

BOROUGH OF GIRARDVILLE

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg.

DATE: January 13, 2005

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 late: J. Chiaretti (arrived 7:30)

Members absent: J. Quinn

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Open seat on the Municipal Authority – tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve the annual renewal of the agreement with the Fire Chief, Frank Zangari, paying him one dollar per day made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to approve of the list of bills allowed to be paid automatically made by R. Krick, M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to allow the Treasurer to submit the 2004 books to Dennis Mensch for review made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to authorize Prodesign Plus to complete the 2004 CDBG annual report made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Council received a request from E. Dougherty, tax collector, that they consider implementing a fee for responses regarding requests for information from mortgage companies. E. Mika noted that title companies clear tax data. He added that any action would need to be in the form of an ordinance. M.B. Dougherty said she would check into getting a copy of a current ordinance. Motion to allow the solicitor to research tax certifications and fees by R. Krick, 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 R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Girardville Senior Citizens – donation of \$300.00 towards fuel bill as thank you from the group. Council thanked the Seniors for their generous donation.

Ashland Cub Scouts – request for use of building 1/15 for the annual Pine Wood Derby. Motion to allow made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Literacy Council Schuylkill County – request for use of building for tutoring programs. Motion to allow use of the building for tutoring during regular business hours made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Auditor General – police pension closeout

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street: M.B. Dougherty informed council that there are traffic control devices available through a PADOT grant. Crosswalks would need to be painted at the intersections where these devices are to be placed. She suggested that Council consider use of these devices along Main Street at the intersections of Julia, Richard, and William Streets. Motion to proceed with the grant application and return through Patrice Radar's office made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

J. Cusati asked about the requirements of yielding to pedestrians and traffic stopping at these intersections. M.B. Dougherty noted that it would be necessary to educate residents on using the walkways.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council received a request for Schuylkill County Juvenile Probation to sponsor a project involving children from the North Schuylkill School District. Motion to cooperate with County probation on projects made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mr. Chiaretti arrived (7:30pm)

R. Krick suggested that council consider posting the bill lists prior to the meeting. He recommended that copies of the list be available for residents at the meeting. Copies of the current bill list submitted for approval are to be placed on the entrance table for resident access prior to the monthly meeting.

R. Krick also requested that there be a logbook, kept in the office, to register any complaints concerning the street department. Residents calling or stopping in should leave their name and phone numbers allowing follow ups to be conducted.

R. Krick also noted, considering the problems with severe weather recently, Council should consider making the borough hall building available as an emergency shelter. It was decided to form a committee to explore the feasibility of installing a generator to supply power to the building in the event of a prolonged power outage. Motion to appoint J. Chiaretti and R. Krick to investigate this matter made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

J. Chiaretti addressed those present concerning the increasing costs of cable television service in the community. He added that it is important to get the word out to the residents that Service Electric offers a basic cable package, which includes all the local stations for approximately \$20.00 per month. He felt it important to get the word out that this program is available.

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No comments.

At this time, Council went into executive session to discuss police personnel matter.

Upon reconvening, C. Marquardt noted that the matter discussed is being tabled subject to review.

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

Respectfully submitted

Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** February 10, 2005 **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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Open seat on Girardville Area Municipal Authority – tabled

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Motion to authorize the solicitor to advertise an ordinance authorizing and setting fees for real estate tax certifications made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? Vote. M.B. Dougherty – abstained from this vote due to conflict. Motion passed by majority assent.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to adopt Resolution 2005 – 2 empowering Berkheimer to impose and retain costs of collection of delinquent taxes made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to renew the 2005-06 salt purchasing contract for 44 tons through the PA State Piggyback purchase program made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to participate in the Wright Fleet Express monthly billing program for the payment of Federal gasoline taxes as outlined in their policy made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2005-3 allowing the Ancient Order of Hibernians to regulate vendor permits for the St. Patrick Day parade, 2005 made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

C. Marquardt informed those present of the changes to the parade route. He also noted that information about participating in the house decorating contest is posted around town. There is to be a meeting on Monday, January 21, 2005 with Chief Adam Bernodin from Ashland to discuss the planning of the police protection for the parade. He suggested that any council member available plan to attend. As soon as the meeting time is set, everyone will be notified.

Motion to authorize no parking and street closing as requested by the parade committee 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 R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Motion to allow Motor License Fund bills to be paid from the General Fund made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

L&I – return of check for solvency in unemployment claims – this matter to be given to the solicitor for investigation.

Pastor Stratton – letter concerning use of classroom in school building

Northern Schuylkill Council of Governments – Police Regionalization survey

L&L Boiler – quote on repairs to boilers in school building (forwarded to Entech)

Ancient Order of Hibernians – information letter about parade

Public Utility Commission (PUC) – notice of final inspection 2/18/04

PA Dept of Community & Economic Development (DCED) – e-mail notice of opportunity to comment on disaster relief for specific weather related storm.

LTAP – information on uniform street signage

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: M.B. Dougherty noted that there is an initial survey for participation in the planned police regionalization study. Motion to complete and forward the survey through the Council of Governments made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. She added that the representative at the COG meeting explained how their program works. They have a \$1.5 million dollar budget, 24 full time officers, 24 vehicles equipped with lap tops and printers. The police budgets of Mahanoy City, Ashland and Frackville are approximated \$1.8 million dollars with 15 full time officers. This survey is the beginning of preliminary stages and the COG is hoping that the larger communities are willing to participate.

Recreation: C. Marquardt noted that a street light was installed on Richard Street at Preston Avenue to help light up the new playground.

OTHER BUSINESS

The matter of the traffic control devices was brought up for discussion. M.B. Dougherty informed everyone that the borough has received the three devices requested. This program is going to be rolled out by all participating municipalities around Memorial Day. This will allow for uniform announcements.

Mrs. E. Labie told Council that the Girardville Pride organization received a donation from Lowe's for beautification of the town. The group is currently looking into locations, preferably on the Main Street to install benches. The only lot on Main Street that the borough owns is going to be the site of a Tot Park and the plans would need to be consulted before anything could be added. C. Marquardt suggested that this matter be discussed further as Council is more than happy to support any projects. It was noted that both Mr. Chiaretti and Mr. Quinn attend the "Pride" meetings.

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

Upon reconvening, council noted that the personnel problem was resolved and the necessary paperwork has been completed and submitted to the State for processing.

Motion to authorize the solicitor to review the borough's rubbish ordinance and if necessary add a clause requiring proof of payment for proper trash disposal made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

FLOOR

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:** March 10, 2005 **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
Mr. Mika

Members absent: Mr. Kelly

Arrived late: J. Chiaretti (7:05 PM)

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment at this time.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

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

Prodesign Plus CDBG report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E. Mika noted that due to the annual event of the St. Patrick's Day parade it has been discovered that the borough's special events ordinance is inadequate. Motion to have the solicitor investigate an update an outside vendor ordinance made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

William Street cribbing – PUC notice received that the borehole were done in the wrong location. Reading Blue Mountain has given a time frame of May 31, 2005, for removal of brush and trees. Core samples are to be taken from the correct location. These samples are to be submitted within 60 days. Council will wait for further correspondence from the PUC on the remedies for the problems with the retaining wall.

NEW BUSINESS

R. Krick received a request for a letter of support from borough council for a proposed project with the Packer #5 borehole discharge. The County Conservation office and others are making a proposal for the reclamation of iron oxide. Motion to send a letter of support for this proposed project made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? J. Chiaretti asked if there would be any cost to the borough. R. Krick told him there would be no costs to the borough. The letter is looking for a grant for engineering and eventually the project proposes to use Growing Greener funding. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2005-4 – participation in the State Cooperative purchasing program made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. This is a required renewal of the participation agreement. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise an ordinance establishing a fee for requests for duplicate tax receipts and tax certifications made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. M.B. Dougherty abstained, all others voted aye. Motion carried.

Request from the American Legion to host an Easter Egg Hunt at the East End Playground on March 26, 2005. Motion to allow made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. 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. Motion to add Wright Fleet Fueling to the approved for automatic payment made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

DCED – notice of KOZ approval for school building
Labor & Industry – U/C solvency

There was a question concerning the PA Unemployment Compensation Bureau's solvency program. The check for annual participation was returned for being received too late. After some investigation, it was suggested to M.B. Dougherty that council send a letter explaining the possible reasons for the delay. Motion to send a letter to PA U/C concerning the delay in payment of the annual solvency fee made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

National Flood Program – requesting any information regarding flood plains, new maps being prepared

React Environmental Services – Notice of remediation – John Street

COG Meeting notice – March 23, 2005. M.B. Dougherty informed council that Girardville is the only community to return the regional police surveys to date. E. Mika asked if the COG is still considering a joint appeals board. M.B. Dougherty noted that there has been no response to names for an appeals board. Shenandoah asked if they could participate despite not using the same inspectors. She added that she would bring this question up at the next meeting.

William Devany – regarding dilapidated property next door to his home. C. Marquardt informed council he will respond to this letter. Draft of response by M.B. Dougherty.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: Officer M. Dissinger reported that a meeting concerning police protection for the parade was held and everything is organized. There will be 8 – 10 officers on duty with staggered hours of 11:00 am – 7:00 pm and 12:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Girardville will have our officers on duty until 12:00 am.

OTHER BUSINESS

J. Chiaretti reported that investigation into possible using the borough hall for an emergency shelter, which would require setting up an emergency generator, would cost the borough upwards of \$3,000.00. The cost of the generator alone would be approximately \$1,500.00 and there is the expense of doing the necessary wiring. R. Krick suggested that Mr. Chiaretti get hard numbers so that council can look for some type of funding for this project. M.B. Dougherty suggested approaching Senator Rhoades' office for a DECD grant of \$5,000.00.

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Mrs. E. Labie asked what if any action is being taken concerning the van and properties on Third Street. Officer M. Dissinger reported that the owner is making efforts to clean up the property and the van is licensed, insured, and inspected so it is legally parked at this time.

Mrs. Labie also expressed concern about a vehicle parked in front of her property on A Street being moved in time for the parade. C. Marquardt told her that this vehicle would be moved in plenty of 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:** April 14, 2005 **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. E. Burns thanked council on behalf of the Girardville Basketball Association. He reported the season was a great success. The Association will not be making a donation towards fuel this year due to spending in excess of \$3,000.00 to repair the heaters in the gym. The expected grant did not come through. They are discussing refinishing the floor and painting the ceiling at the same time. It will brighten up the gym and painting the ceiling while the floor is being refinished there will lessen the chance of damaging the new finish. New toilets have been installed in the bathrooms.

Mr. Burns thanked council on behalf of the Ancient Order of Hibernians for all their assistance in another successful St. Patrick's Day parade. Mr. J. McNelis (Muche) sends his thanks and appreciation for everything and is looking forward to next year. One complaint voiced by residents was an insufficient number of job johnnies which lead to some public urination. Mr. Burns noted that the concern was already being addressed and there would be more next year.

C. Marquardt asked Mr. Burns if he would be available in May for work on the new playgrounds. Mr. Burns asked that Council contact him at a later date as he recently took a new job and time may not allow his participation in installing the new parks.

Mr. Burns asked the status of the former West End Park. A resident in the area interested in purchasing a portion approached him. C. Marquardt informed him that the area is still under DEP control and council can do nothing with it at this time. On the same note,

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J. Chiaretti noted that kids seem to be digging in the area, building ramps etc.
C. Marquardt said he would have the police officers chase anyone seen there and check into posting some no trespassing signs.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

Mayor's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept as read made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried. Mr. Kelly requested that the solicitor check the 1973 truck tarp ordinance and look into increasing the fines. E. Mika noted that borough code does have limitations on fines but he could check into putting more teeth into the current ordinance. Motion to have the solicitor review Ordinance 73-4 with a view to the possibility of raising the current fines made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Prodesign Plus CDBG report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept the report as submitted made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried. Due to the new grant received, it is necessary to open a separate account for the draws. Motion to open a checking account for the Home Project Grant made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The matter of an outside vendor ordinance was tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

As the tax collector receives numerous requests from residents and title agencies for copies of tax bills and certifications of real estate taxes an ordinance allowing fees for these services has been proposed. Motion to adopt ordinance 2005-2 allowing the tax collector to collect fees for requests for copies of tax bills and certification requests made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. M.B. Dougherty abstained the motion was carried by a majority.

Motion to sign and submit the requested power of attorney for TALX for purposes of representing the borough in Pennsylvania Unemployment Compensation proceedings

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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 made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Motion to pay \$10,000.00 on the principal of the tax anticipation note made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Received the executed copy of the Home (housing rehab) project. Contacted Prodesign to inform them of this and to have them set up the new program.

Conrad Siegel – copy of letter from Tom Zimmerman to PA State office of municipal pensions regarding the status of the pension fund and requesting consideration of allowing the borough to continue to hold these funds until the question of a regional police department is investigated.

Schuylkill County Commissioners – survey to be completed regarding comprehensive planning

Schuylkill County EMA – training session April 25, 2005

Patrice Radar – Girardville “walkable communities” request to host meeting in borough hall on June 23rd 8:00am – 12:00 pm. Motion to participate in this program made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

M.B. Dougherty added that on May 4th at 12:00 pm Mark Hood from LTAP wants to meet and walk through town and discuss safe streets. This is being offered with no consulting fees and is part of the bigger project in June. This will help if the borough continues to participate and apply for funds for safer street. Both R. Krick and J. Quinn said they would be able to participate.

NS COG – request for names of suggested members for the UCC board of appeals Motion to submit the names already in place for the borough and attempt to get other communities to submit names as well made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Senator Rhoades – notice his office will file DCED application for borough hall generator.

Schuylkill County CDBG – demolition projects applications. E. Mika reminded council that the CDBG application for demolition has a very short time frame and properties need

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to be identified. He suggested forming a committee. C. Marquardt recommended that all serve and review the town and a meeting be set up to meet and go over the properties as council already has a good idea of which properties need to be considered.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: M.B. Dougherty requested an executive session to discuss personnel matters.

Recreation: C. Marquardt reported that they are looking at May as a start date for the installation of new equipment at the East End Park and then work will begin on the Main Street Tot Lot.

OTHER BUSINESS

M.B. Dougherty noted that last time the borough requested an updated list from Berkheimer for collection of the old OPT, currently the new EMS tax there was no response. Motion to send a letter to J. Bush, Berkheimer representative, formally requesting a copy of the current list of residents made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

At this time, Council went into executive session to discuss police personnel matters – 7:40 pm.

The meeting was reconvened at 8:25 pm when C. Marquardt announced that the matters discussed are being tabled and will be monitored.

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

Respectfully submitted

Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer

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**GIRARDVILLE BOROUGH COUNCIL
MEETING SIGN IN SHEET APRIL 2005**

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. DATE: May 12, 2005 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. K. Malloy noted that she heard that a woman moving from Shenandoah to Ringtown was required to have a police clearance and asked if the borough could do something similar. Mr. Mika informed her that everyone has a fundamental right to live where they so choose and that any occupancy permits challenged are thrown out of court. A property owner can decide whom he will rent to but a municipality cannot decide who can or cannot live in the community, as that is discrimination.

Mrs. S. McMonegal asked if there was any progress in the investigation to the damage done at the American Legion's war memorial. Mayor Kelly informed her that the matter is currently under investigation.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

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

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Open seat on GAMA – tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve the renewal of the Geisinger medical coverage for employees made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to send a letter to the Schuylkill County Housing Authority in support of their seeking funding for single family rental units made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

E. Mika presented to Council a draft of a revision to the current tarp ordinance. The District Magistrate, upon prosecution, decides upon the amount of the fine up to \$1,000.00. Council will review this for consideration at next month's meeting.

E. Mika presented to Council a draft of a revision of the current ordinance regulating outside vendors. Council tabled this for review.

BILLS

List of bills read by C. Marquardt. Motion to pay bills as submitted, add payment of \$10,000 to Minersville Safe Deposit for the Tax note, and transfer \$700.00 from the General Fund to the School fund made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Request – John Kitsock for a driveway at 141 West Ogden Street. Due to some confusion of the exact location indicated in this request this matter is tabled until next month's meeting.

Request – Patricia Selleck for a driveway at 247 North Second Street. The recommendation of the street committee is that this request be denied. Motion to deny

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Mrs. Selleck's request for a driveway permit made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti.
Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: Motion to advertise for police officers made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Recreation: C. Marquardt noted that work should begin soon on the installation of the remaining playground equipment.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Mika informed council that the Mayor handed him a copy of the current open container, from 1972, with a fine of \$10.00. The Mayor is requesting that council consider reviewing and revising this ordinance to bring it up to date. Open containers are a problem in town.

Due to numerous complaints about loitering, questions were raised concerning the current ordinance and enforcement. E. Mika agreed that the current ordinance is vague but deliberately so. Enforcing anti-loitering ordinances can be difficult as the Constitution gives every citizen the right of free speech and the right to assemble. The ordinance as it stands can be enforced and usually if one or two people are cited it serves as a deterrent to actual loitering. Mr. J. Kilker added that most people cited under such ordinances do not request a review.

Motion to put both of these items into the solicitor's hands for review and recommendation at next month's meeting made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty.
Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

It was asked from the floor if the borough has a curfew and the answer to the question is, yes, the borough does have a curfew ordinance.

M.B. Dougherty reminded everyone about the ribbon cutting ceremony on May 18th at Rose's Floral Creations on Main Street. She requested that anyone who could attend do so.

Also, Patty Rader asked that everyone be reminded of the press conference kicking off the use of the pedestrian channeling devices in Ashland on May 23rd at 10:00 AM.

FLOOR

J. Kilker asked if the borough has a Sewer Enforcement Officer (SEO). He was told that Fisher Engineering is currently the borough's SEO.

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He asked if there was any progress on a Code Enforcement officer. He was told that currently there is no Code Enforcement officer but if he knows of someone interested, they should send a letter of interest to the Council.

Girardville Pride is considering starting an "Adopt a Block" program. This would allow residents to take care of a specific block in town, helping to keep everything neat and perhaps a littering crime watch. R. Krick said that the "Adopt a Block" program was discussed at the work session and with some coordination the borough could assist by picking up any trash that is collected if the work was all done on the same weekend perhaps. J. Chiaretti asked if there is a list of adopted blocks. J. Kilker said that more details would be available after Pride's next meeting.

At this time, council went into executive session to discuss police personnel matters. Upon resumption of the meeting, it was announced that the matters discussed are still under consideration.

M.B. Dougherty made a motion that Council move forward to submit a demolition application pending a meeting with the County to discuss funding the project. Motion seconded by J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor Kelly added that he did not receive a letter of request yet from the American Legion but presumes that they will hold their annual Memorial Day Parade on May 31st at 9:00 AM and he asked for council's permission to make the necessary arrangements to see that all runs smoothly. Motion to approve the Memorial Day Parade and all necessary arrangements made by M. B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer

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BOROUGH OF GIRARDVILLE

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** June 9, 2005 **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 public comment 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 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
J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

C. Marquardt asked that once again Mr. Quinn in conjunction with F. Zangari and the Mayor
begin to remove any abandoned vehicles.

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

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

M.B. Dougherty added that Frank Zangari expressed concerns and questions about installation of propane heaters in borough homes. He recommends that permits be necessary for installation, primarily to educate the homeowner about the safety concerns regarding cleaning and detectors. There was also an instance where propane tanks were installed directly on the sidewalk in front of a home on Main Street. These tanks have since been moved. E. Mika noted that there is likely an ordinance prohibiting the storage of tanks on a sidewalk. The general premise is that public sidewalks are regulated and any hazardous substances in view and accessible to the public should be regulated.

Motion to have the solicitor review the matter of requiring permits for propane heating services and regulating propane tanks and other fuel sources on sidewalks and come back with recommendations made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

In the matter of J. Kitsock's driveway request, M.B. Dougherty suggested that a letter be sent requesting his attendance at next month's work session to discuss exactly what his request entails. Motion to send the letter made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to re-advertise the open seat on the Girardville Area Municipal Authority made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

E. Mika introduced the revised ordinance requiring traps on vehicles carrying loads that could spill out onto borough streets. Motion to advertise for adoption at next month's meeting made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

E. Mika suggested that further review of the draft of the ordinance regulating outside vendors is necessary. He suggested discussing the draft with other organizations to which the Mayor might delegate authority to under this ordinance. Tabled.

Renewal of the borough's property/liability insurance tabled pending contact with Mike Bulino regarding possible changes to some types of coverage.

Motion to renew the worker's compensation policy with The State Worker's Insurance Fund (SWIF) with an annual premium of \$12,431.00 made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the new employee handbook as drafted by J. Quinn and E. Mika made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Mr. Mika recommended that a procedure be implemented to ensure distribution and acknowledgement by each employee. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

Motion to pay the bills as submitted with the addition of \$10,000.00 to Minersville Safe Deposit Bank against the tax anticipation note made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Schuylkill County Assessor – request that all information on building permits be sent to the County office.

D. Mensch – received 2004 review.

Dept of Auditor General – received audit report Police Pension Fund 2001, 2002, 2003

DEP – notice of payment of grant paving recycling center

State Workers' Insurance – notice of new payment system installed.

State Workers' Insurance – notice of receipt of power of attorney to TALX for unemployment matters.

ARMC – invitation to ribbon cutting, June 20, 2005.

DCED – acceptance of the 2001 & 2002 audits for expenditure of federal money.

PA DOT – notice of paving schedule for Main Street – tentative date week of June 27th.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: M.B. Dougherty reminded people about the meeting regarding pedestrian crosswalks and also noted that there is the possibility of money being available to assist with the cost of various improvements. It was suggested that perhaps the words School Zone could be painted on the road. Cost estimates for various projects should be looked into incase funds become available. She also reminded everyone about the “Walkable Communities Program” planed for June 23rd at the Borough Hall from 8:00 AM – to 12:00 PM.

North Central Highway is currently running a “Buckle Up PA” program with money available for extra police time to promote pedestrian safety. The borough needs cost estimates for a program to run perhaps in August, September and October.

M.B. Dougherty also noted that there is the possibility of PADOT absorbing the cost of the installation of a traffic signal as part of the paving project. It might be too late but she will check into it.

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Street: R. Krick asked if offered does the borough want the road millings.

M.B. Dougherty noted that the only question would be the possible need for a storage permit if they were not used immediately.

OTHER BUSINESS

C. Marquardt noted that the County recycling cleanup would be held earlier this year. The dates scheduled are September 15, 16, 17, 2005. Times for drop off will be well advertised.

E. Mika asked if the CDBG application for the proposed project was filed on time.

M.B. Dougherty informed him that the paperwork was completed and delivered to the county on time. Mr. Mika requested permission to contact the bank to see if they are willing to release the lien and then the property would pass with a clear title. Motion to have the solicitor pursue a private sale and request that Wachovia Bank release the lien made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mrs. P. Selleck requested that council explain their decision to deny her request for a driveway exit from her property onto North Second Street. J. Chiaretti told her that council agreed to review this request again and still strongly agree that it is not a safe exit. She then raised the question about using the right of way at the back of her property. There is supposed to be an extension of Reed Street there but the neighbors on Beech Street have erected a storage shed. R. Krick said that this matter needed to be discussed with the solicitor as a search of street records would require an intensive search.

M.B. Dougherty suggested that Mrs. Selleck put her new request in writing along with a drawing of the requested access.

Mr. J. Connors asked if a private corporation has the same responsibilities for property maintenance as a single homeowner. E. Mika informed him that the obligations are the same for corporation as for an individual.

FLOOR

Mrs. E. Labie asked if something could be done about the dumpster located on the corner of Main and Second Streets. It is an eyesore and is now beginning to attract rodents as people are throwing garbage in there.

She also asked about having something done with the trash and trashcans outside the Second Street Pub. The cans sit out all week and trash is accumulated all week as well. This is unsightly and obstructs the sidewalk. M.B. Dougherty said that the Mayor would have the officer check into these matters.

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: July 14, 2005 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, R. Krick, J. Quinn
Mayor J. Kelly, Solicitor E. Mika

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. E. Labie thanked everyone involved in the removal of the various junk cars from around town.

She also commended the owner of the property on Richard Street, which is being demolished. This project is moving along very quickly and neatly. She asked if Council could do something about the property on East Mahanoy Avenue, which is a disgrace. The demolition has been in process for about three (3) years now. C. Marquardt said he would address this matter with the solicitor.

Mrs. Labie asked if anything was being done concerning high grass and weeds. C. Marquardt told her that M.B. Dougherty has a list of properties and notices ready to go.

Mrs. Labie asked if the properties on Third Street could be checked again. The porches are a fire hazard.

Ms. S. Disabella reported problems with the property adjoining hers. She is experiencing leaks and other damages. She reported following this matter as far as she could. She received an address in California from the Court House and an attorney in Harrisburg. Attempts to contact these people yielded no response. J. Chiaretti commended her on her follow up and for coming to Council with her information. C. Marquardt added that he would discuss the matter with the solicitor regarding R. Cuff, the property owner. Mayor

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Kelly said he would send the officer to visit R. Cuff again and would keep Ms. Disabella informed.

E. Mika asked Mrs. Labie if the matter of finding a code enforcement officer was discussed at the P.R.I.D.E. meeting. Mrs. Labie said that code enforcement was discussed but the question of someone there volunteering was not brought up. She suggested that this become a paying position based on the fines assessed and that someone from out of town fill the position.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

Mayor's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept as read made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Questions? R. Krick questioned the weed complaints reported. Mayor Kelly said he believed that citations were filed. M.B. Dougherty asked if he knew if the names on the list corresponded with her list of current complaints. Mayor Kelly said he would check after the meeting. Mr. Mika asked if these were filed with the District Justice or if notices were served. Mr. Kelly said he did not know but would check. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council received a letter of interest from Lawrence Kachelries to fill the vacancy on the Sewer Authority. Motion to appoint Mr. Kachelries to fill the current vacancy made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Mr. Kachelries was in attendance. (Letter sent)

J. Kitsock – driveway request. No response to invitation to come to this month's work session and discuss questions that council has concerning this request. Matter tabled pending sending another letter. If no response by the August work session this matter will be dropped from the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Mika introduced to council for consideration for adoption, Ordinance #2005-2 – requiring tarping of trucks with increased fines. Motion to adopt Ordinance #2005-2 as advertised made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mr. Mika reintroduced the proposed ordinance regulating street vendors to council for advertisement. Motion to advertise this ordinance made by J. Quinn, second, J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to approve annual renewal of general liabilities insurance coverage with St. Paul/Travelers made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. The application was filled out by Mike Bulino, Seltzer Insurance and signed by R. Krick. The policies have an August 1st renewal date. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

Motion to pay the bills as submitted made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. C. Marquardt informed the public that the borough had signed contracts locking in oil prices with Aaron's oil. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

NS COG – information on PADOT requirements for traffic signs

NS COG – meeting July 27th, West Mahanoy Township

Berkheimer – annual audit report

DCED – notice requesting no calls regarding status of Community Revitalization Program Funding application (generator)

Auditor General – annual audit report Fireman's Relief Association

Highway Safety Project – a reimbursement program aimed at targeting aggressive drivers and traffic awareness. M.B. Dougherty will investigate this matter further.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: M.B. Dougherty reported that there is a personnel issue in the working stage for the committee's review.

Street: C. Marquardt asked permission to purchase a new weed whacker. Motion to allow this purchase made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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M.B. Dougherty noted that the borough applied for a PADOT grant for street safety. The application includes crosswalks, crossing signs, upgrade to the school zone blinkers, painting school zone on Main Street by the elementary school and painting diagonal parking lines on Main Street. This application is for \$19,000.00.

Recreation: C. Marquardt noted that it is necessary to replace 210 feet of fencing outside the B Street playground. He asked permission to order and install this fencing. Motion to obtain three price quotes and purchase 210 feet of fencing from the lowest quote made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

School: R. Krick noted that there is the possibility of installing an additional gas fired heater for the gym. This unit may be offered to the borough at no charge. He will wait the outcome of the discussions concerning the placement of propane tanks before proceeding.

Solicitor: Mr. Mika reported that he spoke with Frank Zangari, Fire Chief, on the propane issues. He requested that the borough hold off on any action until he could find regulating information through EMA or under Federal law governing propane. This is a safety problem and needs to be addressed.

The flood plain ordinance does need to be updated. This as a result of a meeting with Dane Huntzinger. The latest information has been sent to Don Cuff, Entech Engineering for review, as it needs to be tailored to the borough. R. Krick asked if this is required or is this optional. E. Mika said the correspondence stated that the ordinance must be revised.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Kelly noted that gunlocks are available again. There is a display in the hallway outside the office. These are free to the public as part of a gun safety program.

FLOOR

Mrs. E. Labie added that it is good to see the garbage cans removed from in front of the Second Street Pub. It makes a big difference. R. Krick added that he also had received positive comments on the same situation.

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 11, 2005 **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.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. E. Burns, representing the Girardville Basketball Association, addressed Council. He informed them of the recent improvements to the gym, particularly the refinishing of the floor and the new bleachers. He informed Mr. Krick of their planned schedule for the coming season and Mr. Krick responded by noting the concerns about heating the gym this winter due to the high costs of heating oil. Mr. Krick suggested they sit down and discuss the schedule. Mr. Burns requested stringent rules be enforced requiring court shoes be worn and Mr. Krick informed him that he tells everyone who rents the gym of this need but he is not a cop. Mr. Krick added that money is a big issue, that funds have to be generated, and rentals of the gym are necessary. M.B. Dougherty suggested holding an open house to generate some publicity and perhaps boost gym rentals. She also suggested that representatives of the basketball association draw up a list of rules and regulations for consideration by council.

Ms. S. Disabella asked if council found out any further information about the property adjacent to her owned by Mr. R. Cuff. Problems with the yard and house continue and she continues to suffer property damage as a result. C. Marquardt noted that apparently the mortgage companies claim they only hold the mortgage and are not responsible for the property itself. M.B. Dougherty said she is looking into this and other properties with similar problems.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

Mayor's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept as read made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? R. Krick noted that the number of hearings attended is missing from the report. Officer A. Dissinger said he attended 10 or 11 hearings. 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

The matter concerning J. Kitsock and his driveway request was satisfied during the work session.

Flood Plain Ordinance – tabled per solicitor pending necessary changes.

NEW BUSINESS

C. Marquardt introduced the Outside Vendor ordinance for adoption as advertised. Motion to adopt the proposed ordinance 2005-3 regulating outside vendors made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to file the requested form with the County Tax Claim bureau regarding 134 A Street made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Peter Teresavage submitted a letter of interest to fill the open code enforcement position. Motion to appoint Peter Teresavage to the position of code enforcement officer made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried. J. Chiaretti noted that a meeting would be set up with himself and Officer Dissinger to go over what this job will entail.

Motion made by M.B. Dougherty that Council send a letter to the Butler Township supervisors asking they request PADOT lower the speed limit into the borough from Homerville. This is in response to suggestions made regarding the safe streets programs the borough is participating in through PADOT. Motion seconded by J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt a policy requiring use of safety restraints by all passengers and drivers in the borough's police vehicles made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2005-5 requiring the M&T Investment Group dissolve the Girardville Borough Police Pension Fund and return the funds to the State Auditor General's office made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to allow the secretary to attend a Municipal Records Retention seminar on September 22, 2005 in Allentown and to pay the registration fee of \$50.00 made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? Vote. All. Motion carried.

Michael Dissinger submitted his letter of resignation as a borough police officer effective immediately. Motion to accept Officer Dissinger's resignation and thank him for his service made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All.

M.B. Dougherty informed council about a program offered through PADOT, which will allow communities to improve areas where children walk to school. Motion to have Prodesign Plus proceed with exploring an application to the PADOT "Hometown Safe Streets to School" grant made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

Motion to pay the bills as submitted made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Julia Carfrey – R.C. Topp Cat – looking for information on outdoor expansion of bar business. PA Liquor Control was informed that Council has no objections to the expansion of the license. The only requirement is that the owner acquires all required building permits.

American Legion Aux – request for use of building pie delivery August 31st Motion to allow the Auxiliary to use the building for their pie delivery made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All.

Court of Common Pleas – notice of proposed termination of lawsuit (Huntington)

Aaron's Oil – returned signed contracts

Conrad Siegel – letter with instructions for closing Police Pension Fund and returning funds to the State.

State Worker's Insurance – renewal information, notice of pending rate change, inspection of manuals, and premium reduction through safety committee formation.

North Schuylkill Landfill – notice of increase in tipping fees

Reading Blue Mountain & Northern R.R. – copy geotechnical report for retaining wall
R. Krick noted that the railroad's contention was that tapering the wall would solve the problem. The PUC ruling makes them liable for repairs to the wall.

PA DEP – final reports on the former West End Playground. DEP has recommendations for remediation of the pollution problems at this location if money becomes available. There is no funding currently available.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: M.B. Dougherty reported that the borough is participating in a grant program that targets aggressive drivers, seatbelt safety and education programs for pedestrian safety. Hours are scheduled, North Central Highway Safety did a presentation to the senior citizens, and presentations are planned for Immaculate School when the school year begins.

Street: Due to the continued absence of R. Schilling for medical reasons, council discussed the possibility of hiring someone in the interim. Motion to hire Kenneth Petusky on a per diem basis with the possibility of this becoming a full time position at the rate of \$8.00 per hour made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

M.B. Dougherty informed council that certified letters were sent to owners of properties with high grass/weeds. Response has been good.

Recreation: A concert in the park has been tentatively scheduled for September 11th. The Unico Band or the Third Brigade Band will be performing.

School: J. Petusky requested permission to purchase driveway sealer for the sidewalk area around the school building. Motion to expend the necessary funds to purchase sealer made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

At the request of the Senior Citizen group, council approved use of the entire council chamber for their annual indoor picnic, August 22nd.

Girardville PRIDE has a tentative date of October 1st for the town wide yard sale. Definite information will be available next month.

Reminder to residents and contractors that due to the new State requirements the borough requires building permits. Permits must be acquired prior to work beginning or fines will be levied.

Mrs. E. Labie asked that the new code enforcement officer investigate the chair sitting on the sidewalk on William Street outside the bank's side entrance. She added there is also a chair outside of Kerrigan's on East Mahanoy Avenue.

FLOOR

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 8, 2005 **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, R. Krick, J. Quinn
Mayor J. Kelly, Solicitor E. Mika

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. J. Parffit made a complaint about the Second Street Pub. She stated that they put out bar stools to block off parking spaces. R. Krick suggested that a letter be sent about this matter. Motion to have the solicitor send a letter to the owners notifying them of the violation and that citations will be issued made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. After some discussion, Mr. Mika suggested that the owners' be cited as they have been verbally warned in the past. Motion to amend the motion that the next occurrence of the owners' blocking the street to save parking spaces a citation be issued under the motor vehicle code and the written notice of these violations be given now made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Mr. Mika added that if the violations continue and citations are issued the borough has the option of going to the PLCB against his license.

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

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

E. Mika informed Council he would meet with Frank Zangari, Fire Chief, to discuss the concerns of propane tanks and the related issues. There should be a proposal for regulating the tanks in the near future.

E. Mika informed Council that he has a draft of the revised flood plain ordinance to be forwarded to Don Cuff, Entech Engineering, for input.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to accept, for health reasons, the resignation of Robert Schilling from the streets department made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the request from the Child Evangelism Fellowship to host a one week Day Camp July 17 – 21m 2006 made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise for a part-time police officer, with a deadline for application of October 7, 2005, made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to offer Kenneth Petusky a position as a full-time streets department employee at the current rate paid Robert Schilling (\$8.25 @hour) made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request by James Purcell for a handicapped parking space is referred to the Street Committee for recommendation.

The CDBG applications for 2006 are in and need to be filed by November 30, 2005. This to be discussed with the engineers.

D. Cuff, Entech Engineering will be forwarding a map of the proposed storm drain project on West Ogden Street. Due to the shortfall of funding, only a section of the project can be completed. Council will need to decide what portion of the project needs to be completed first. When the paperwork arrives, a Street Committee is to be set up.

Motion to re-name the gym the "Jim Rhoades Recreational Center" made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? M.B. Dougherty noted that this is a way of acknowledging all the financial assistance Senator Rhoades has given the borough for recreation over the years. We have benefited for not only the building but also our parks as well. Vote. All. Motion carried. It was suggested that a plaque be purchased and something worked out with the Senator's schedule to hold a dedication in the near future.

M.B. Dougherty introduced information concerning the Safe Routes to School grant program. She noted that Shenandoah is using this money to improve their downtown. This is an 80/20 program and the money can be used to install sidewalks, new streetlights, plant trees, etc. The borough match would be approximately \$24,000.00 but this money would not be reimbursable through the grant. The application deadline is the end of next month. She asked Council how they felt about expending these funds, perhaps floating a loan to enable the borough to participate, as the improvements are a value. J. Chiaretti noted that the borough needs new vehicles and faces other expenses. He asked if there is another period for application. M.B. Dougherty did not know if there were other application cycles or if this is the final deadline for participation. Questions were raised about being able to get the necessary design and engineering completed in time to meet the deadline. J. Chiaretti noted that this is only one program of several that council is checking in to and there are other options. No motion on the matter.

BILLS

Motion to pay the bills as submitted made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried. Motion to transfer funds as needed from the General Fund to the School Fund to pay those bills made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Schuylkill County Solid Waste Mgmt. – Check \$528.81, recycling grant 2004

PLCB – annual license fees, \$1700.00

NS COG – next meeting in Mahanoy City. M.B. Dougherty will turn in the paperwork concerning the UCC appeals board. This is a request for space to hold any possible hearings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street: R. Krick noted that the only thing outstanding is the mapping request for the Ogden Street drainage project and that is waiting paperwork from Don Cuff, Entech Engineering.

School: R. Krick told council that the basketball association submitted a list of rules for use of the gym. He has questions about a couple of them and council needs to review the requests. Most are reasonable.

Police: J. Kelly informed council that he received a scanner/copier/printer/fax machine as a donation for the police department. He asked that council consider installing a second phone line for use as a fax line. Council suggested that for now, when the fax is being utilized it can be turned on using the current phone line.

M.B. Dougherty asked if council was still going into executive session.

OTHER BUSINESS

The town wide yard sale will be held on October 1, 2005. Pre-registration is required and flyers are posted in various locations around town.

P. Teresavage, Code Enforcement Officer submitted his report to Council stating he had three calls this month. Two are closed and one is pending. Motion to accept the report as submitted made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to purchase business cards and a badge and holder for the code enforcement officer made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mr. Mika commended Mr. Teresavage for taking this job. He offered to assist in any way he could with filing of citations if notices are ignored and with steps for hearings.

FLOOR

Council went into executive session at 7:35 PM.

Council resumed their meeting after being in executive session to discuss police personnel matters at 8:35 PM.

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

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg.

DATE: October 13, 2005

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. E. Labie inquired about the vehicle on Oak Street as it is still there. It was to be towed. Officer Dissinger noted that the vehicle needs to be moved to a flat space and the owner does not answer the door. C. Marquardt suggested sending a certified letter through the police office informing the owner of the need to contact the police department.

Joanne Flynn, Butler Township, attended the meeting to lodge a complaint about the non-responsive nature of the borough in the matter of the theft of her purse. Officer Dissinger apologized for his seeming lack of response, informed the woman that the matter is under investigation and he did speak with her husband. The message left of the borough's answering machine was forwarded, the same day it was received, to the police department, as the secretary does not respond to police related calls. Mrs. Flynn was also concerned about the PA State Police response to her call. She noted that a call to the barracks received the response that the matter was "petty" and that the State Police do not respond in such matters. The desk person instructed her to contact the borough police department. M.B. Dougherty added; the matter of the State Police needs to be addressed. C. Marquardt asked M.B. Dougherty to contact the PA State Police about this matter. The call was made, October 4, 2005 between 1:00 – 3:00 PM.

In related matters, M.B. Dougherty noted that a resident on the same block called today about a theft and as of this evening received no response from the police officer. Officer Dissinger acknowledged receiving the message; he was out of the office on other police

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business and said he would return the call this evening. M.B. Dougherty said she was concerned about the lack of response to residents' calls and thought that the officer should give residents the courtesy of a return call.

M.B. Dougherty left the meeting at this point, 7:15 PM.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Flood plain ordinance remains tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to adopt resolution 2005-6 application for CDBG funds through the county for the storm water drainage project on West Ogden/Julia Streets made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to allow the Good Time Club to hold the annual Halloween Parade on Sunday, October 30, 2005 beginning at 2:00 PM at West Main and Julia Streets made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to set Trick – or – Treat night for the borough on Sunday, October 30, 2005 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. C. Marquardt reminded residents to turn on their porch lights to welcome the children. Officer Dissinger was instructed to inform the Mayor to set up Fire Police for traffic control.

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Motion to authorize Berkheimer to utilize electronic transfer of funds made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to authorize the Schuylkill County Treasurer's Office to utilize electronic transfer of funds made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Council received requests for handicapped parking spaces from James Purcell, 236 West Main Street and John Kitsock, 147 West Ogden Street. These requests were denied at the recommendation of the street committee. Letters of notification and return of application documents to be sent.

Request from Sharon Snyder, 119 North John Street for access to the back of her property to allow parking of a vehicle in her back yard. This matter was given to the street committee to research availability of access. Matter tabled.

BILLS

Motion to pay the bills as submitted made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Question? J. Quinn asked about the Prodesign bills and if the borough is going to be reimbursed for them. M.B. Dougherty left the meeting early and she could not answer to the status of the possibility of reimbursement through the grant. These bills to be paid immediately only if the borough has the necessary funds. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Auditor General – notice of receipt of returned police pension funds.

YMCA – copy of survey sent to residents regarding possible programs in the borough. R. Krick encouraged residents to reply to the survey. The response will directly affect the types of programs offered.

Seltzer Insurance – notice of completion of payroll audit for insurance purposes. No additional premium results.

NS COG – meeting 10/25 regarding setting up a UCC board of appeals.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street: R. Krick noted that survey forms are being sent to residents on West Ogden Street from Richard to Julia Streets. These are required by the county as part of qualifying for CDBG funds. The intended project will relieve the drainage problems in the area.

The salt for the 2005-6 winter season needs to be ordered.

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OTHER BUSINESS

C. Marquardt noted that the annual county sponsored fall clean up was a success.

FLOOR

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

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg.

DATE: November 10, 2005

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 reasons)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. E. Burns expressed concerns about a parking problem when the gym is being used. There were tickets issued to people parked facing the wrong way on A Street. His concern was that this has not been a problem before. He approached the officer, who he said simply continued writing the tickets. J. Chiaretti added that he was in the office working on the budget and was approached by Officer Dissinger asking if there were some agreement regarding parking for the gym. Mr. Chiaretti told him that he was unaware of any such agreement and expressed concerns in case of an emergency. People attending games park all the way to the corners and block the intersections. Emergency vehicles would have a difficult time getting down that block of A Street. C. Marquardt said he would discuss the matter with the Mayor. Council informed him that the officer has been enforcing this across the board in town and they are concerned if there are to be special circumstances regarding parking violations, as enforcement has to be uniform. Mr. L. Petusky asked why Girardville is the only town in the area enforcing this. Mr. Mika informed those present that if this is a borough ordinance or state requirement it has to be enforced. C. Marquardt noted that Ashland tickets for the same reasons.

Mr. M. Ritro complained about a ticket he received in connection with the new yellow lines at the intersections. Parked in front of Marrone's his front tires were outside the yellow line but the officer ticketed him stating that his rear tires were in violation. E. Mika said he was unfamiliar with this matter and would have to check into it. J. Chiaretti suggested that the ticket should have been challenged. R. Krick added that the addition of

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crosswalks causes the yellow lines at corners to be extended. Apparently the curbs were painted but the signs were yet to be moved.

Mr. E. Burns asked about the status of the YMCA and use of the gym. R. Krick noted that they requested a current schedule and since there is currently only one night a week available he does not know what they plan in the way of activities.

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.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Flood Plain ordinance 2005-4, ordinance revised to comply with the State guidelines. Motion to advertise the revised ordinance for adoption in December made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request from S. Snyder for access to the back of 119 North John Street through an undetermined fire access tabled at the suggestion of the solicitor for further investigation. R. Krick added that if this is granted it needs to be with the understanding that the borough will not plow back into the area.

NEW BUSINESS

GAMA – Butler Township seat on the board is up for renewal. P. Teresavage sent a letter of interest in continuing to serve in his capacity as Butler Twp. Representative. R. Krick expressed concern and suggested Council check to make certain Butler Twp receives the necessary notice.

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Good Time Club – request to post no parking signs for the installation of the Christmas decorations on Saturday November 19th. Also requested is permission to hold the annual Santa parade on Thursday November 25th at 5:00 PM. Motion to allow made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn.

2006 Budget – motion to advertise the 2006 budget and tax levy ordinance, setting the tax rate at 11.7 mills made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Question? M.B. Dougherty questioned the real estate numbers and it was discovered that the number stated did not allow the percentage for uncollectible. Mr. Chiaretti said he would adjust the totals as required. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint Mr. Peter Teresavage as the borough Health Officer made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

Motion to pay the bills as submitted and read made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? M.B. Dougherty asked if there was a way to change the name enrolled in the PA Mayor's Association. She was told that the name would be changed when the membership was sent. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Schuylkill County Assessment Bureau – 2006 assessed real estate values

NSCOG – meeting notice – 11/16, Shenandoah

Pocono Northeast RC&D Council – request their survey be completed and returned.

Prothonotary Office – notice of suit dropped (Ira Huntington)

PSAB – Invitation to a dinner to discuss formation of a Schuylkill County Boroughs Association. M.B. Dougherty asked if someone could please attend this function.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: M.B. Dougherty requested a meeting on Tuesday, November 22nd to review the interview process.

School: R. Krick noted that the boilers will go out to bid and that Entech has the information required. He added that the possibility of parking off the street in front of the building but there are concerns about pedestrians as well as the way to get vehicles into and out of the proposed parking area.

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OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Mika addressed P. Teresavage concerning issues with abandoned vehicles and he suggested that the two of them discuss the matters.

GAMA sent two letters requesting assistance from Council. The first requests the enforcement of ordinance 99-6 regarding mandatory connection to the new sanitary sewer system. Motion to have Mr. Mika review the ordinance, check to see if there are mutual enforcement agreements in place, and issue a response to the Authority made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

The second dealt with the matter of multiple water services on one water stop. This practice does not allow the Authority to shut water service off to a delinquent customer if a supply line is shared with a neighbor. The board is looking for assistance in approaching the water company on this matter. E. Mika noted that this is a GAMA issue and that their attorney S. Patel should look into the matter.

FLOOR

No comments from the floor at this time.

Council went into executive session to review two matters concerning bills being submitted in conjunction with personnel. The result of the executive session is that the matters need to be further investigated.

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

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