

BOROUGH OF GIRARDVILLE

FOURTH & "B" STREETS

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GIRARDVILLE, PA 17935

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Reorganization Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** January 7, 2004 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

Mayor Joseph Kelly administered oaths of office to all newly elected Borough officials before the meeting. Duly sworn were, Council members Mary Beth Dougherty, Robert Krick, Charles Marquardt and Constable Bruce Ellision. The Mayor chaired the meeting for purposes of reorganizing.

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

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

BUSINESS

Nominations opened for Council President. Motion to nominate C. Marquardt made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. No other nominations. Voice vote. All. Motion carried.

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

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

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

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

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

Nomination for Bank Depository. By Resolution:

2004-1- Motion to use Minersville Safe Deposit Band & Trust made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

2004-2- Motion made to use M&T Bank made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2004 – 3 stating officer for bank files made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Nomination for Health/Code Enforcement Officer. Motion made to appoint Erick Hoffman made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Nomination for Engineer. Motion made to appoint Entech Engineering, Inc. made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

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

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

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

Nomination for Environmental Certifying Officer – usually Council President. Motion to appoint C. Marquardt made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to have all committee appointments remain the same made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request by Secretary/Treasurer to have 2003 book audited. Motion to allow made by M. B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? M.B. Dougherty asked if a full blown audit will be required this year. She was told not for 2003. Question raised about finding another CPA firm to conduct the annual review if Dennis Mensch did not wish to continue auditing the Borough's books. This matter will be addressed after speaking with Mr. Mensch. Vote. All. Motion carried.

List of regular bills pre-approved to be paid monthly, quarterly submitted. Motion to approve the list for regular payment made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. DATE: January 8, 2004 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

Representatives from the A.O.H. in attendance addressed Council regarding the St. Patrick's Day Parade. They informed council that plans are proceeding well, several bands have been hired, fundraising is ongoing, the PADOT permit will be secured, and any questions from council will be addressed.

Pastor Stratton asked why the trash barrels seem to have disappeared from the street corners. C. Marquardt told her that household trash was found in the barrels. They have been removed until the problem can be resolved.

E. Burns, Girardville Basketball Association, noted the ongoing heating problems in the gym. The heaters seem to be too small and do not work well. They had someone look at them but have not heard back and the Association is hoping a solution can be found. J. Chiaretti noted that with the food pantry in the building it is important to keep the temperatures above freezing and Pastor Stratton noted that the youth group appreciates the heat as well when they meet.

The Basketball Association requested permission to have the gym floor completely refinished. They are planning this at the end of the current season. Cost will be approximately \$5 – 6,000.00. Motion to allow the Basketball Association to proceed with plans for refinishing the gym floor made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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E. Burns and J. Catizone, on behalf of the Basketball Association, presented council with a check for \$1,000.00 to help defray costs of heating oil. C. Marquardt thanked them for the generous donation.

Mr. J. Kilker thanked council for meeting with the Concerned Citizens group. He noted that the group would be meeting two weeks after council meetings to allow time for discussion of concerns prior to the council meetings. He asked if the borough has a web sight and offered information about services offered by PSAB. J. Chiaretti added that he is encouraged by the dialogue and the overall tone of the conversations resulting from the last meeting. C. Marquardt offered borough hall for future meetings of the group if needed.

E. Burns, representing GAMA, notified council of letters sent to residents who are in non-compliance with the mandatory connection ordinances. The result is residents coming forward and the Authority feels they are making progress in assuring compliance.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes as submitted made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? J. Chiaretti noted the minutes needed to be amended to show he was present at the meeting. Vote on motion with amendment added. 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 J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Question? M.B. Dougherty asked how the officers com up with the numbers on the report. Mayor Kelly told her the information is taken from the daily logs and reports. J. Chiaretti asked if the numbers could be substantiated. Mayor Kelly said that they could. 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 accept as submitted made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sludge ordinance – tabled.

Concerned Citizens – council is working with them regarding questions raised.

NEW BUSINESS

Solicitor E. Mika introduced Resolution 2004-4 – Tax anticipation note from Minersville Safe Deposit Bank for \$40,000.00 at 2.5% to be repaid by 12/31/04. Motion to approve made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt the Service Electric Franchise ordinance (2004-1) as advertised made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to participate in the Keystone Opportunity Zone 2004 for the school building made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Kelly Tinari to fill the vacant seat of Assessor made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote as follows:

M.B. Dougherty	YES	C. Marquardt	YES
J. Chiaretti	YES	R. Krick	YES
J. Quinn	ABSTAIN (conflict of interest)		

Motion carried. The Election Bureau to be notified.

Participation in the 2004-05 Piggyback purchase of salt – tabled

Participation in the Summer Lunch Program 2004 – Motion to plan to participate and tentatively appoint Danielle Budnavage coordinator made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Authorization for Prodesign Plus to complete the annual 2003 CDBG reports. Motion to allow made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Frank Zangari Jr. Fire Chief for 2004 at \$1.00 per day paid quarterly made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

M.B. Dougherty addressed Council on the matter of a program to revitalize downtown business and residential neighborhoods. Girardville was invited to join this effort. Right now, the group is looking into grants for neighborhood improvement. Motion to adopt Resolution 2004-4 – expressing interest in participating in the Northern Schuylkill Community/Business Partnership made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint M.B. Dougherty representative to this group made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Council accepted Ron Krick's resignation from his position on the street department.

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Motion to hire Thomas Downey at a rate of \$7.00 with an increase to \$7.50 at 90 days made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? 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

Office of Solid Waste Mgmt – Section 904 – recycling grant \$292.85
R. Krick asked if there were any statistics. C. Marquardt said that information can be obtained and an updated report should be received soon.

NSLA – Request to require local trash haulers to utilize the transfer station.
C. Marquardt noted that Kreitzer Sanitation does utilize the transfer station. R. Krick noted that he did not believe the borough could require haulers to use the transfer station as requested.

FEMA – survey to be completed. Motion to complete and submit by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Vote. All.

Berkheimer – 2003 auditing control report – on file

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: M.B. Dougherty requested a committee meeting for Wednesday, January 21, 2004 at 7:00 PM. She asked that the officers be in attendance.

M.B. Dougherty added that the NSCOG is again suggesting regionalization of police to its members.

Street: R. Krick informed council of a problem with ice on the 300 block of West Ogden Street. A meeting is scheduled with the engineer to review this problem and have recommendation for solutions submitted. This problem extends down to Julia Street. C. Marquardt noted there is ongoing discussion about the parking on East Mahanoy Avenue. Council needs to implement a plan.

Council instructed the police department to issue warnings for parking on the sidewalks through January 19, 2004 and thereafter issue tickets. This is to apply to all streets and thoroughfares in the Borough. After some debate, E. Mika was instructed to look into this matter and decide if the borough needs an ordinance or if enforcing the motor vehicle code is sufficient.

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C. Marquardt asked about possible speed reduction on East Mahanoy Avenue. R. Krick noted the limit is 35 MPH now. PADOT does the studies and the borough agrees to erect any required signs. R. Krick said they require accumulated statistics from 1/2002 – 12/32/2003. Mayor Kelly said he would contact the State Police for their stats.

Recreation: New playground pieces are ordered. Delivery is expected in six weeks.

Recycling: C. Marquardt reminded residents there is no curbside recycling for the months of January, February, and March. The Christmas trees are currently being picked up.

OTHER BUSINESS

GAMA still has one open seat. Any interested parties should submit a letter of interest directly to Council.

M.B. Dougherty requested permission to host the NSCOG meeting on January 28, 2004. Motion to allow made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Vote. All.

Thomas Yesalavage, GAMA, addressed council noting that the Authority is proceeding with fines and penalties for non-compliance.

At this time, Council went into Executive session at the request of the Solicitor. Purpose to discuss possible flood plain violation.

Upon returning from executive session, C. Marquardt noted that Council instructed Mr. Mika to investigate the matter discussed. Mr. Mika requested a copy of the current flood plain ordinance.

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

Respectfully submitted
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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. DATE: February 12, 2004 TIME: 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. E. Burns, representing the Girardville Basketball Assn. noted their tournament is scheduled for March 3 -7, 2004. He asked the about heating for the gym and said the association planned to donated \$1,000.00 towards the expense.

Mrs. T. Niedzwiecki asked council to enforce the snow-shoveling ordinance. A neighbor does not clear his section of sidewalk and it directly affects her property through melting and refreezing. R. Krick told her to inform Officer E. Hoffman and he will look into it. J. Chiaretti asked if it were policy to wait for complaints. This should be enforced in a proactive manner.

Mrs. E. Labie noted that council had previously given the "Concerned Citizens" permission to use the borough hall for their monthly meetings. She volunteered to open and lock the building. They plan to meet on Sunday, March 7, 2004 at 2:00 PM.

Mr. A. Engle asked about the BOCA codes and what they enforce. E. Mika told him council mostly discusses the property maintenance end of the codes. He added, however, that if a neighbor is causing you harm it is a civil matter. The borough is required to make certain the building poses no threat to the health and safety of the residents at large.

Ms. K. Kroh, Ashland, asked permission to address Council and it was granted. She informed council that she was attacked on September 22, 2003 and citations were

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supposed to be issued. She spoke with the Mayor and was assured the matter was in hand. Officer L. Monaghan told her that seven (7) citations were filed. Officer K. Collins said the citations were not filed yet. M.B. Dougherty noted it is the Mayor's responsibility to make certain the job is being done. M.B. Dougherty then suggested having another officer handle the matter. The Mayor and Officer Collins met with Ms. Kroh separately.

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 R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

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

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

Prodesign Plus CDBG report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept as submitted made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Sludge ordinance – tabled.

LeP – salt contract for 2004-2005. Motion to purchase 44 tons made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Summer lunch program – D. Budnavage cannot participate this year. C. Marquardt asked if any resident was interested to contact council.

NEW BUSINESS

Request for Proposal – ad placed looking for a CDBG coordinator. Only response was from Prodesign Plus, Frackville. Motion to accept Prodesign Plus proposal for fulfilling the grant coordinator position made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UCC – M.B. Dougherty noted that the COG now has seven municipalities interested in going forward with third party inspection. A meeting should be set in the next several weeks with different companies for fee information. E. Mika asked if the presentations will be open to the public. M.B. Dougherty said that was discussed and is possible. More information would be forthcoming as available.

PA DOT – notice received of need to mark the railroad crossings in the borough. E. Mika said he is looking into this to find out if it is a recommendation or necessity. Matter tabled.

Ashland Cub Scouts – request for use of the borough hall, March 6, 2004 for their annual Pine Wood Derby. Motion to allow made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Little League – request for use of borough hall for registration, February 23, 24, 25, 2004. Motion to allow made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Pastor E. Stratton noted that the new borough sign will arrive in time to be erected before the St. Patrick's day parade. The youth group is looking for assistance in erecting the sign. It will require 4X4 posts. Also, she asked that council verify permission from the property owner.

BILLS

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter to PADOT stating Council permission for the 2004 AOH St. Patrick day parade.

County Election Bureau – confirmation of appointment Kelly Tinari, assessor.

DEP – notice of oil tank leak clean-up required on B Street

PSAB – notice of UCC requirements.

AOH – parade solicitation

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: M.B. Dougherty asked that these matters be discussed in executive session.

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Street: Handicapped parking space request from Lenahan – R. Krick noted that there is a space already in the area of the request. The space was originally granted to Mr. D. Eye. R. Krick suggested council approach the applicant and see if this space will suffice. If so, then the space should remain. Motion to accept the committee's recommendation and approve the space available made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

R. Krick also noted that the second order of salt arrived.

Recreation: C. Marquardt announced that the rides for the next phase have arrived and work will begin as the weather permits.

R. Krick added that DEP notified him they would be putting in monitoring wells but no dates were available yet.

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

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

Council was in executive session for 45 minutes to discuss police personnel matter.

C. Marquardt read a letter of resignation submitted to council from Officer K. Collins, to be effective immediately. Motion to accept made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** March 11, 2004 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: J. Quinn, Solicitor E. Mika

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. M. Parfitt asked Council what Council is doing about the property next door to her on Second Street. She has made complaints for several months running and it seems as if no action is taken. Officer E. Hoffman said he drove by and would follow up.

Ms. J. Parfitt informed council that they have sixty (60) days to take action or she and her brother would take action.

Mrs. E. Labie noted that Mr. Mika is absent and he was to keep residents appraised to the status of the properties on Third Street. This is a fire hazard with garbage on the porches. C. Marquardt asked if citations were issued. Officer Hoffman replied he believed that Officer Monaghan issued citations against that property. C. Marquardt told Mrs. Labie he would find out what was being done.

Mr. A. Engle noted that the alley behind his house on West Ogden Street is turning into a junkyard. Various cars and trash lying around. He asked if it could be cleaned up.

At this point Officer Hoffman noted forms he has for residents lodging health/code violations. C. Marquardt added that J. Quinn along with F. Zangari is handling abandoned cars. He would pass this information along.

Mr. H. Ressler asked what could be done about the behavior at 6:00 AM. He informed Council that on his way to work there were at least six (6) people standing in the doorway of Teddy Ferrari's barbershop. They were loitering, drinking, and urinating in public.

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Something needs to be done to crack down on this problem. Pastor Stratton said she heard them around 3:00 AM. Mr. M. Manbeck added he has seen similar behavior at 2:45 AM down by the bank on West Main Street.

Pastor Stratton told Council that the sign is ready to be picked up and installed. "I hope that the weather will stay nice."

Mr. J. McNeilis, AOH, thanked Council and borough residents for their support of the upcoming parade. A street sweeper is being donated to clean the parade route on Wednesday, March 17th beginning at 12:00 PM. Residents are asked to remove the vehicles from the parade route. Signs will be posted. C. Marquardt reminded residents if they've swept in front of their homes to call and have the dirt picked up. R. Krick asked how the street sweeper would proceed. Mayor Kelly assumed that it would follow the parade route beginning on East Mahanoy Avenue.

Mayor Kelly reported that no parking signs are set to be posted for Wednesday for street sweeping and Saturday morning for the parade. He met with Chief A. Bernodin from Ashland and plans for police protection are well in hand. He is hoping for ample fire police for traffic control. Three ambulances are scheduled to be on stand-by at various locations as well as fire trucks. While Mahanoy Avenue is closed to traffic, Main Street will remain open and when Main Street is closed Mahanoy Avenue will be open. This will allow minimal disruption of traffic flow through town.

M.B. Dougherty noted that the borough is checking into being able to use the former West End Park for additional parking. Mayor Kelly asked about checking with E. Burns for use of the access to the Teener League Field. Residents on Second Street have permission to park in St. Vincent's lot. All cars are to be removed by 9:00AM and the parade begins at 12:00 PM.

The ladder truck from Ashland will be in town on this Saturday to hang banners.

Mrs. E. Labie asked for permission for the "Concerned Citizens" to meet on the last Monday of the month instead of their current date of the last Sunday. Permission given.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

Mayor's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept as read made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? R. Krick asked how it was possible to have 634 miles on

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the police car when we really have no police on duty. Mayor Kelly told him we have 4 shifts per week and the mileage would be checked. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Officer Hoffman requested a DSL line for the police office allowing them to be online and still have phone service accessible. M.B. Dougherty suggested getting some prices. She noted the officers do not have to be online for hours at a time. Motion to direct the police department to utilize the borough's current internet access account made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Prodesign Plus CDBG report: Read by C. Marquardt. As requested, motion to allow Prodesign to proceed with the next round of funding requests made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve Prodesign Plus as the borough's Community Development Block Grant coordinator made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. Motion carried.

IHES – request for use of East End Park and restroom facilities at the borough hall for the annual Field Day. Plans for May 19th with a rain date of May 24th. Motion to allow made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to approve use of the borough hall on parade day by the fire police as a center of operations made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to approve closing Beech Street between Line and Second Streets on parade day for awards ceremonies made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request from the American Legion to host an Easter Egg Hunt at their gazebo on Third Street on March 27, 2004. Motion to allow made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

List of bills read by C. Marquardt. Motion to pay bills as submitted made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Question? M.B. Dougherty asked about the bill from "Cantwell". She was told it is "Canawill" and is the installment payment on the liability insurance. Vote. All. Motion carried.

The delinquent tax bills were also noted and M.B. Dougherty said she would take copies and investigate, as she believed these questions were resolved.

CORRESPONDENCE

Senior Citizens – note with donation of \$300.00 for the borough. C. Marquardt thanked the Senior's for their very generous donation.

Service Electric – notice of rate increases and changes

St. Patrick's Day parade – related correspondence from PADOT and Senator Rhoades' office

Northern Schuylkill COG – meeting March 24 – Ringtown. M.B. Dougherty noted that immediately after the meeting is a meeting to discuss the UCC. She suggested that someone else from council attend as well as herself.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: Motion to advertise for additional police with a deadline application of 4/2/04, made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Street: The "Welcome to Girardville" sign is completed and ready for pickup and installation. It is anticipated, weather permitting, that the sign will be in place prior to parade day. Pastor Stratton asked about obtaining written permission from the property owner. C. Marquardt said he would take care of this matter.

Additional trashcans will be distributed on the streets for the parade weekend.

School: R. Krick noted that Bidy Basketball donated an additional \$1,000.00. C. Marquardt thanked them for their generosity.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Kelly noted the sale of commemorative books for \$5.00 each to help defray costs of the parade.

FLOOR

Mr. H. Ressler asked if there was any chance we were going to get back the West End Park. R. Krick noted he did not think it would ever be a park again but he did not know what would happen with the property.

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

Respectfully submitted

Mary Ambrose, Secretary/Treasurer

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ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: Mayor J. Kelly

PUBLIC COMMENT

H. Ressler noted that he had several questions that needed to be addressed by the Mayor but as the Mayor is not available perhaps the Council can address some of the concerns. These are a result of the last meeting of the "Concerned Citizens"

He raised the question of police coverage. M.B. Dougherty informed him that Council is preparing to take action to hire two part-time officers tonight. She added that police department scheduling is the Mayor's responsibility.

He asked how code enforcement would handle complaints now that the warmer weather is here. He noted that the complaints about high grass and weeds and garbage would begin to be voiced. M.B. Dougherty informed him that the current code enforcement officer works a very limited number of hours. She hoped that he would take action on problems he sees as well as follow up on reports.

He asked about how loitering is handled. It seems as if a blind eye is turned. Only issuing warnings serve no purpose. Perhaps a warning followed by a citation might curb some of the problem. M.B. Dougherty noted again that she could not answer for the Mayor and she agreed with the idea of filing citations after giving a warning. She did not know how to solve the problem of the "blind eye". J. Chiaretti noted that the officers hired here are usually newly graduated and have no experience.

The question why the borough does not participate in the demolition program was raised. The explanation to those present is that due to financial constraints no money was budgeted this year for demolition. The borough must participate through the County and even the county funding for demolition projects is smaller than in years past.

C. Marquardt added that the borough is planning to pursue the owners of dilapidated properties. The ownership of the property on William and Preston that the borough tore down was questioned. M.B. Dougherty said that Council was informed the deed had been split to allow the borough to take the back portion and tear down the dangerous structures. Apparently the deed was not split as required. It was suggested Mr. Ressler discuss the matter directly with Mr. James Kilker as he was the Borough Solicitor at the time.

Complaints were also raised about residents walking dogs and not cleaning up. The answer to this problem is that you can report it to the police officer but have to be willing to come forward if necessary for prosecution.

It was noted that grants are available for housing rehabilitation on a limited, first come, first served basis. The grant coordinator is currently working their way down the list of homeowners who expressed interest in participating in this program.

Gabriel Tenaglia, GAMA member, asked if Council could explain an ordinance assuming debt for the construction of the sewer plant and lines and it is a "lease rental" ordinance. He questioned if, after paying the loan for 20 odd years, the Authority would actually own the plant and property or if it could be taken and sold at any time. He was told that the ordinances passed were boilerplate types of ordinances allowing for the interim financing of the project. The borough guarantees the debt but the Sewer Authority is responsible for payment and ownership.

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 R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept as read made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried. M.B. Dougherty noted that she obtained the monthly communications-center report and wished to add it to the file copy of the police report. She added that this will be done on a regular basis and be available for members of Council. M.B. Dougherty also noted that Officer Hoffman has taken to signing things "OIC" Officer in Charge". She asked if Council was aware of his having this designation assigned and noted that the Mayor needed to be made aware of this practice.

C. Marquardt added that Mayor Kelly is looking for anyone interested in joining the Borough's fire police. If interested, contact his office or attend the next meeting on May 11th at 7:00 PM.

Permit Officer's report: None submitted.

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

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

Prodesign Plus CDBG report: Read by C. Marquardt.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Proposed sludge ordinance – tabled due to continued unanswered questions.

UCC – E. Mika introduced an ordinance for consideration for advertisement adopting the new PA Uniform Construction Code and opting in for the purpose of enforcement. Motion to advertise as submitted made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. This motion will come up for consideration for adoption at the next regular meeting, May 13, 2004.

Railroad crossing signs for the crossings at Line and William Streets – E. Mika told council that the possible need to sign and mark the crossings was brought to Council's attention through a letter from PADOT as the result of a study done over the summer months last year. It is only a recommendation and not a requirement as PADOT has no jurisdiction over the railroad crossings. Discussion with Don Cuff, Entech Engineering results in the recommendation that Council place the required signs. Motion to purchase and install the necessary signs for the crossings at Line and William Streets made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution 2004-5 – Home program application process. This is required due to the State's changing the funding venue from Community Block Grant to the Home Program. Motion to adopt resolution 2004-5 made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

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

CORRESPONDENCE

DCED – notice of KOEZ approval for school building

NS COG – Notice of UCC meeting April 28th Mahanoy City Borough hall
North Schuylkill Landfill Assn – general information and notice to attend meetings

Creative Computer Consulting – solicitation of business, do free on-site evaluations of current hard and software.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: M.B. Dougherty noted that Council conducted three interviews as a result of the ad placed for a part-time police officer.

Motion to hire Christopher Schweigert and Michael Dissinger as part-time police officers at a rate of \$8.00 per hour with a ninety (90) day probation period providing the standard tests and physical examinations are passed satisfactorily made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Mayor Kelly is to notify both men of the offer from the borough and make arrangements for the tests and physicals.

Streets: R. Krick informed council that the street department is currently working at sweeping on East Mahanoy Avenue. J. Chiaretti noted that the borough as a whole is doing a good job on the streets. We are in better shape than some of the other local communities.

Recreation: C. Marquardt informed those present that the borough applied for a \$5,000.00 grant through Representative Neal Goodman's office. This will be used to fence the new parks that are being installed behind St Joseph Church, Immaculate Heart School and on Line and Oak Street. The new rides are being assembled and installation will begin as soon as possible.

FLOOR

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

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer

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BOROUGH OF GIRARDVILLE

FOURTH & "B" STREETS

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GIRARDVILLE, PA 17935

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** May 13, 2004 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: M.B. Dougherty, Mayor J. Kelly (medical)

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments at this time.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the 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. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor's report: None submitted

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

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

Prodesign Plus CDBG report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept as read made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? J. Chiaretti asked if it is the same report read each month. He was informed that the numbers reported change but the report is the same each time. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS

Request from the Ambulance Association to hold a tag day in conjunction with their open house on May 19, 2004 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Motion to approve request made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request from Fire Chief Frank Zangari to allow both fire companies and chiefs to participate in a County-wide EMA decontamination program. This is part of the security plans being put into place by the Schuylkill County EMA. Motion to allow made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the annual renewal of the Geisinger Health Plan for 2004-2005 made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request from the Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians to hold a town wide clean-up on Saturday, May 15, 2004 and have the borough assist with the collection and disposal of the trash collected. Motion to allow made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to allow R. Krick use of the borough dump truck on Saturday, May 15, 2004 for the Mahanoy Creek Watershed cleanup made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Solicitor E. Mika introduced Ordinance 2004 2 adopting the Uniform Construction Code. He explained that the ordinance was advertised as required. The UCC is now law in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the only question for Council to answer is the “opt in/opt out” of the administration and enforcement portions. There is a meeting of the NS COG scheduled to finalize plans for group participation in enforcement. All remodeling work will require permits and inspections.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2004-2 made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mrs. E. Labie asked if this would assist Council in dealing with owners of dilapidated properties. E. Mika informed her that it will not help that much. There are provisions allowing for having the property vacated but statewide enforcement will not assist in tracking absentee property owners. Judgment is expensive and means taking the property and assuming liability. The process is cost and time prohibitive.

Motion to adopt the Schuylkill County EMA mutual aid agreement and submit it to the County offices made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

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

CORRESPONDENCE

NS COG – special meeting 5/19 regarding UCC – Union Township

It was noted by E. Mika that within thirty (30) days of adopting the UCC ordinance paperwork must be submitted specifying the Building Code Officer.

NSCOG – regular meeting 5/26, 7:00 PM – Delano fire company, Delano Township

Request to allow the police officers to attend the mandatory PADOT crash reporting class in Frackville. This included a request that the officers be paid for their time. Motion to approve made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn? Question? Does this include the new hire? C. Marquardt suggested it should. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Christopher Schewigert - note conveying his regrets at not being able to accept the offered position as a part-time police officer due to another offer.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: J. Chiaretti asked of the officers are certified to stop speeders and if so why aren't they ticketing? C. Marquardt said yes, he believed they are certified, but with Officer Hoffman off and Officer Monaghan only working 2 days a week, it is difficult. C. Marquardt added that he would request M.B. Dougherty set up a police committee meeting next week. As people are aware, Mayor Kelly is recuperating from surgery and as Council President, C. Marquardt is acting in the capacity of Mayor.

Street: R. Krick reported that 6 or 7 stop signs with street signs were knocked down and damaged sometime between 1:30 – 3:00 AM last night. Council asked if anyone has any information that they please contact the office or a council member. There are leads being checked. Also, the committee is looking into the possible purchase of a pick-up truck.

Recreation: C. Marquardt reported that work proceeds on the installation of the fencing and the rides.

FLOOR

No additional comments at this time.

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

Respectfully submitted

Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. DATE: June 10, 2004 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, C. Marquardt, J. Quinn
E. Mika, Solicitor

Members absent: R. Krick, Mayor J. Kelly

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. J. Kerrigan complained about a neighbor doing demolition work and blocking off his property on the North side of East Mahanoy Avenue. According to Mr. Kerrigan, the Kline's are doing demolition work, dropping the waste onto his property immediately adjacent, and then using yellow tape to block access. He added that the mess needs to be removed and the lot cleaned up as it is used for parking. C. Marquardt said he would check into the matter.

Mrs. S. McMonegal asked if the American Legion Auxiliary could use the borough hall building as a pick up site for their annual pie sale in August. C. Marquardt said he did not see a problem but added she should submit her request in writing for approval at next month's meeting.

Rita Minnich raised the question of the problem with parking on the upper area of Beech Street. This is a street and should be open for access but one of the neighbors parks, and blocks the road. Her complaint included information that a police officer told this neighbor they could park there. M.B. Dougherty noted this is a public street and should not be blocked by anyone. C. Marquardt suggested having the Street Committee review the matter and take whatever action is deemed appropriate. The neighbors in question are John and Melissa Shield, 15 Beech Street.

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

Mayor's report: None submitted

Permit Officer's report: None submitted

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

Prodesign Plus CDBG report: Read by C. Marquardt. Report on file

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Paperwork for participation on PA Downtown with a regional plan for Girardville, Frackville, Mahanoy City, and Shenandoah submitted for consideration. Upon recommendation from Mr. Mika, Council decided to table this matter until further financial details are available.

DEP – notice that Girardville received a grant to pave the recycling center. The paperwork is in process.

Request from J. Cusati for approval of a PP&L right of way across a small section of the East End Playground to supply electricity to his garage located at Third and Beech Street. Motion to approve the request made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Letter of resignation submitted from Thomas Downey. Motion to accept made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise the full-time borough worker position and for additional part-time police officers with an application deadline of June 25, 2004 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. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? At the request of the Treasurer, Frank Zangari's second quarter payment for Fire Chief duties at \$91.00 was added to the list. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Renewal information Worker's Compensation Insurance

Renewal information General liability insurance – St. Paul-Travellers

Mr. & Mrs. Vincent Catizone – letter of thanks for work done through CDBG

Wm Penn Fire Co – request use of streets and fire police for annual parade, June 19, 2004 – 7:00 PM Motion to approve request made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: M.B. Dougherty noted that the borough has a new officer on duty and are planning to interview for another. C. Marquardt noted that it looks as if there will be a decent schedule of officers on duty with this recent hire.

M.B. Dougherty added the C. Marquardt has been filling in for Mayor Kelly during his medical absence and doing a very good job.

Recreation: C. Marquardt reported that work on the playgrounds is proceeding as weather permits.

OTHER BUSINESS

M.B. Dougherty reported that the solicitor is reviewing the third party contract for enforcement of the UCC. As part of the process, it is necessary to change some wording in our current ordinances requiring building permits. Motion to authorize the solicitor to review the ordinances and make the necessary changes made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. M.B. Dougherty added that with the changes in State Law there would be significant changes in the permitting process for new construction, additions, remodels, and repair work done on homes. Our current permit officer will be determining if an inspection is required. The Northern Schuylkill COG is attempting to set up a public meeting with contractors, inspectors, and other interested parties for a date in July. Notices will be posted. Mr. Mika asked if the COG has a date in place for acceptance of the third party contractor as the Borough must establish their own internal workings. M.B. Dougherty said that each municipality must

sign their own agreement. The downside is a more expensive process but the upside is an improvement in the health and safety of residents.

FLOOR

Mr. J. Kilker, representative of the Concerned Citizens, asked that Council look upon the group as someone who can help. They are in the process of incorporating, as this will allow them to qualify for funding for specific projects and forming an historical society. They want to kick off a campaign of "Girardville Pride" and are looking into holding a town-wide yard sale. The group will be soliciting jobs for volunteers to help improve the appearance of the borough at large. They hope to coordinate with Council on projects as well as work independently.

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

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** July 8, 2004 **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 reason)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. E. Moran wanted to thank Mr. James Cusati for cutting down the trees on South Second Street by the railroad crossing. She asked if it is possible to poison the weeds. C. Marquardt noted that there is a problem with the possibility of poisoning animals but he would check into the availability of spraying.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes as submitted made by J. Chiaretti, second R. Krick. 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 M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried. Council is requesting that the police report breakdown tickets in the same manner as citations for future reports. They asked that the number of citations be listed separately from the number of complaints. C. Marquardt noted he would have the officer preparing the report make the requested adjustment.

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C. Marquardt noted there is a request to purchase replacement mouthpieces at a cost of \$64.99. Motion to allow purchase made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Question? Are these for the breathalyzer? C. Marquardt will investigate. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

R. Krick informed council he had been asked about dealing with the total cost for drilling permits. Monitoring wells need to be installed on John Street. Choices are to base the permit on the total cost of the project or \$10.00 per hole. He also noted that the wells will need to be closed in 1 – 5 years and DEP will require Council's approval on the chosen method. The contractor can either remove the casement or fill it with concrete. This is at the Council's discretion. Motion to set the cost of the permits as the cost of the project made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. 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 J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion to renew the borough's insurance coverage with St. Paul's/Travelers and State Workmen's Insurance Fund made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? R. Krick asked about the need to check the differences of coverage under "claims made" and "occurrence". Motion to approve renewal subject to review of documents by solicitor made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve the new PADOT agility agreement. Question? Scope of agreement was questions and given to the solicitor to review for recommendation. Motion to approve pending solicitor's review made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the 2003 annual audit as submitted by Dennis Mensch and submit to State as required made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2004-7 accepting the permit contract with Builders Inspection Underwriters. This contract is for third party inspection as required by the State Uniform Construction Code. Motion to adopt 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

Northern Schuylkill Council of Governments – meeting July 28, 2004, West Mahanoy Township.

PSAB – Community Economic & Development survey to be completed.

Berkheimer – 2003 audit for review and file.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: M.B. Dougherty noted the newest officer is doing a good job. He is visible while patrolling

Street: Handicapped parking application from Florence Opuda. Matter tabled pending street committee recommendation expected at next month's meeting.

Recreation: C. Marquardt reported that work is proceeding as possible with the parks. Mrs. Betty Moran commended the work done on the parks and the public buildings.

OTHER BUSINESS

Residents were informed of a meeting with Patrice Radar and the North Schuylkill Business Partnership on July 21st. Representatives from local businesses and civic organizations have been invited to attend.

Motion to look into choices for the grant opportunities available through Home Town Streets and Safe Routes made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. There are various options for Council to apply for pending discussion with the engineers and PADOT and approval of a specific project. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to offer street department position to Kenny Petusky, starting at \$7.25 with a ninety (90) day probationary period made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to re-advertise the position if not accepted made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mrs. E. Labie asked if there is an ordinance concerning people putting garbage out for collection days in advance. Mr. Mika informed her that there is a requirement for having trash in a container but he was not certain about a time frame.

Solicitor E. Mika requested Council go into executive session to discuss letters to property owners for high grass, weeds, rodents, etc.

Motion to go into executive session made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote.
All. Motion carried

Executive session – number of issues regarding code enforcement, personnel issues, and
issues pursuant to litigation.

C. Marquardt noted there would be further discussion regarding code enforcement and the
UCC rules in a meeting Monday with a representative from Builders Inspection
Underwriters.

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

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** August 12, 2004 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: J. Chiaretti, R. Krick, J. Kelly, Mayor

PUBLIC COMMENT

Request from S. McMonegal for use of the hall on August 26, 2004 for receipt of pie orders for the American Legion Auxiliary.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

Mayor's report: Read by 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 M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Prodesign Plus CDBG report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept as read and closeout the sewer portion of the grant and add any leftover funds to the home grant made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion to adopt Resolution 2004-8 the renewal of the PA DOT Agility agreement made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to renew the insurance policies in place with the Seltzer Insurance Agency made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to approve a handicapped parking space for 328 West Main Street made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to open a new checking account for the Construction permits made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to allow the solicitor to draft an ordinance amending the current building permit ordinance made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the work sheet from Conrad Siegel for the Police Pension fund (for files only) made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt resolution 2004-9 setting the UCC administrative percentage at 10% made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise for a part-time police officer made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried. Deadline: 8/31/04, 3:00 PM

Motion to hire Kenneth Balchus, Shenandoah to fill the borough worker position at \$8.00 per hour made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. 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.

CORRESPONDENCE

AOH – letter of request for second annual St. Patrick's Day parade. Motion to approve request and send letter asking for coordination of plans with the borough and Mayor's office made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

M.B. Dougherty requested a letter be sent to Patty Radar offering support of the DCED coordination efforts. Second made by J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: M.B. Dougherty reported that it will be necessary to hire more officers. She also stated she would like to commend Mike Dissinger on a job well done. She receives good reports about his public presence. C. Marquardt added that he hopes the working relationship continues

A request to replace the portables was received. The cost will be approximately \$400.00 each. Motion to replace a portable radio for the police department as requested made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Street: C. Marquardt noted that Council just hired a new streets department employee. Hopefully this will allow work on completing the playgrounds to begin.

Recycling: C. Marquardt noted that the recycling center was paved with a grant through DCED. This will allow for easier access and also make maintenance easier.

The borough received the annual portion of the recycling grant in the amount of \$437.32.

The Countywide clean up is scheduled for October 7, 8,9th. Information will be published in the papers in advance.

Council went into executive session to discuss code enforcement and personnel issues.

OTHER BUSINESS

M.B. Dougherty noted that the Schuylkill County Council for the Arts has \$250.00 available for some type of entertainment. She will look over the list and see what might be available.

James Cusati was asked to consider the possibility of helping the borough with code enforcement needs. He said he would consider it and get back to Council with an answer.

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:** August 27, 2004 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

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

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Personnel matters and general purposes

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BUSINESS

Motion to accept the resignation of Kenneth Balchus from the street department effective immediately made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to hire Robert Schilling, Ashland, to fill the vacant position on the street department at \$8.00 per hour made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

C. Marquardt noted he would not be able to start until 9/7/2004. This is acceptable to all members of Council.

Motion to terminate the employment of Officer Lance Monaghan effective immediately made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried. A letter is to be drafted and sent requesting return of keys and all borough property.

C. Marquardt informed Council that the status of Erick Hoffman is unknown at this time.

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

Respectfully submitted
 Mary Ambrose
 Secretary/Treasurer

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BOROUGH OF GIRARDVILLE

FOURTH & "B" STREETS

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg.

DATE: September 9, 2004

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
E. Mika, Solicitor

Members absent: J. Chiaretti, Mayor J. Kelly (Mayor Kelly attended the NS School Board Meeting)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. E. Labie asked the status of her complaint about her next-door neighbor's junkyard. Officer M. Dissinger informed Mrs. Labie that he was on the property on September 8, 2004 and gave them notice of ten (10) days to clean it up. E. Mika asked the officer to contact his office if there was a problem or question on issuing the citation. C. Marquardt asked that Officer Dissinger take care of the properties on Third Street, with a similar complaint, simultaneously. Ed Labie noted that a complaint was filed with the County and asked if there was any response. E. Mika said he spoke with the County solicitor and the matter was turned over to the code enforcement officer. If the problem is not rectified after ten (10) days, the matter can be referred to the District Magistrate.

Mrs. B. Horan, representing the "Concerned Citizens" noted that Patty Radar requested that Council have a representative for the Regional Revitalization meetings. Mr. Chiaretti offered previously to attend and Mr. Quinn offered his services.

It was asked if when the group does weed whacking would the borough pick up the debris. C. Marquardt suggested that the volunteers coordinate this with J. Petusky. M.B. Dougherty noted that it is important to have residents clean up their own properties.

C. Marquardt noted that he was concerned that residents participating in the community wide yard sale had the wrong information in connection with the County sponsored clean up the following weekend. Only specific types of things are being accepted and it is a drop-off service only. Anyone with questions can contact the office or Mr. Dan Grow at the Schuylkill County Court house.

Mr. M. Yesalavage spoke to council about a complaint he had registered months ago concerning water run off from his neighbor's property. This problem is causing damage to his property. C. Marquardt told Mr. Yesalavage that due to injury the borough is currently without a code officer. The complaint was given to the solicitor just prior to the meeting. E. Mika noted that he would review the complaint and get back to Mr. Yesalavage.

Mr. D. Heiser, representing the Girardville Ambulance Association, asked council if they had any response regarding the association's request for a driveway permit directly out onto Main Street. J. Quinn told him that the association needs to approach PADOT for a driveway application, get their review and recommendations, and then bring all the information back to council for consideration.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

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.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business on the table

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve the County recycling lease agreement pending review by the solicitor regarding insurance coverage made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CDBG applications through the County – tabled pending decision on a project.

After some discussion, it was decided that Council would go on record opposing the North Schuylkill School Board decision to build a new elementary building at the high school campus. The board is eliminating the school buildings in both Frackville and Ashland but leaving the school in Ringtown open. Motion to send a letter to the school board stating Council's opposition to this decision made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Council received a copy of a report from Reading Blue Mountain Railroad on the results of the bore tests at William Street. C. Marquardt added that Council is still working on having this situation resolved.

Motion to resubmit the letter to NS-CBP, Patrice Radar, committing to a \$0.50 per capita and resubmit the letter of agreement made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

List of bills read by C. Marquardt. Motion to pay bills as submitted and include the solicitor's bill for payment when submitted made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Girardville Ambulance Association – request to extend no parking in front of their building for purposes of using it as an exit/entrance for the ambulance. Council will wait to hear recommendations from PADOT.

Rangers Hose Co. – request to use borough hall on November 6 – 7, 2004 for their annual Chinese Auction. Motion to allow made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

American Legion – request for fire police for traffic control on September 11, 2004 for their annual commemoration ceremony.

Ashland Library – request to be considered for funding. This is to be put with the budget information.

Bureau of Audits – notice of receipt of submitted audits. No findings other than late submission.

Cranes Etc – super load request permission to cross borough on 4041, date to be supplied. All necessary permits secured through PADOT.

PSAB – notice of unemployment rates set for 2005

Lance Monaghan – letter of resignation, received after termination.

PLCB – notice of annual funds

Commonwealth of PA – audit reports for liquid fuels (on file)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: M.B. Dougherty noted that a Special Meeting was held on August 27, 2004 and at this time Council terminated the employment of Lance Monaghan as a borough police officer. The borough also advertised the open position and received one application.

Recreation: C. Marquardt told residents that since we now have an additional streets department employee work will begin once again on completing the playground projects.

OTHER BUSINESS

E. Mika informed Council of the need to request a letter of response from the engineer regarding the flood plain as it relates to the property at 105-107 North Richard Street. This to be sent to the owner with a notice of the need to vacate the property. Motion to have the solicitor contact the engineer and have the necessary letters drafted and sent made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

C. Marquardt noted there is interest by members of council to have the borough's current insurance coverage reviewed. Motion to contact PSAB and find out what services are available along these lines made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

M.B. Dougherty noted that the County Commissioners will be meeting toward the end of September with regard to issues concerning the Tax Claim Bureau. S. Koch requested some time for response due to sheriff sales and assessments currently underway.

C. Marquardt noted that he is playing phone tag with Dan Grow from the Office of Solid Waste. There is a possibility of grant money to enlarge the recycling center.

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:** October 14, 2004 **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, and Mayor J. Kelly

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. S. McMonegal made a complaint about the repair work done on her garage by the neighbors. They tore down an adjoining garage and put up black paper that is now coming down. C. Marquardt said he would have Officer Dissinger check this matter. J. Chiaretti asked when this occurred. Mrs. McMonegal told him at some point in the summer. He informed her that black paper is only meant to be temporary and it is her responsibility to secure the side of the garage from the weather.

Mrs. E. Labie asked if the neighbor on A Street was cited and what if anything was happening with the problem on Third Street. Mayor Kelly said that he knew Officer Dissinger wanted to speak with Mrs. Labie and he planned to call her tomorrow evening while on duty to update her on this matter. C. Marquardt noted that Officer Dissinger attempted several times to contact the resident on Third Street with no success. A letter of complaint will be sent certified and if there is still no response then the matter will go to the magistrate. As for A Street, C. Marquardt said that Officer Dissinger told the man to cleanup the area. He could use a tarp to cover it in the meantime but that is not a remedy. Mrs. Labie added that if there were no further action she would contact Channel 16.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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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.

The Mayor asked permission to replace the printer in the police office. The old one was not working and is beyond repair. Motion to approve the purchase of a printer at a cost of \$149.99 made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mr. Kelly noted that the Police Committee conducted an interview with Arthur Dissinger as a possibility for filling a vacancy as a part time police officer. Motion to make an offer of a part time police officer position to Mr. Arthur Dissinger at a rate of \$8.00 per hour made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor Kelly informed council that he needed permission to set dates and times for Trick or Treat and arrange for police and fire police protection. Motion to set Trick or Treat night on Saturday, October 30, 2004 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to give permission to The Good Time Club to hold their annual Halloween Parade on Sunday, October 31, 2004 beginning at 2:00 PM and have the Mayor arrange the necessary traffic control made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

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

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CDBG application 2004 – R. Krick will meet with Don Cuff from Entech Engineering to discuss details of planning to apply for funds for repairs on the lower end of West Ogden Street. Motion to incur engineering costs necessary to file the application made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to adopt Resolution 2004-8, allowing a \$0.50 per capita tax to be collected as part of the NSPB regional downtown revitalization program with DCED made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to purchase the annual updates for the police department made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the resignation of Gabriel Tenaglia from the Girardville Area Municipal Authority made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise to fill two vacancies on the Authority made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

List of bills read by C. Marquardt. Motion to pay bills as submitted with the addition of AMC, stone for playground in the amount of \$243.31, made by , second. Question? J. Chiaretti questioned the water bill for the borough hall building. This will be checked. None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Recreation: Work is proceeding on the Richard Street Preston Avenue project. Drainage is being installed and the equipment should be in before the weather turns.

Finance: J. Chiaretti reported that the finance committee will meet with the intent to hold the line. Borough vehicles need work and the committee will review police and borough employee's salaries. Will have a tentative budget for the November meeting.

Recycling: C. Marquardt reported that the County program went extremely well. About \$1900.00 was collected. He thanked everyone involved for their cooperation and participation and is looking forward to next year.

FLOOR

Mrs. Betty Moran, on behalf of Girardville PRIDE thanked the council for their support. The yard sale was a success and everything was cleaned up immediately afterward.

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

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** November 11, 2004 **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, Mayor J. Kelly,
Solicitor E. Mika

Members absent: J. Chiaretti (personal), J. Quinn (personal)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. E. Labie thanked Officer Dissinger and Council for their assistance in the matter on A Street. She said, it is nice to see things progressing and, hopefully this will lead to making a dent in a similar problem on Third Street.

She also noted that there are residents who put their trash out days before the scheduled pickup and this can be a problem by bringing skunks into the neighborhood.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

Mayor's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept as read made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried. M.B. Dougherty added the call sheets from the County Communications Center for the month of October.

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Mayor Kelly asked Council's permission for the police department to get a free demo of a program that allows most of the required paperwork to be completed and accessed online. A motion to approve requesting a free demo from Blue Crystal and inquire about purchase price made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Prodesign Plus CDBG report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept as submitted made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to adopt Resolution 2004-8 – applying for CDBG funds for the purpose of installing storm water drains on West Ogden Street made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise the 2005 tentative budget as submitted for consideration with no real estate tax increase, made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. There was some discussion concerning a wage increase for the police department. C. Marquardt suggested that Council might wish to discuss this matter further.

In answer to questions received from several residents, the borough workers will begin leaf collections some time next week. Residents are asked to sweep leaves into the gutters or if it is an area where the leaf-vac will not fit to bag them for collection.

Letter of interest received from Susan Gomosky to serve on the Girardville Area Municipal Authority. Motion to appoint Susan Gomosky to fill one of two current vacancies on the Authority made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

List of bills read by C. Marquardt. Motion to pay bills as submitted with the addition of the monthly bill from Toole, Mika & Jones made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Message from DEP that there will be sampling activity at the former West End Park the week of November 8, 2004.

American Legion – request to place a decommissioned mail box in front of the post home for the purpose of collecting old flags that need to be destroyed. Motion to allow made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: Mayor Kelly noted that the Christmas decorations would be installed this Saturday, November 13, 2004. He reminded residents not to block the poles, which are posted.

He also noted that Santa will arrive, as usual, on Thanksgiving Day at 5:00 PM. Santa will be escorted around town by the fire companies and will be seeing the children at the Girard Hose Company on East Main Street immediately afterwards.

Recreation: C. Marquardt reported that work is expected to be completed on the playground installation at Richard Street and Preston Avenue. There was some vandalism, which was reported, and several youths apprehended. The Borough will pursue this matter.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Mika informed that the paperwork on the \$5,000 grant for park project fencing was approved and required signatures for acceptance.

FLOOR

Mrs. Labie noted that the Girardville Pride Organization wanted permission to hold a meeting on Monday, November 15, 2004 to discuss the Christmas lights and using Mr. Krick's tree as a community tree. C. Marquardt added that he understood that Mr. Groody was putting the lights on the tree when he was here to install the decorations. He suggested that members of the group get in touch with each other.

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

Respectfully submitted

Mary Ambrose

Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. DATE: December 9, 2004 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, J. Marquardt, J. Quinn,
Solicitor E. Mika

Members late: Mayor J. Kelly arrived at 7:15 PM

PUBLIC COMMENT

No members of the public present

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Motion to accept the Minutes, Treasurer's report, Tax collector's report, Mayor's report, and Prodesign Plus monthly reports as submitted made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

It was noted that the Borough's Community Development Block Grant application was submitted to the County.

NEW BUSINESS

Building permit ordinance – council decided to schedule a work session to discuss this on Monday, December 15, 2004 at 5:30 PM.

Motion to appoint Thomas Yesalavage for a five (5) year term to the Girardville Area Municipal Authority made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Letter of interest from Shannon Smith for the empty seat on the Municipal Authority. Council decided to table this for review.

Announcement of Christmas tree pickup collection scheduled for week of January 10, 2005. This information will be posted and sent to the local newspapers.

Motion to adopt the tentative budget for 2005 made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise the 2005 tax levy ordinance at 11.7 mills made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise tentative budget for public inspection made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to approve and advertise meeting dates for 2005 with a change for the November work session the 9th made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to have the solicitor prepare and send out bid letters for the 2005 tax anticipation note for \$40,000.00 made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to set special meeting for adoption of 2005 budget and advertise same for December 30, 2004 at 8:00 AM made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to allow the Upper Schuylkill Organization hold a meeting in the borough hall on January 3, 2005 at 6:00 PM made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to allow Girardville Pride to hold a meeting in the borough hall on January 17, 2005 at 7:00 PM 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 made by J. Chiaretti, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to transfer \$6200.00 from Liquid Fuels Account to the General Fund account made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? This is an allowable reimbursement of payroll expenses. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ranger Hose Company – Thank you note for use of building for a successful fundraiser.

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PSAB – notice of charge for annual subscription The Borough News.
Council decided not to purchase a 2005 subscription

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: M.B. Dougherty noted there was nothing to report. C. Marquardt added that he was going to request an executive session for personnel matters regarding the police department.

Street: R. Krick reported that the CDBG application has been filed for the storm drain project on the lower end of West Ogden Street.

The pickup truck needs repairs to the straps for the gas tank.

Recreation: The first load of mulch has been roughed out in the playground at Richard and Preston. The work will be completed this week depending upon the weather. PP&L was contacted about moving the light from the Oak Street location to Richard and Preston. Decision needs to be made whether to install a 70 watt light or a 100 watt light. Council decided to keep the 100 watt light as that is what is currently in the playgrounds.

OTHER BUSINESS

R. Krick commented about Council being approached by the owners of Radio station WQDD. They are looking for a place to put a small tower so they can broadcast. He spoke to them about using some of his property. J Quinn expressed concerns about placing something like that on borough owned property. E. Mika suggested that placement of even a small tower should be discussed with the insurance carrier. He added that they should come to a public meeting and make a presentation. The matter was tabled.

FLOOR

Motion to adjourn made by, second. Vote. All.

Respectfully submitted
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SPECIAL MEETING

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** December 30, 2004 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened by Council Vice- President Robert Krick.

ROLL CALL

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

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Matters concerning adoption of 2005 budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public present.

BUSINESS

Motion to adopt Ordinance # 2004-3 – tax levy 2005 in the amount of 11.7 mills made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt the proposed 2005 budget as advertised and displayed with anticipated income/expenditures in the amount of \$310,730.00 made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to approve Minersville Safe Deposit Bank & Trust as lender for the 2005 Tax Anticipation Note as lowest bidder at 2.4% interest made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to have the solicitor complete the necessary documents for the tax anticipation note in the amount of \$40,000.00 from Minersville Safe Deposit Bank & Trust Company made by J Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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Motion to adopt Resolution 2004-9 authorizing the borrowing made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion for Council and Mayor to forego their fourth (4th) quarter pay, money to be used instead to pay bills due prior to end of the year made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

C. Marquardt and Mayor Kelly were polled on this matter prior to the meeting and both agreed to this motion.

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

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer