mr. Mika noted that in all of these matters the borough will look at the problems and determine if there are violations of BOCA. If so then the process of citing the properties would begin. The complaints are duly noted.

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.

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.

Solicitor E. Mika left meeting at this time, 7:40 PM

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

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

Prodesign Plus CDBG report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to authorize the closeout of the 2002 CDBG program and submit reports made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sludge ordinance – tabled due to lack of solicitor input on suggested changes.

Girard Hose Company request for additional turning space on North Second Street and no parking restrictions in various locations around the borough. J. Quinn said he spoke with Grayson Sharp and told him the Street Committee will look at the request for additional space on North Second Street but the other requests would not be considered.

Property taxes – M.B. Dougherty arranged a meeting with the Commissioners on, Wednesday, April 16, 2003, 11:00 AM to discuss dealing with property taxes for municipalities.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to retain Richard Thornburg, Esq. to reinstate declaratory judgments regarding insurance coverage for ongoing litigation made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Promulgation for the Borough's 2003 EMA plan to be submitted to the Schuylkill Emergency Management made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to file PEMA application for February 2003 snow emergency funds made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. (Council had opportunity to review completed application at work session)

Motion to adopt Resolution 2003-3 appointing Robert Krick as the designated agent for purposes of the PEMA submission made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to authorize the solicitor to complete the "Certification of Title" on the five (5) properties to be utilized as playgrounds. This using DCNR funding for equipment purchases. Motion made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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Request from Ranger Hose Company to have certain streets blocked and others to have restricted parking for their annual block party and parade, June 6, 7, 2003. R. Krick questioned the requested arrangements for garbage pick-up. C. Marquardt said he would speak with Daniel Heiser on this matter and would make other arrangements. Motion to grant request with the exception of the trash pick-up made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

List of bills read by C. Marquardt. Motion to pay bills as submitted and transfer funds as needed from the General to the School fund made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Immaculate Heart School – request for use of East End Playground on May 14, 2003 for their Annual Field Day. Rain date, May 15, 2003. 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Motion to approve use of the playground area made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Thank you note sent to Representative Goodman for the new flags for the Borough Hall.

Schuylkill County Community Action – notice of funding for affordable housing application deadline, May 23, 2003. M.B. Dougherty noted she would contact their office for further information on this money.

STS – notice of meeting May 5, 2003, 2:00 PM at the St. Clair Industrial Park.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: Request from Mayor Kelly to purchase uniforms for the newly hired police officers. Motion to purchase two (2) uniform trousers and two (2) uniform shirts at a cost of approximately \$180.00 made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? R. Krick questioned policy on uniform purchases and confirmed that if the officers leave before 6 months they will have to pay for them. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Committee meeting to be held, Tuesday, May 6, 2003 at the work session.

Street: It was noted the Schuylkill County's engineering department posted signs identifying the Julia Street Bridge as a one lane bridge.

Recreation: Motion to purchase five (5) new nets for the East End Basketball courts at a cost of \$34.00 each made by M. B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Council is waiting for the completion of the deeds transferring the two properties behind St. Joseph Church and Immaculate Heart School to the Borough. According to E. Mika they are in the diocese's offices for signature. Should be signed and returned shortly.

An inventory of the damaged parks equipment is needed for Ron Dillman, Prodesign Plus so replacement pieces can be ordered.

School: R. Krick reported that the glass panel by the new handicapped accessible door was damaged. He will speak to the people who were in the gym at the time and find out who broke the window. In the meantime a replacement panel will be ordered.

Recycling: C. Marquardt noted that curbside recycling would resume at the end of this month. There is a change in the days of collection. The information will be posted and placed in the newspapers as usual. Collection will be on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of the last full week of each month. This is to avoid confusion with the weekly trash collections in the borough.

OTHER BUSINESS

M.B. Dougherty noted that Frank Zangari had some issues as Fire Chief he felt needed to be discussed. He suggested that Council resume their monthly meetings.

M.B. Dougherty felt this was a good idea and to resume the "ride around" so that Council could discuss code issues. She noted there are problems with broken windows, resulting in broken glass on sidewalks on West Main Street. She suggested boarding up the windows, cleaning up the glass and then addressing the matter with the property owners.

There is a question of the attorney handling current litigation moving from the present law firm to a new employer. Motion to keep Robert Hanna as attorney of record at his new law firm made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

R. Krick brought to Council's attention a plaque and check for \$250.00 awarded to the Borough from the Pennsylvania Resource Council. This is the direct result of a submission from the Mahanoy Creek Watershed Association concerning the clean-up of the creek just below the Julia Street Bridge in 2001. He felt there was some type of mix-up and the award should have gone to the watershed association. He asked permission to contact the PRC on the watershed's behalf and try to get this straightened out. Motion to allow contact with the PRC concerning this award made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

FLOOR

Request from a resident on John Street about purchasing a portion of the former West End Playground to build a garage. R. Krick informed him that there are conflicting stories concerning the fate of the property. There is a chance that DEP will put this on a

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list of properties to be cleaned up but as of now the borough has no idea what if anything this will entail. Council has to wait and see what is going to be done. If the property is cleaned up, council will consider replacing the playground. It was asked if the C Street Park will benefit from the grant. R. Krick informed those present that the property where the C Street Park is located is owned by Girard Estates. DCNR requires a 25 year lease and Girard Estate will not give leases longer than one (1) year. It doesn't matter how long the property has been a park in the past. At the moment however, the DCNR grants for playground equipment are proceeding on other properties around the community.

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

Respectfully submitted

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg.

DATE: May 8, 2003

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, Solicitor E. Mika

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Edward Devaney came to Council with health and safety concerns regarding his next door neighbor. There have been complaints, over a period of time, involving smells and the deteriorated condition of the house itself. He asked if the owner was ever cited. Officer Collins stated that he had not issued any citation but they would be issued soon. M.B. Dougherty asked if there is anyway to solve the problem, not only with the property but also with the entire situation. E. Mika suggested that to protect the privacy of the individual in question Council should discuss this matter in Executive Session. He guaranteed Mr. Devaney the Borough will be looking at this matter.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

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

Permit Officer's report: None submitted

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

Prodesign Plus CDBG report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sludge ordinance – tabled due to concerns about handling the administrative requirements. R. Krick is to check with the watershed association on this matter.

Property tax problem – tabled - M.B. Dougherty noted that Council would need to appeal the 2003 taxes but the delinquent taxes still need to be addressed. The matter can be pursued through the Tax Claim Bureau and the Commissioners.

Question of payment for snow removal to Edward Labie – Motion to deny payment made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Council made clear that policy is payment made to authorized contractors only. Rates and insurance binders must be on file with the borough at all times.

Request from Ambulance Association – matter cleared due to lack of response from the association.

Request from Girard Hose Company – matter cleared due to lack of communication with Council.

NEW BUSINESS

Request from William Penn Fire Company for permission to host parades through town and assistance with traffic control on, May 17, 2003 at 1:00 PM and June 14, 2003 at 7:00 PM. Motion to allow and instruct the Mayor to call out the Fire Police for traffic control made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request from the American Legion to host a Memorial Day Parade, May 26, 2003 beginning at McDonalds at 9:00 AM. Motion to grant request and instruct the Mayor to call out the Fire Police for traffic control made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request from the A.O.H. to host a St Patrick's Day parade in 2004. This is in the planning stages and Council will be kept apprised of all developments. Motion to allow made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

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

Motion to transfer the necessary funds from the General Fund to the School Fund made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Northern Schuylkill COG – Meeting May 28, 2003, 7:00 PM at Schuylkill Township
M.B. Dougherty urged those who could to attend as the discussion is going to concern Code Enforcement.

Entech – copy transmittal letter from Evergreen requesting final payment on the School Building project. C. Marquardt noted there are problems and D. Cuff is to contact Evergreen to correct before final payment.

Geisinger – notice of rates for 2003-2004

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: M.B. Dougherty had nothing to report. She thanked J. Quinn for the new computer system for the police office from Bloomsburg University. The installation of the new enforcement programs is set for some time next week. Motion to allow Officer K. Collins to proceed with grant paperwork made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

There was some discussion on what to do with the old computer tower. C. Marquardt recommended contacting Bob Lopez and seeing if anything could be salvaged.

Street: R. Krick had nothing to report. E. Mika asked the status of the proposed street cutting ordinance. R. Krick told him there would be a recommendation next month.

OTHER BUSINESS

Frank Zangari, Fire Chief, will begin working on the problem of abandoned vehicles. Letters will be sent out. A list of names and addresses forwarded to the Mayor for citations if action not taken in the specified amount of time.

In the matter of the demolition program both M.B. Dougherty and R. Krick suggested saying we are interested and then seeing how the financial situation works out.

C. Marquardt told Council he had another request for a Handicapped Parking space for Ultimate Home Health on Second Street. R. Krick noted they do not have a handicapped

access so what purpose would a space serve. J. Chiaretti was curious as to why this request turns up again after Council denied it previously. C. Marquardt stated he was simply passing on a verbal request for consideration.

Council went into Executive Session at this time to discuss the Butler matter and the Fetter matter.

C. Marquardt left immediately after the Executive Session prior to the meeting reconvening at 8:35 PM

Meeting reconvened by R. Krick. Council has no comments at this time on the Butler litigation. The Earl Fetter matter will be investigated.

FLOOR

No comments

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

Respectfully submitted

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SPECIAL MEETING

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** May 21, 2003 **TIME:** 11:00 AM

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

E. Mika, Solicitor

Members absent: J. Quinn, J. Kelly, Mayor

PURPOSE OF MEETING

To discuss questions of insurance coverage with Richard Thornburg, Esq., in the Butler suit.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public was present

BUSINESS

Mr. Mika told Council that conversation with Rolf Kroll, Esq., currently representing the Borough in this suit, resulted in the following information:

Motion Summary Judgment was filed. This is an attempt to get the case thrown out. Decision is pending. If the decision goes against the Borough then a trial will be scheduled sometime this summer.

Mr. Thornburg informed Council that the question of coverage arises due to the change in carriers over the time period covered by the suit. He needs to read the depositions to determine the exact time period allowing him to know which carriers need to be put on notice. Another determining factor will be any exclusions on the policies. The Declaratory Judgment action will be filed in Schuylkill County. M.B. Dougherty asked if

this goes before a judge for decision and was told yes. E. Mika noted that he believed all legal fees to date would be included but, of course, there is no guarantee. R. Thornburg told Council that Pennsylvania law favors the insured unless there are applicable exclusions.

M.B. Dougherty asked, hypothetically, what happens if coverage is not available. E. Mika answered that he had not explored that possibility and would not until it became necessary. He indicated that the Borough would likely declare bankruptcy and be listed as a distressed community. At that point DCED would step in to assist.

Motion to adjourn M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick

Respectfully submitted
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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** June 12, 2003 **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 (vacation)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. M. Parfitt asked Council again what was being done about the property next door to her home. C. Marquardt informed her that the owner was contacted about the problem and the water service was shut off so there is no danger of further leaks.

Mrs. E. Labie asked if any progress is being made with the abandoned cars. J. Quinn informed her that in conjunction with Frank Zangari, Fire Chief, owners of abandoned cars would receive letters informing them that removal is necessary. There are easily 120 vehicles with approximated 50 set to receive letters. The work will be over the next month or two.

Mr. J. Cusati asked about a property on North Second Street having a street access cellar door in very bad condition. C. Marquardt said he would speak with the property owner again about this matter and if no response will have citations issued and take them to the Magistrate if necessary.

Mrs. E. Labie asked about the property located at 236 B Street. E. Mika informed her that the matter involving the property line and the location of the fence is tied up at this time. He added that broken glass and other dangers must take priority.

E. Mika reminded residents that it is a long process dealing with derelict properties. Without a code enforcement officer, it is even more difficult. Notice letters must be sent and then citations can be issued and the matter moved to the Magistrate's office. The problem is the number of problems that require attention. The borough is making some

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progress and asks residents to be patient. If anyone is interested in filling the Code Enforcement officer position, they need only contact a member of Council.

At this point, a resident asked what qualifications are needed to fill the Code Enforcement position. J. Chiaretti noted that someone who is responsive and diligent is needed. By the end of the year, however, there will be a need for technical education. He added that there were no real problems with previous officers just that it is a very difficult job.

Mrs. E. Marquardt lodged a complaint about a 4-wheeler up and down Preston Avenue particularly during services at St. Joseph Church. She was asked to speak with the Mayor after the meeting.

C. Marquardt asked the reporter from the Pottsville Republican if it could be noted in the article about the meeting that the borough is cracking down on abandoned, unlicensed, uninsured vehicles. Notification for removal and citations will be issued.

Mrs. E. Labie informed Council that once again the group of teens from Texas would be visiting our area. The Senior Citizen group offered to supply them with lunch on Friday, June 27, 2003. They asked permission to use the borough hall to host the luncheon. Motion to allow the Senior Citizens to host the Texas Teens for lunch in the borough hall building on Friday, June 27, 2003 made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mrs. Labie added that the group would be performing "Godspell" at the Lutheran Church and asked that residents support the effort.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

Mayor's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept as read made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried. R. Krick asked what constituted "found property" as noted on the report. Mayor Kelly responded it is personal property found with attempts to return.

Permit Officer's report: Motion to accept report 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. Chiaretti, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sludge ordinance – matter has been tabled for some time due to concerns about administrative enforcement. There is the possibility of needing to hire a third party to process the soil samples. Attempts are being made to find out how other local communities are dealing with the enforcement issue.

Property tax issue with the County – this matter is waiting for a hearing with the Commissioners.

NEW BUSINESS

Resignation letter from James Neary – Motion to accept Jim Neary's resignation from the borough street department made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

GAMA – letter submitting Thomas Dougherty's resignation and requesting Council do something to fill the two (2) vacancies on the Board. Motion to accept the resignation and advertise the vacancies on the Girardville Area Municipal Authority made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Calvary Baptist Church – request for permission to hold Vacation Bible School type puppet shows in the East End Park on Thursday mornings. Motion to allow made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Resolution 2003 -3 Supporting the reinstatement of the Championship title to the Pottsville Maroons. Motion to adopt the above resolution made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Street Department – Motion to hire a new Streets Department employee. Lawrence Levy Jr. from Mahanoy City to fill the open laborer position at \$7.75 per hour , ninety (90) days probation and six (6) month evaluation 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.

CORRESPONDENCE

State Worker's Insurance Fund – notice of rates for 2003-2004

Saint Paul's Insurance – notice of probable rate increase for coverage, 2003-2004

Sheakley Uniservice – Unemployment Claims Report

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: J. Chiaretti asked if everyone is pleased with the performance of the police department. J. Kelly expressed some concerns about one of the officers and E. Mika recommended an executive session if he wished to discuss concerns in detail.

Street: C. Marquardt noted that Council needs to decide how to handle the two lots on Preston and Richard Streets. The retaining walls need to be looked at and a way to make them safe decided upon. He suggested contacting Don Cuff from Entech Engineering.

Recreation: R. Krick informed Council that he signed a DEP waiver allowing them access to the West End Playground. He does not know when they will begin the more detailed testing.

Recycling: C. Marquardt informed Council that there is a June 26, 2003 deadline to submit a DEP Recycling Grant. He is interested in pursuing funding to pave the recycling center making it easier to keep clean and more accessible. An appraisal of the property is needed as the value can be used as the borough's match in the application for funds. Motion to allow for an appraisal at the cost of approximately \$200.00 made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Marquardt added that the trucks are here daily for pick-up and the County has cited illegal dumpers.

OTHER BUSINESS

C. Marquardt informed Council that due to a lack of response to the Summer Lunch Food Service bid request ad there will be no summer lunch program this year. He thanked Danielle Budnavage for her interest and suggested that we try again next year. Motion to allow the secretary to contact the appropriate office in Harrisburg to withdraw our application made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

FLOOR

There were no comments at this time.

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

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** July 10, 2003 **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, Solicitor E. Mika

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pastor E. Stratton thanked everyone for showing hospitality towards the Texas Teens.
The visit was a success.

Mrs. E. Labie thanked Council for permission to host the Texas Teens at a luncheon at
the borough hall building. She said that all went well.

Mr. & Mrs. J. Cress made a complaint about their neighbor. He is apparently there at all
hours of the day and night, painting and repairing vehicles. The police department will
investigate this matter.

J. Quinn added that 20 letters are going out to owners of unregistered/unlicensed vehicles.
The borough's Fire Chief is spearheading this crack-down.

Mrs. E. Labie asked if there was any response to the previous letters. C. Marquardt told
her that without a Code Officer follow-up was difficult but that Council would be
appointing someone to that position this evening.

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 C. Marquardt. Motion to accept as read made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Prodesign Plus CDBG report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Vote. All.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sludge ordinance – tabled. Waiting to hear from the watershed association.

Property taxes – M.B. Dougherty reported that there seems to be no legal way to exonerate the borough. It is necessary to file by September to request exemption for 2003. Motion to begin the process to file exemption requests made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to adopt the Schuylkill County JNET agreement made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to allow the closeout of the COPSFAST grant. This will require forwarding a check in the amount of \$475-87. Motion by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Service Electric – request for renewal of franchise agreement ordinance. After discussion with Solicitor Council placed this in committee for review with recommendations by next meeting. Proposal to be sent to Service Electric for reply. The next step is a public hearing.

BILLS

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

Notes on the bill listing – M.B. Dougherty noted she thought the American Computer bill is reimbursable under the grant. In addition, once connected to the internet she thought that ½ of the cost of the internet connection is by the grants.

CORRESPONDENCE

Request from American Legion Auxiliary for use of the Borough Hall, August 27, 2003, for delivery of the pies sold for a fundraiser. Motion to approve request made by J. Chiaretti, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Letter from Gabriel Tenaglia expressing interest in the vacant seat on the Girardville Area Municipal Authority. Motion to appoint Mr. Tenaglia to fill the remaining time in Charles Bann's term made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. There is still one open seat remaining on the Authority at this time.

Blue Cross-Blue Shield - M.B. Dougherty requested a meeting be set up for the next work session with a representative to discuss what options might be available for health insurance coverage.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: Mayor Kelly reported the receipt of computer equipment and software through the efforts of Officer E. Hoffman. He asked to send a letter of thanks to The American Police Officers Association.

The police office requested Caller ID and internet connection to allow use of JNET. Motion to approve Caller ID made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

C. Marquardt asked Council to consider appointing Erick Hoffman as Code Enforcement officer with the other officers as deputies. This will allow maximum follow-up on complaints. Motion to appoint Erick Hoffman as Code Enforcement officer made by J. Chiaretti, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Frank Zangari, Jr. as deputy Code Enforcement officer made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. This appointment contingent upon his acceptance of the position. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Street: C. Marquardt informed everyone present that last month Council hired a borough worker to fill the vacancy. After missing several days he had his brother return his keys with the explanation he took other employment. Motion to accept Lawrence Levy's "resignation" made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Council interviewed Jon Lightstone. Motion to hire at \$7.50 with ninety (90) days probation and six (6) month evaluation made by J. Chiaretti, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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Finance: Meeting to review the Service Electric Franchise agreement ordinance set for, Thursday, July 17, 2003 at 6:00 PM. To be posted as a Council Work Session

Recreation: Wednesday, between 9:30 -10:00 AM, Entech Engineering and Prodesign Plus will be in town to discuss possibilities to remediate the problems with the retaining walls on the properties at Richard Street and Preston Avenue. Repairs are needed prior to the installation of the proposed playground.

OTHER BUSINESS

R. Krick noted that the Water Shed announced that DEP funding is going to be used to place measuring devices in the mine discharge ditch located by the Borough Hall building. Thomas Yesalavge, owner of the property, agreed to allow this work to go forward.

J. Quinn made the comment that in the past most people have been critical of our police department. He wanted to note that in the last 2 -3 weeks he has seen the officers more and there have been numerous actions taken.

FLOOR

No comments at this time.

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

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. DATE: August 14, 2003 TIME: 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by R. Krick.

ROLL CALL

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

Mayor J. Kelly, Solicitor E. Mika

Members absent: C. Marquardt

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pastor Elna Stratton noted that "Make a Difference Day" is October 25, 2003. J. Chiaretti told her there were likely to be projects that could involve the youth group and some adults. She asked to hear from him prior to the registration deadline.

There was a question raised about stagnant water attracting mosquitoes. Mr. Mika suggested calling Mr. Kaplan, the County EMA coordinator for information on whom to contact. M.B. Dougherty thought the County Conservation offices should be contacted but will check.

Mr. M. Ritro asked what could be done about the 4-wheelers flying up and down Preston Avenue. He was told the police department is checking into this matter.

Mr. J. Cusati raised the question of a neighbor leaving animals unattended for days at a time and terrible odors emanating from the property. He and neighbors called the SPCA and were told to file a civil suit. He questioned this advice. J. Chiaretti noted that in his capacity as a volunteer for the SPCA he has been at the house in question. The woman was there at the time. He noted no stench from the house but was not in the back yard as this is private property. A cruelty officer can take the animals if they are not properly cared for but neighbors will have to go to court to testify.

Mrs. E. Labie requested use of the borough hall for the Senior Citizens annual indoor picnic on August 25, 2003. Motion to allow made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Mika introduced Officer Erick Hoffman to residents present as the new Code Enforcement officer.

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. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. 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.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sludge ordinance – tabled

Property tax – pending assessment hearing dates.

Service Electric – tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Correspondence sent to the State Banking Commission concerning the recent notice that M&T intends to close the Girardville branch. M.B. Dougherty noted that it was discovered that the bank is not regulated by the PA Banking Commission but rather the NY State Commission. She was in contact with PA offices and the letters and petitions are to be forwarded to the proper authorities.

Regarding this matter, Mrs. E. Labie asked if the Good Time Club could hang their memorial plaques here at the Borough hall. They have always hung in the bank but will need a new home. Consensus of Council is to grant permission.

Motion to approve the schedule for the County sponsored fall clean up and send requests to the other participating communities for commitments of specific times and workers made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. Motion carried.

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Motion to adopt the grievance procedure policy set by St. Paul pending any adjustment made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. Motion carried.

Request from the sewer authority for assistance from the borough worker during the scheduled smoke testing of the lines. Motion to allow made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. Motion carried.

Request from Mayor Reiley, Pottsville for a copy of the resolution passed in support of the Maroons football team to be sent to his office and to the NFL commissioner. A decision on restoration of the stripped title is pending. Motion to send as requested made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. Motion carried.

Request from Prodesign Plus for possible additional fund of up to \$1,000.00 towards the playground grants. This may be needed due to the delay in implementing the grants and possible cost increases on equipment. Motion to allow upon conditional effort to reduce costs where possible made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the proposals submitted by Seltzer Insurance for the renewal of the Borough's liability and worker's compensation coverage made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. Motion carried.

BILLS

List of bills read by R. Krick. Motion to pay bills as submitted with the addition of the monthly payments for the insurance made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

M&T Bank – Notice of branch closing and requirement to empty safe deposit box by September 12, 2003.

Calvary Baptist Church – Invitation to all public officials to attend September 21st at 10:00 AM a service acknowledging public service. RSVP requested

Schuylkill County Commissioners – Lorrie Bennick – Rails to Trails project. Public meeting September 3rd 7:00 PM in Mahanoy City. Response requested to DRAFT sent to local communities.

Schuylkill County Council of the Arts – notice funds still available for summer programs. Contact the office if interested in sponsoring something.

Reading Blue Mountain & Northern RR – notice of intention to clear sidewalk in front of former memorial site on East Main Street.

Conrad Siegel – Police Pension Plan report 2002

Sheakley – unemployment report

Various training notices

COMMITTEE REPORTS

No reports

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion to hire Ron Krick to fill the vacant position on the borough work force made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. This position paid at a rate of \$7.50 per hour with a ninety (90) day probation period. Roll call vote:

J. Chiaretti	YES	R. Krick	ABSTAIN
M.B. Dougherty	YES	C. Marquardt	ABSENT
J. Quinn	YES		

Motion carried. He is to start Monday, August 18, 2003.

FLOOR

Mrs. E. Labie asked if the sewer authority is going to allow parking on the new sidewalks installed on East Mahanoy Avenue. R. Krick addressed this question by stating that the issue is to be discussed but no action is being taken at this time. The traffic makes parking on the East Mahanoy Avenue difficult.

Funds remaining from the John Hinkle Memorial fund are to be donated for the purchase of Welcome to Girardville signs. The youth group has this earmarked as a project. Pastor Stratton noted that there is verbal agreement to place a sign near the Girardville Beverage. It was suggested that the borough hold these funds until such time as they are needed. Motion to accept the \$1,000.00 and hold it in the escrow account made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. Motion carried.

Motion made to contact PENNDOT to begin the process for installing signs made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. Motion carried.

Mr. L. Petusky suggested that is one side of the street parking is enforced Council should look into moving the fire hydrant. R. Krick noted that cost would prohibit this action. Motion to adjourn made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All.

Respectfully submitted
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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** September 11, 2003 **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, E. Mika, Solicitor

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. M. Carado from West Ogden Street asked about having ordinances regarding keeping homes and sidewalks in repair enforced. She noted there are houses in the neighborhood filled with garbage, problems with cats, dogs and other animals, and other problems. E. Mika addressed these questions by saying, yes, there are ordinances, but enforcement is expensive and difficult. The borough has prioritized a list of, as it is necessary to take action against properties that pose a safety hazard first. Code enforcement is not a quick, easy, or cheap process. M.B. Dougherty added that she wished we had the money for demolition but is simply not available.

Pastor E. Stratton reminded Council and residents that October 25, 2003 is "Make A Difference Day." The youth group has planned a town wide cleanup and is looking for any volunteers. Meet at the borough hall building at 8:00 AM Saturday morning and set out from there. The intention is to work through noon time and see how much gets accomplished.

Mrs. H. Mazika, West Ogden Street, lodged complaints about barking dogs, specifically her neighbor. She added that numerous complaints to the police department result in no action. The neighbor is supposed to be fined but the dog is still barking. C. Marquardt added he would look into the matter of citations filed for her.

Mrs. Clark, Second Street, made a complaint about Doli Construction ripping up her sidewalk during the sewer line installation project. Nothing is being done to fix this. C. Marquardt told her this is a Municipality Authority issue and she needs to attend their monthly meeting to have this addressed.

Residents of East Mahanoy Avenue were present to make complaints about the sidewalk project. Tickets were issued but only to certain people. Those issued tickets felt this was unfair. The question of parking or not parking on the sidewalk was raised. E. Mika noted he could not address past practice but parking on sidewalks is against the State Vehicle Code. Council said they had tried to avoid this but would have to approach PADOT about the possibility of limiting parking to one side of the street only. Mr. Mark Billus said he filed a complaint about the tickets with the PA State Police. Mrs. S. McCoog agreed that parking on one side is probably the way to deal with this problem but asked council to remember only one side of the Avenue has access to a back street. She also added that it is up to Council to provide safe parking. R. Krick noted it is not Council's job to provide parking. This is obviously not a simple problem and State approval is needed for any action taken on a state highway.

The question next raised was about the completion of the sidewalk project. Neighbors noted that the blacktop is not sealed and water is running under the new concrete. R. Krick told residents they had to go to the Sewer Authority with any questions about the sidewalks, as it is part of the overall sewer project and not a Council matter.

Mr. Davies raised the question of building a garage and if it were legal to drive over the sidewalk to park off the street. J. Chiaretti reminded residents they need a PADOT driveway permit. The process was explained.

Mr. Robert Ferrari approached Council with concerns about the planned installation of a play area at Richard Street and Preston Avenue. The area is adjacent to his home and he is not happy about the problems he anticipates with kids hanging out all hours. He raised the question of a zoning permit requirement with the Court House. Council answered that if necessary a permit would be obtained. This area has always been used for recreation. R. Krick added that public hearings were advertised and held as required by law. Attendance was minimal. Council saw no negative side to the use of the property for placement of equipment already secured by DCNR grants. He added that there are conversations that could be held to address concerns but the parks will be installed as planned.

Sister Stephen Anne, Principal Immaculate Heart School, thanked Council for their efforts on behalf of the children in the Borough. She noted that the children were looking forward to the new play areas that they could utilize during recess. She went on to say we need to find a way to work to find ways to make certain that everyone is protected. The question posed was, how could we keep this positive? Sister added that she was not looking for a solution immediately. There are many safety concerns in the community requiring addressing.

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 M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Prodesign Plus CDBG report: Read by C. Marquardt.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion to accept a ten (10) year franchise agreement with Service Electric Cable Television to supply television service to the borough and to authorize the solicitor to prepare documents to extend the current agreement made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Request from Ranger Hose Company for use of hall, November 2nd, for their annual Chinese auction fundraiser. Motion to allow made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request from Ranger Hose Company for parking restrictions on Ogden and Line Streets. This is for the Poker Run, which is rescheduled due to weather. Motion to allow the request made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Northern Schuylkill COG – request for return of non-binding declaration to participate in enforcement of UCC. Motion to submit made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All.

Mayor Kelly arrived at this time. (8:05 pm)

Motion to withdraw balance of fund and close RHS Paving Checking account made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Announcement by C. Marquardt of dates and times for borough participation in the County sponsored recycling/clean-up program.

Mrs. E. Labie, on behalf of the Senior Citizens, requested use of the entire room for their annual indoor picnic, which had to be delayed. Motion to allow use made by

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M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chairetti. 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 M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: M.B. Dougherty asked the Mayor about complaints concerning Officer Collins and his lack of filing citations in the dog matter on West Ogden Street. Mayor Kelly responded that he believed the “dog catcher” was taking care of this matter.

There was discussion about displeasure with the response of all officers to the public. Council decided to go into executive session to discuss this matter in detail.

Street: R. Krick asked council to discuss possible street repairs in tandem with the water company.

Request J. Petusky for purchase of signs and posts at a cost of approximately \$370.00. Motion to allow made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Pastor Elana Stratton detailed plans for the youth group for participation in Make A Difference Day. She was confirming approval for use of the borough trucks, fire police for traffic control and using the borough hall building as a meeting place. Cleaning up the borough streets is the main objective. Anyone interested in joining is asked to meet on October 25, 2003 at 8:30 AM here at the borough hall building.

At this time, council went into executive session to discuss police matters.

Upon reconvening, Council instructed the solicitor to draw up the recommended police policies and procedures for review and approval.

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

Respectfully submitted
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Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** October 9, 2003 **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

Members absent: M.B. Dougherty, Solicitor E. Mika

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. E. Labie asked if there were any funds available for demolition. C. Marquardt informed her that the annual block grant application just arrived and council will discuss with the engineers what if anything to apply for this year.

Mrs. Mary Catherine Clark, Second Street asked that Council have the police do something about the lot adjacent to Malloy's Ale House. The weeds are very high and people are using it as a public toilet. Officer Hoffman is to check into this matter.

Mrs. Mazieka, West Ogden Street, asked if Council investigated the neighbor who is digging into the mountain that supports Route 54. C. Marquardt agreed this could be a problem and would report it to PADOT.

She also reported a severe stray cat problem. Mayor Kelly told her he would contact the Hillside SPCA and have them come and trap the animals.

Pastor Elna Stratton reminded residents about the Make-a-Difference day project scheduled for, Saturday, October 25, 2003. Anyone interested in participating should meet at the borough hall building at 8:00 AM. She added that North Schuylkill High School guidance office is aware of the project, as some of the students may need community service hours. They are hoping for a good turnout.

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Mr. Edward Burns, as a representative of the Girardville Area Municipal Authority, reported that upon investigation there are approximately 80-85 houses not yet in compliance with connection to the sewer system. He informed residents that the solicitor is sending notices, with 30 days to comply, to those not yet connected. Continued non-compliance will result in fines and probable water service termination. R. Krick added that he believed that according to the ordinance in place water service termination results in the property being uninhabitable and residents could face eviction.

Mr. Burns added that the previous round of water cutoffs resulted in the clearing of many delinquent accounts.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

Health/Code Officer's report: Verbal report submitted by E. Hoffman. Motion to accept as submitted by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Motion carried.

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

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

Prodesign Plus CDBG report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept made by J. Chiaretti, second R. Krick. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sludge ordinance – tabled

Service Electric Franchise ordinance – tabled

Property tax question. Motion to have the solicitor send a letter to the Tax Claim Bureau requesting a restricted sale on Parcel #45-7-144, 329 East Main Street made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Application for County Community Development Block Grant submission required by November 28, 2003. Tabled until discussion on possible projects.

Proclamation for the Knights of Columbus 100th Anniversary submitted for approval. Motion to approve made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Motion carried.

Proclamation for the Immaculate Heart School Middle States Re-Accreditation submitted for approval. Motion to approve made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt the police daily operating instructions as submitted by the police committee made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Motion carried. Mayor Kelly and M.B. Dougherty are to sit with each officer as soon as possible to make certain there is complete understanding of what procedures Council expects followed.

Motion to approve Good Time Club annual Halloween parade, Sunday, October 26, 2003 at 2:00 PM made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Motion carried. Mayor Kelly will have police and/or fire police out for traffic control.

Motion to set Trick-or-Treat night on, Friday, October 31, 2003 from 7:00 – 9:00 PM made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Motion carried. Mayor Kelly asked residents to turn on their porch lights to welcome the children.

Motion to cut the check for the Fire Fighter's relief fund for \$6,378.31 made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Motion carried.

C. Marquardt informed residents of a press conference held this past week announcing the Minersville Safe Deposit Bank's arrival in town. They are going to be located in the current M&T bank building as soon as possible after M&T closes on, October 23, 2003. If residents wish to change their accounts, they may contact the Miners Bank branch in Frackville. He added that Council is very happy to welcome Miners so that the town will not be without a bank.

BILLS

List of bills read by C. Marquardt. Motion to pay bills as submitted made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Invitation from Immaculate Heart School to Council for the Re-Accreditation celebration. RSVP is required.

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Letter Senator Rhoades office – copy letter to PADOT requesting assistance with the difficulties on Route 54 specifically, East Mahanoy Avenue. Meeting set with PADOT officials on, Thursday, October 23, 2003.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: Mayor Kelly reiterated that arrangements are in place to discuss the new policy with all the police officers.

Recycling: C. Marquardt reminded residents of the County Recycling program going on at the school yard.

Finance: J. Chiaretti announced that the Finance Committee would meet to discuss next year's budget within the next few weeks.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. E. Burns asked Mayor Kelly if prosecution of those responsible for the damage at the gym is ongoing. Mayor Kelly told him yes, they were waiting repair estimates. Mr. Burns apologized adding the discovery after the fact of damage to the copy machine, which held up getting all the costs together. He will have estimates for repairs shortly and will submit them to the police department.

Request from the Basketball Association to hold registration in the borough hall building on October 15, 16, 17, 2003. Motion to allow made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Motion carried.

FLOOR

No comments at this time.

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

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** November 13, 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, R. Krick, C. Marquardt, J. Quinn

Mayor J. Kelly, Solicitor E. Mika

Members absent: J. Chiaretti

C. Marquardt gave the floor to Michelle Charowsky; a representative from Schuylkill County Older Residents Engaged (SCORE) Ms. Charowsky explained the program, which is available to provide services to senior residents in their homes. Anyone interested can contact her office.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. E. Burns asked Council what could be done about the public drinking on Second Street. There are people out on the street with open containers when the school buses arrive. Mayor Kelly informed him that he spoke with these people and told them they would be cited if the behavior continued. After some discussion, he added that he would make the initial complaint to be followed up with the Magistrate. E. Mika suggested that one or two examples and the behavior should stop.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

Health/Code Officer's report: None submitted

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

Prodesign Plus CDBG report: Read by C. Marquardt.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion to have Mr. Mika advertise the Service Electric Franchise Ordinance for consideration at next month's meeting made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution #2003-5 appointing Minersville Safety Deposit Bank as a borough bank depository. Motion to adopt made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to proceed with necessary procedures to transfer bank accounts made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to approve hiring CPA firm to audit years 2001 and 2002 per Bureau of Audits made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? Cost? Estimated cost to be \$3500 – \$4000 each. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to send letter to Bureau of Audits notifying status of required audits made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt tentative budget 2004 made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise budget availability made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to instruct Solicitor to send bid letters to local banks requesting bids on 2004 Tax Anticipation Note made by J. Quinn. Motion amended by M.B. Dougherty to exclude M&T Bank. Amended motion seconded by R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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Motion to sell 329 East Main Street to Cheryl Gaughan for \$600.00 plus costs with clear title made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

M.B. Dougherty asked Mr. Mika about the other four properties now in the same limbo with the Tax Claim Bureau. Mr. Mika recommended leaving this as they now stand.

Motion to allow No Parking signs for the installation of the Christmas decorations on November 15, 2003, made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to allow annual Santa Parade, sponsored by the Good Time Club, Thanksgiving evening made by M.B. Dougherty, 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 M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

PADOT – Summary of meeting 10/23 – information regarding East Mahanoy Avenue and cost estimates for a flashing beacon

National Football League – letter acknowledging borough support of Pottsville Maroons.

Ancient Order Hibernians – two letters informational about the planned St. Patrick's Day parade, 2004

Reading & Northern Railroad – letter requesting assistance in keeping the crossings cleared of snow

Project SCORE – letter requesting permission to attend November Council meeting

Rangers Hose Company – thank you note for use of all for their fundraiser

Various training/seminar schedules

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: M.B. Dougherty asked to set up a committee meeting for November 20, 2003 at 7:00 PM

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Street: R. Krick had nothing to report. He is checking on a replacement part for the pickup truck wiper blades.

Recreation: C. Marquardt reported that one-half of the playgrounds on Richard Street are completed. He thanked everyone who participated and discussed the possibility of a ribbon cutting ceremony.

Recycling: C. Marquardt reported that there would be curbside pickup through the end of December. No curbside pickups will be done in January, February, and March.

M.B. Dougherty commented on complaints received about bees at the site. She suggested that rinsing out cans and bottles might make the dumpsters less attractive.

FLOOR

Mr. J. Kilker, representing a group called "Concerned Citizens of Girardville" asked to address Council. He expressed a desire on behalf of the group to be a positive force, to look for possible investment in town and work in conjunction with Council. They plan to be a private non-profit organization. He noted that at meetings the biggest concern seemed to be police protection, with members suggesting that Council consider raising taxes to increase the availability of police protection. Some of their plans include a Crime Watch and beautification project. He raised the question of public input on motions and questions. Mr. Mika informed him that Council opens the floor to public comment twice although only required to open once. Public comment is welcomed at any point during a meeting. M.B. Dougherty noted a Schuylkill Chamber meeting on Main Street rejuvenation on Friday, November 14, 2003 at 12:00 PM. There is an "Elm Street" program that expands into residential areas. She is planning to attend this meeting to see what if anything will help.

E. Mika complimented the interested citizens in developing a working relationship with Council. Groups can help and it is good to capitalize on the positives.

Pastor Stratton thanked Mr. Chiaretti and the members of the Youth Group who participated in the Make-a-Difference Day project.

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

Respectfully submitted

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** December 11, 2003 **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, R. Krick, J. Quinn
Mayor J. Kelly, Solicitor E. Mika

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Mazika asked what, if anything, was done about the barking dog belonging to her next-door neighbor. Officer E. Hoffman reported that part of the problem is the need to catch the dog barking. By the time the police arrive, the dog is quiet. Mrs. Mazika added she stopped keeping a log of the times and durations because nothing is being done.

Mr. M. Yesalavage read a newspaper report concerning a proposed ordinance from Ashland fining barking dog owners \$300.00. Mr. Mika replied that the borough has similar ordinances. The officers can take affidavits. If the magistrate is willing to enforce based on those all well and good, more often, however, they are not.

Mr. M. Yesalavage also noted an article concerning a dispute between two neighbors over water running from one property to another. He added that the article said that Frackville would look into the matter. Council and the Solicitor told Mr. Yesalavage that his problem with his neighbor is a private cause of action. Mr. Mika added that the case in Frackville might be based on Borough Codes and the Borough will look into the matter to see if we have any responsibility.

Mr. M. Yesalavage complained that run-off from Wild Cat Road and Preston Hill in Butler Township is coming into the borough's storm system. He added that the storm drain at that intersection is filled. Butler Twp has been cleaning this drain for years but lately just drives by and does nothing to alleviate the problem. C. Marquardt said he would contact Butler Twp and have them take care of it.

Mr. H. Ressler addressed the Council as a representative of the "Concerned Citizens" group. After a very long discussion of the question of raising taxes to add police protection that proved fruitless the group was asked, in future, to limit their submissions for discussion. The group agreed to submit one or two topics to the Council in time for the work session and allow for reasonable discussion during the regular council meeting.

The possibility of forming a crime watch was suggested. C. Marquardt reminded the residents that this had been attempted more than once in the past and there was a lack of participation.

The question of borough participation in the drug task force was raised. The group was told that investigations by the drug task force are ongoing. Rarely is the borough police department directly involved. Investigations can take several years and information is not available until the raids actually occur. Any residents with questions or concerns can contact the task force directly.

Mr. H. Ressler asked about better snow removal. Council addressed this matter by saying they have looked into the possibility of making Main Street and Mahanoy Avenue PADOT snow emergency routes. There are problems with this due to the need to remove all cars at one time and the parking problems that result.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

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

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

Prodesign Plus CDBG report: Read by C. Marquardt.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Mika suggested putting the sludge ordinance into committee. R. Krick noted the recent PA Supreme Court decisions where major portions of the ordinances in place held.

Mr. Mika added, you can regulate not prohibit. A committee meeting to discuss this ordinance to be set.

Proposed Service Electric franchise ordinance tabled pending advertisement.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve the annual Fire Chief contract for 2004 at the amount of \$1.00 per day made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

C. Marquardt announced curbside recycling would be suspended during the months of January, February, and March 2004.

Motion to adopt the 2004 budget made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt ordinance 2003-5 setting 2004 tax rate at 10.2 mils made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to set 2004 meeting dates and advertise same made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to set reorganization meeting for, Monday, January 5, 2004 as required made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the bid from Minersville Safe Deposit bank for the 2004 tax anticipation note made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to have the solicitor draw up the loan documents for the 2004 tax anticipation note made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to apply for the next round of Community Block Development Grant funding made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise a Request for Proposals for Block Grant consulting services for 2004, 2005 and 2006 as required made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Christmas tree collection set and advertised for January 5, 6, 7, 2004.

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.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Schuylkill County Engineer office – letter notifying the borough of the need to expend the balance of the county liquid fuel aid money by March 2004. Mr. John Davis, PADOT, suggested sending a letter requesting an extension on the deadline and planning a project to expend the funds by the end of 2004. Motion to send a letter requesting an extension made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street: R. Krick reminded residents not to put snow back out on the borough streets once the plows are through.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Mika asked for a motion to execute the releases in the Butler matter. Motion to execute the releases made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Question? R. Krick asked if any of the legal expenses will be reimbursed. Mr. Mika said he believed that what was being paid is stipulated in the release. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mr. Mika asked council to go into executive session at this time to discuss personal matters and possible litigation.

Council resumed the meeting.

FLOOR

J. Kilker asked about the availability of some plywood to board up broken windows on the properties on West Main Street. C. Marquardt said J. Petusky would check what is available and arrange to drop it off.

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

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer