

BOROUGH OF GIRARDVILLE

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Reorganization Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** January 3, 2006 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

Mayor Larry Kachelries administered the oath of office to all newly elected Borough officials prior to the meeting. Duly sworn were, Council members Joseph Chiaretti, and Joseph Quinn, Tax collector Elizabeth Dougherty and Tax Assessor Kelly Tinari. The Mayor chaired the meeting for purposes of reorganizing.

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Larry Kachelries.

ROLL CALL

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

BUSINESS

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

The Mayor passed the chair to C. Marquardt.

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

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

Nomination for Borough Solicitor. Motion to appoint Eric Mika of Toole, Mika and Jones made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for Chairman of the Vacancy Board. Motion to appoint Vytus Karavage made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Nomination for the Bank Depository. Motion to use Minersville Safe Deposit Bank & Trust made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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Motion to adopt Resolution 2006-1 stating the officers for the bank files as follows: Council President, Vice-president and Secretary/Treasurer appointing the made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Nomination for Health/Code enforcement Officer. Motion to appoint Peter Teresavage made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Nomination for Engineer. Motion to appoint Entech Engineering, Inc. Made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

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

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

Request by Secretary/Treasurer to have the 2005 books audited. Motion to allow made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. 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 J. Chiaretti, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to set committees: Motion to keep all committees with current members made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** January 12, 2006 **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 L. Kachelries, Solicitor E. Mika

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Mary Kelly congratulated the new mayor; she wished him luck and hopes that the Council treats him better than they did her husband, former Mayor, Joseph Kelly.

Ms. S. Disabella asked what, if anything, is going on with her neighbor's property. Her insurance will not pay for the damages done to her bedroom because the leak cannot be stopped without Mr. Cuff making repairs. E. Mika informed Ms. Disabella that this is a private nuisance and is between her and the property owner. Mr. Mika added that it can be checked to see if it was exposed to tax sale and if not then code enforcement can cite Mr. Cuff. If it has been exposed then Council's hands are tied. Council approved having the solicitor investigate the tax issue and to pursue with code enforcement if possible.

Mrs. E. Labie asked about the property at 117 West Ogden Street. She noted that the side of the house is falling out and wanted to know who holds liability for this property.

She also asked about a property on A Street currently advertised as "rent to own". She asked what happened to bringing things up to code and noted that neighbors cannot get fire insurance because of the condition of the property. R. Krick informed Mrs. Labie that the borough does not have an ordinance for occupancy and homes are not inspected prior to being rented or sold.

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C. Marquardt added that this is a problem with several properties. Owners claim that they are no longer responsible as the bank or mortgage company owns the property and the banks claim they only hold the mortgage not title to the properties.

The Kline property at 230 East Mahanoy Avenue was again mentioned due to the lack of work on the demolition. Council gave this matter to P. Teresavage and he is to send a letter giving them a deadline for completion of the work.

It was also noted that as warmer weather approaches, the Fire Chief will work with the Mayor and Police department on removal of junk and abandoned cars.

P. Oswald asked about adding a property to the list of properties that need to be inspected. The property at 102 South William Street was bought through the recent Marshall's sale and is in deplorable condition. The damage to the roof and chimney are causing damage to his property immediately adjacent.

M.B. Dougherty asked the solicitor what happens if an owner is in bankruptcy. Mr. Mika informed her that no action can be taken as long as the bankruptcy is in place.

Mr. E. Burns spoke on behalf of the Girardville Basketball Association. He brought to council's attention several issues. Bidy is concerned about not being able to run their program now that the YMCA is going to be utilizing the building for their programs. R. Krick addressed this concern by stating that all discussions with the "Y" stipulated that the current basketball program be to be left in place. The only problem seems to be setting and keeping a schedule. The "Y" wants to plan after school activities and other uses for the gym but needs a set schedule to do so.

Mr. Burns also asked about the questions raised concerning insurance and the concession stand. The organization has been in place for 12 years and all of a sudden there are concerns. J. Quinn noted that these matters should have been addressed long ago but are just now being checked. Again, R. Krick informed him that the questions were raised due to insurance concerns when renewing the borough's policies. The insurance carrier is asking for certificates of insurance that the association holds and adds that there should be additional liability insurance over and above what is required to be carried for each child participating in the program. As for the concession stand, questions were asked about people working the stand being certified food handlers as is required by law and the specific concerns were food safety, fire safety, and liability for injuries resulting from someone falling from the stage. P. Kowalick noted that his wife, who works the concession stand, is certified. The insurance carrier also suggested having a contract drawn up that anyone using the gym holds the borough harmless. Due to the expansion of programs in the building, it is necessary to add insurance coverage and the agent was asking questions that need to be answered.

M.B. Dougherty noted that the borough pays all costs related to running the gym. The program runs at no cost to itself but a way to generate income is necessary. The idea is to

rent the gym in the daytime and summer and the "Y", with funding recently available through Senator Rhoades's office is one way of generating income and supply welcome activities for the area kids and adults. The "Y" has also talked about utilizing the borough hall building for certain activities. The "Y" was amazed with the current program and does not intend to disrupt it, as it exists. Activities will be scheduled around Bidy.

Complaints were made about there being days when there is no heat in the gym. R. Krick addressed his response to both Mr. E. Burns and Mr. J. Catizone by saying that there are days when he cannot get there in time to turn the heat on. The heat must be turned on 2 hours prior to expected use times in order for the building to have time to warm up. Both of you know how to work the furnace and have done so in the past. Mr. Burns responded by saying he presumed that they were not allowed to go down into the basement. R. Krick added that problems with heat arise when the schedule is changed and no one notifies him of the changes.

Questions of the parking tickets given out around the gym were raised. Basketball participants are complaining that they are being targeted. Council's response is that parking regulations must be maintained. People cannot block the intersections and tickets are given out all over town for the same types of violations. Exceptions for parking cannot be given to one group and not to everyone. We have to look to the safety of our residents.

Mr. R. Wayne asked if the "Y" was coming for daytime only and if not, how it could not affect the current program. R. Krick told him this is not a 24-hour "Y". Programs will only be run in 8-week mods and mostly during the day or late afternoon hours. J. Chiaretti added that under no circumstances will anything jeopardize the basketball program.

Mrs. M. Kelly asked about the naming of the gym for Senator Rhoades. M.B. Dougherty addressed that by informing those present of all the funding that the school building has benefited from as a direct result of the senator. The senator has been generous with the borough not only for the school building but also for many other improvements for recreation but also with money towards the purchase of the police car and money for the purchase of a generator, which will allow the borough hall to be used in cases of weather related emergencies. He has generously supported the borough in many instances and the possibility of the "Y" programs would not exist without his direct involvement in what will possibly be a \$3million project. He has also been key in assisting Upper Schuylkill and the COG in obtaining funding and support for grant applications, which benefit the entire area. These are the reasons Council voted to name the gym after the senator. To express our thanks for his generosity and support over the years.

Mr. Burns apologized if he was rude, loud, and expressed wishes to work with council in the future. M.B. Dougherty hoped that everyone could have better communication in the future.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

Mayor's report: Read by Officer A Dissinger. Motion to accept as read made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Question? Council asked if any hearings were missed and they were informed that no hearings were missed. Vote. M.B. Dougherty and R. Krick voted NO. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement officer's report: Motion to accept report as submitted made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. 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.

Fire Chief's report: Motion to accept as submitted made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried. It was noted that the fire chief wants to meet with Council, code enforcement, permit, and the solicitor on the matter of propane heaters.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

His Helping Hands ministry – letter outlining their plans for the property. J. Chiaretti proposed that council set a deadline of 3 months for the cleanup of this property and the P. Teresavage pursue accountability. Pursuit of this should be at the code enforcement officer's discretion.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve Resolution 2006-2, the tax anticipation note in the amount of \$40,000.00 with M& T Bank made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the Schuylkill County demolition project contract for 319 West Main pending the solicitor's reviewing questions with Dan Grow made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried. Mr. Mika noted that Council and M.B. Dougherty have been working diligently to get this project approved. We must wait for judicial sale, which should be finalized by the end of March, and once title is received, demolition will proceed.

Motion to approve the fee list for Fisher Engineering as SEO for 2006 made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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Motion to approve the annual contract with the fire chief for \$1.00 per day for services made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

Motion to pay the bills as submitted made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried. Motion to transfer funds as needed to the school building fund made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Girardville Basketball Association – thank you letter for the \$3500.00 donation.

AOH – letter requesting permission for the St. Patrick's Day parade, Saturday, March 18th. Permission to host the parade made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried. E. Mika noted that the vendor ordinance is in place and he suggested that the parade committee in charge of permits work with the Mayor.

Motion to allow the secretary to work with the parade committee in providing whatever necessary to PADOT to secure the parade route permits made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: The police committee will meet immediately after this meeting.

Street: J. Chiaretti informed those present that council is considering the purchase of a backhoe/front loader. There is a possibility of securing a piece of equipment for \$20,000.00. Council will approach GAMA about the possibility of sharing ¼ of the purchase price by supplying \$5,000 to be used as a down payment. The balance to be financed for six years. This will be a purchase that will serve the borough for many years. Motion to approve approaching GAMA about sharing the purchase of the backhoe and if they contribute to go ahead and purchase made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

E. Burns raised the concern that the piece of equipment the borough is considering is not an industrial machine. It is not really a heavy-duty machine for use on the streets and if used heavily it will not last. J. Chiaretti said he did not see it being used constantly or under very heavy work situations.

OTHER BUSINESS

C. Marquardt noted that the tax collector would be relocating her offices to the borough hall building. Her schedule will be on the new tax bills.

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C. Marquardt asked council to consider moving the middle ward poll to the borough hall building if another suitable location cannot be found. With the Golden Moon closing there is no certainty of the banquet room being available.

R. Krick informed council that the historical society picked classroom space in the school building and that there will be more information by next meeting.

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: February 9, 2006

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 L. Kachelries, Solicitor E. Mika

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment time requested.

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 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. Question? 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.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS

Request from J. Wayne on behalf of the AOH and the Hibernian House to have council approve and send a letter to PLCB allowing for the extension of the bar area and to erect tents on the sidewalk and adjacent lot for selling of food and beer. Motion to allow the erection of tents and outside selling of beer and food for the St. Patrick's Day parade, March 19, 2006 made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the State salt purchase agreement for winter 2006-07 ordering 22 tons made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Survey related to participation in the SFSP (summer lunch program) – Council agreed it is too late at this point to participate.

Motion to make an offer of employment as a part-time police officer at the rate of \$8.50 per hour to Mr. John Roberts, Frackville, made by J. Quinn, second, M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request from Elizabeth Dougherty to hold tax collection office hours in the borough hall building. Motion to allow made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Schuylkill County Demolition – receipt of signed contracts for demolition of 319 West Main St.

Entech Engineering – project manual – boiler re-tubing
Copies of maps outlining scope of Phase I and Phase II Ogden St
drainage project
Addendum – boiler project RE: Davis-Bacon wage determinations

GAMA – requesting meeting to discuss purchase of backhoe

NS COG – minutes

Commonwealth Libraries – notice of grant applications

PSAB – invitation to attend first meeting of newly formed Schuylkill County Boroughs Association, March 2nd, Trinity UCC in Tamaqua at 6:30 PM

M.B. Dougherty noted that at the first meeting only Girardville and Mahanoy City were represented from North of the Mountain. It was mentioned that the southern communities were glad to see the participation, as they were interested in all the public improvement activities currently in place and growing in our communities. J. Chiaretti will attend, acceptance sheet to be mailed back.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street: R. Krick noted that Council acted on the salt contract issue and there is nothing else outstanding at this time.

School: R. Krick informed Council that a number of contractors have been to the school building to inspect the boilers with plans on bidding on the CDBG contract for re-tubing. So far, the verbal estimates may allow the second boiler to be done at the same time. He added that he was going to check into the possibility of changing this so that a replacement of the boiler could be done as opposed to re-tubing.

OTHER BUSINESS

Letter from Champ Holman on behalf of the NS COG asking for approval of Butler Township joining the COG. Motion to approve the membership of Butler Township in the NS COG made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

E. Mika asked if the Code Enforcement report was a follow-up of last month's report. He was told it is. He added that he wanted to commend P. Teresavage for doing a good job.

R. Krick asked the solicitor about drawing up a hold-harmless agreement for all parties who rent the gym. This is at the recommendation of the insurance carrier. E. Mika asked about the percentage of people using the gym who were minors. He informed council that there would need to be some discussion when the draft is prepared.

C. Marquardt asked for permission to get some prices and have some recommendations for a plaque for the school building honoring Senator Rhoades. Council agreed.

FLOOR

David Snyder, President of Helping Hands Ministry, asked if council addressed his request for extended time to clean up the property on East Mahanoy Avenue.

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C. Marquardt informed him that the matter is still under consideration. Mr. Snyder informed council that a very large amount of scrap metal had already been hauled off the property and cleanup is to continue. P. Teresavage asked about looking at the property and Mr. Snyder invited him to stop up at any time on Friday, March 10, 2006 to take pictures and investigate the property.

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

Respectfully submitted
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Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. DATE: March 9, 2006 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 L. Kachelries, 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. 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 M.B. Dougherty. Question? Vote. All. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement officer's report: Motion to accept report as submitted 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 J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to rescind the designation of Health Officer from Peter Teresavage made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried. Pennsylvania State requires anything with the designation of Health Officer to obtain certification from the State and the PA Dept of Agriculture does all health inspections.

Hold harmless/indemnity agreement for gym rentals tabled further reading.

Motion to Proclaim March 13 – 18, 2006 American Legion week made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti.

Motion to allow the annual Easter Egg hunt made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

P.R.I.D.E. will sponsor a Lucky Duck rubber duck race on March 19th. The ducks will race from Line to Julia Street.

BILLS

Motion to pay the bills as submitted made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Girardville Senior Citizens - \$300.00 donation. C. Marquardt thanked the Seniors Citizens Group on behalf of the Borough Council.

Robert Weikel – Letter concerning conditions of sidewalks on East Mahanoy Avenue
Response to be sent and the letter to be given to P. Teresavage for investigation on who owns the properties in question.

NS COG – Meeting notice Union Twp. March 22, 2006

Schuylkill YMCA – request for information on scheduling activities in the gym
M.B. Dougherty noted that this is contingent upon funding from the state. She will contact W. Stump directly.

Dept of General Services – notice of receipt of 2006-07 salt contract

Schuylkill County EMA – notice of weather exercise

Career Links – annual participation form for the Summer Youth Employment Training Program. Motion to participate made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: Motion to send Officer A. Dissinger to participate in the County Commissioner's seminar on elder abuse made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried. E. Mika informed council he believed that the borough could ask for reimbursement of time paid.

M.B. Dougherty reminded that council needed to acquire a background check on John Roberts.

Street: R. Krick informed council that Kenneth Petusky left his position as borough worker. Motion to advertise the position with a deadline for application, April 7, 2006 made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

J. Chiaretti informed Council that Upper Schuylkill is looking for permission to purchase and hang banners announcing the participating municipalities. If approved, J. Chiaretti will contact P. Rader and make arrangements for installation. Motion to participate made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

The Ogden Street drainage project, originally slated as two phases are being awarded and done as one phase. The money to be spent before the end of this year.

School: R. Krick noted that the boiler bid came in at \$11,000 for retubing one boiler. M.B. Dougherty said she thought the Commissioners awarded the contracts today.

OTHER BUSINESS

E. Mika requested a motion to file the complaint against the contractor. Made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

FLOOR

Christon Pancheri requested permission to host a summer basketball league utilizing the East End courts. Council recommended that she check into what insurance coverage she may need. Motion to allow made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Additionally, Ms. Pancheri requested that lines be painted on the courts.

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

Respectfully submitted
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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 L. Kachelries, Solicitor E. Mika

Members absent: J. Chiaretti

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment.

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

Mayor's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept incomplete report as read made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Question? J. Roberts is not yet in the system so none of his actions are not covered by this report. An amended report will be submitted to council next month. Officer Dissinger attended approximately 12 hearings this month. Vote. All. Motion carried. Mayor Kachelries noted that the candidate for hire for the police department took a job elsewhere. He requested council advertise again to fill the position. M.B. Dougherty said this needs to be discussed.

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.

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

Prodesign Plus CDBG report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept made by

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J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Fire chief's report: Motion to accept as submitted made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried. M.B. Dougherty noted that F. Zangari has some recommendations regarding propane. E. Mika added that he would contact Frank to discuss this matter. C. Marquardt reminded residents that the removal of abandoned vehicles would begin again in May.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business this month.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to reappoint Joseph Tinari as the borough's Emergency Management coordinator as requested by Schuylkill County EMA made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Vote. Abstain – J. Quinn. Motion carried. This is required do to the necessity of completing a background check for the county's files.

Information concerning oil contracts from Aaron's Oil for the 2006-07 heating season. M.B. Dougherty asked how other communities purchase their heating oil. E. Mika suggested advertising for bids. As for the status of the current contracts, either C. Marquardt or R. Krick will contact Aaron's tomorrow, have the balance of the oil delivered, and request that any remaining amounts be put into the big tanks at the school building. Motion to request bids on a bulk purchase of 6,000 gallons of heating oil for all borough buildings made R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? Vote. All. Motion carried. The proposal is to be drawn up and sent to E. Mika for review prior to advertising.

BILLS

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Letter of complaint – from James R Edmondson
This matter is being investigated.

Senator Rhoades office – blighted property forum, April 27th
M.B. Dougherty said that this would deal with some ideas on toughening laws concerning blighted properties. E. Mika said that the senator has taken a lead in this matter and that some enforcement and legal action questions will be addressed.

Schuylkill County Community Action – information on the Family Savings Account program

Schuylkill County Affordable Housing – information of funding available.

PA DOT – survey to be completed and filed

PP&L – survey of pole attachments to be completed and returned

Letter from E. Dougherty, Tax collector – requesting decision from council on how to deal with parties requiring reimbursement for overpayment of real estate taxes due to reassessment.
Tabled.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: Mayor Kachelries requested that council consider the purchase of a hand held radio to replace the old one. There are two prices: \$688.00 from Green's Communications and \$279.00 from Frank Rakus. Motion to purchase a new portable radio with a shoulder mike from Frank Rakus made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

School: R. Krick reported that the boiler repairs are underway and should be completed in a day or two.

Building: C. Marquardt noted that council received the \$5,000.00 grant money for the installation of an emergency generator in the borough hall building.

Council went into executive session to discuss pending litigation and personnel matters.

8:43 PM council reconvened.

A special meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 24, 2006 at 8:00 am to discuss possible litigation and personnel matters. An executive session will be held. Motion to advertise the meeting made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

M.B. Dougherty informed council that a meeting will be held on April 28, 2006 at 10AM in the borough hall to discuss the property at Main and Line Streets. This is an informational meeting only

Motion to advertise in both the Pottsville Republican and the Standard Speaker for a police officer made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried. Deadline for application May 5, 2006.

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

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer

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BOROUGH OF GIRARDVILLE
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SPECIAL MEETING

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** April 24, 2006 **TIME:** 8:00 AM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

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

PURPOSE OF MEETING

This meeting was duly advertised for personnel issues with the intention to hold an executive session and general purposes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public present.

BUSINESS

C. Marquardt read a letter from GAMA to the borough council asking for the borough's enforcement of Ordinance # 99-6, which requires mandatory connection to the sanitary sewer. A list of properties is attached to the letter. Motion to give this to the solicitor to review and present council with options regarding enforcement for next month's regular meeting made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Council reconvened after an executive session. E. Mika noted that the executive session was held to discuss police personnel matters.

Motion to terminate Arthur Dissinger as a police officer based on information discussed made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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C. Marquardt will contact Keister Keys and have them come this morning to re-key the front, back and side doors as well as the police office and purchase the necessary keys. A. Dissinger will not be allowed back into the building without escort. Mayor Kachelries will contact Mr. Dissinger and request a meeting with him to inform him of council's decision. Council reminded the Mayor to make certain that all borough property is returned.

M.B. Dougherty agreed notify MPOETC and the State Police barracks, and a written notice will be sent to the Schuylkill County Communications Center.

There was a question of the handgun purchased by the police department, which has since disappeared and if notification should be made to the State Police. The secretary is to search the old files and see if a receipt of purchase can be found and any information is to be passed along to Mr. Mika.

C. Marquardt noted that he received an anonymous letter of complaint concerning Mr. J. Chiaretti's driveway. This letter asked why Mr. Chiaretti can have a driveway and the ambulance association cannot. C. Marquardt said he does not reply to or acknowledge anonymous letters but wanted to make council aware of this complaint. J. Chiaretti asked Mayor Kachelries if, before he was elected he told anyone that if elected he would do something about the driveway. Mayor Kachelries denied making any such statement.

In the matter of K. Petusky's unemployment benefits application motion to not file an appeal made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Mr. Chiaretti noted that in his experience employers rarely win such cases. Vote. All. Motion carried.

C. Marquardt asked that A. Zimmerman and F. Weikel be called for second interviews for the open street's department position. These interviews are to be set for Friday, April 28th at 9:15 and 9:30 AM.

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

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. DATE: May 11, 2006 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 L. Kachelries

Members absent: Solicitor E. Mika

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. E. Burns, on behalf of the basketball association, thanked Council for their support over the past year. He added that hopefully, next year would be as successful. He informed Council that Joseph Catizone resigned after 15 years of volunteer service to both the Little League and Basketball programs and asked that a note be sent thanking him for all his time and work. He added that Mr. Glenn Weist will be replacing J. Catizone and asked for permission to give him a key to the school building. R. Krick said he saw no problem with giving a key to Mr. Weist.

Mrs. S. McMonegal noted that the Legion will be distributing poppies through Memorial Day and that the money raised is used to support the local veterans. She asked that people come and participate during the Memorial Day program.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes and special meeting 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 J. Chiaretti. Question? M.B. Dougherty asked if the tax note could be paid in full. Recommendation was that it be done this month. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor's report: No police report this month due to the computer being out for service. Report will be submitted next month.

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.

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to file the required paperwork to bid in the judicial sale made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request from the American Legion Post for assistance of fire police and police for the Memorial Day program. Mayor Kachelries noted that this has already been planned.

Motion to hire Francis Weikel to fill the vacancy in the streets department made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? What starting salary? Council informed the secretary that the new hire is to be paid whatever the last starting rate was for that position. Vote. All. Motion carried. Letters to be sent to all applicants informing them of council's decision.

BILLS

Motion to pay the bills as submitted made by J. Chiaretti, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Senator Rhoades' office – follow up concerning forum on blighted properties.

NS COG – next meeting May 24th, Delano

PSAB – general information and changes made to worker's compensation program

Solicitor – copy of letter sent to F. Zangari, Fire Chief

Girardville Teener League – request for monetary donation

Schuylkill County Tax Claim – notice of judicial sales

Geisinger Health – new rates notice

Schuylkill County EMA – notice of burn ban

DEP – Wind power conference

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: M.B. Dougherty noted that the new radio arrived. It was noted that there were no responses to the ad placed for new hires.

Street: There is a request to purchase a new tractor for the street department. C. Marquardt passed around a brochure that J. Petusky supplied. This matter was tabled for further discussion.

School: R. Krick noted that the retubing project is completed and ready for inspection.

OTHER BUSINESS

C. Marquardt noted that PRIDE and the AOH are planning a cleanup on 5/27. They have requested use of the borough truck to haul any trash collected. R. Krick said there should be no problem with their using the truck.

Sign ups for the summer basketball league will be held on Friday from 7:00 – 8:30 PM and Saturday from 11:30 AM – 12:30 PM at the borough hall. This program is planned to run for several weeks after Little League is finished their season.

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

Respectfully submitted

Mary Ambrose
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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg.

DATE: June 8, 2006

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 L. Kachelries, Solicitor E. Mika

PUBLIC COMMENT

S. Disabella asked council what the status is with the Cuff properties that are adjacent to her property on West Mahanoy Avenue. She noted that Mr. Cuff will not allow anyone access to the property but that the neighborhood kids are going in and out and she is now concerned about that hazard in addition to the water damage she is suffering. C. Marquardt asked the Mayor to contact the code enforcement officer and attempt to meet with Mr. Cuff on Saturday morning. Mr. Mika added that posting the property would be the next step and P. Teresavage should contact his office if he has any questions.

John Kerrigan asked if only certain properties are singled out for code enforcement as he has received a citation concerning his property on South Second Street and wanted to make a complaint about the property next door, which is leaking into his property.

M.B. Dougherty said that there are many problems and only one man doing code enforcement. No one is playing favorites. Mr. Mika noted that decisions are based upon health and safety issues and if a property owner can be located. If a property goes for taxes, it goes to the county leaving no property owner to enforce against. He added that P. Teresavage does a good job and is diligent.

Mr. Kerrigan also placed complaints about 625 and 627 East Mahanoy Avenue as both of these properties have high grass and weeds. C. Marquardt said these would be passed along to P. Teresavage.

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The borough purchased E. Fetters at 319 West Main Street and hopefully by the fall the building will be demolished.

W. Richards complained about the grass/weed at 231 West Main Street. C. Marquardt suggested he speak with the current owner and if nothing is done to pass it along to the borough offices.

M. Ritro asked where to report complaints about gas or oil leaks. C. Marquardt said for those types of things residents should contact the fire chief directly.

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 M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? 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 made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to accept the Entech Engineering proposal for design costs on the Ogden Street drainage project made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Wm Penn Fire company request for permission to use the streets and police/fire police assistance with traffic control for their annual parade, June 17, 2006 at 7:00 PM. Motion to allow made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Rangers Hose Company request for the borough to enter into a debt guarantee agreement for the purchase of a new fire truck. After some discussion, motion to allow the solicitor, if needed, to draft the necessary paperwork and ordinance for the next meeting made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? Mr. Mika noted a concern about costs and time

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constraints for advertising. Mr. Krick noted that this would need to be finalized by November so there is plenty of time. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Girardville Ambulance Association request to hold a tag day fundraiser on June 20th and June 22nd at Main and William Street from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. A motion to allow this fundraiser made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to purchase the lot on the corner of Main and Second streets adjacent to the former laundry mat through the county's judicial sale for \$500.00 plus costs. The purpose would be to clean up the lot and possibly install a park of some sort with the assistance of PRIDE. Motion made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to participate in the Buckle Up PA grant for 2006 made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? Grant runs from June 1 – September 5th and targets aggressive driving, seat belt usage and pedestrian safety. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Notice of approval of the PADOT demonstration grant. Motion made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn to place ads for bids for crosswalk, parking spaces and pedestrian crossing signs once specs are received. Vote. All. Motion carried. M.B. Dougherty noted that there was money approved to replace the school zone blinkers and paint school zone on the highway. She will check into the possibility of this money being used for another project, which would fall under the grant parameters. There is the possibility of installing a blinking light to notify motorists of the dangerous curve on Route 54 as you leave town headed toward Connerton.

BILLS

Motion to pay the bills as submitted with the addition of the annual fire company contributions of \$1200 each made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Question? Both Mr. Quinn and Mr. Chiaretti questioned the annual contribution money. R. Krick informed them that this is done each year and it was decided that the contribution would be made in June to avoid forgetting it until the end of the year. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

St. Paul/Travelers – notice on non-renewal of employment practices liability

PADOT – return of annual MS-965 report, subject to audit

Girard Hose Company – thank you regarding John T. Zangari

DCED – Notice of approval of KOEZ zone

NEPA – notice that the TE/HTS/SRTS application was not approved

DCED – notice that application for tractor was received.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: M.B. Dougherty noted that the safety grant was already discussed. Mayor Kachelries asked permission to approach Lackawanna College to recruit new graduates of the police ACT 120 program. M. B. Dougherty noted it was a good idea and suggested that he pursue it.

Recreation: R. Krick informed council he is looking into either renting a backhoe or hiring someone to do the necessary excavation so work can begin on the installation of the playground equipment. Motion to pursue the least expensive method made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Council went into executive session to discuss police personnel matters. Upon reconvening motion was made to increase John Roberts's hourly wage from \$8.50 to \$9.50 per hour effective this most recent pay period from 5/15-5/28/06 by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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: July 13, 2006 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

Mayor L. Kachelries, Solicitor E. Mika

Late arrival: R. Krick – 7:30 pm (noted in minutes)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Ellen Long lodged a complaint about the property located at 227 East Mahanoy Avenue. She stated that it is a public and private nuisance. There were trespassers in the building, the windows are open, and access is easy. The owner told her that he was removing the copper from the building. She cannot get fire insurance, as the building has been empty for at least seven (7) years. The State Police were called. Mayor Kachelries told her that the borough cannot trespass on private property. P. Teresavage did try to reach Mrs. Long but she was not at home. M.B. Dougherty noted that this man is known to abandon properties. He moves from place to place and is difficult to pin down. He also pays enough taxes to keep the properties out of tax sales. Beneficial may hold the mortgage but they will not foreclose and will not accept responsibility for the property. We will attempt to contact Mr. Tyson but it will not likely happen quickly. Owners of abandoned properties can be taken to the magistrate using the citation procedure. E. Mika suggested that they notify PP&L of the fact that someone cut the power wires and C. Marquardt suggested notifying Beneficial about the removal of the copper pipes. He also asked that the Longs give all this information to Peter Teresavage.

S. Disabella informed council that checking with the courthouse shows that Bob Cuff is the owner of the property adjacent to hers on West Mahanoy Avenue. C. Marquardt told her that P. Teresavage sent notification letters to B. Cuff and they will go to the magistrate. Ms. Disabella said that there was a person interested in the property and it is up for taxes. E. Mika noted that if there are liens against the property, they need to be

satisfied. He suggested they check with the county assessor's office to find out if the property is up for sale and the prothonotary's office will know if there is a foreclosure procedure. Mr. Mika added that banks do not force foreclosure to avoid taking title to the property and assuming the liability. Work is being done through Senator Rhoades's office to change the law to satisfy the lien or it terminates.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

Mayor's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept as read made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? What were the "complaints"? Mayor said they were just general complaints. 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.

Code Enforcement officer's report: Motion to accept report as submitted 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.

Prodesign Plus report: Motion to accept report as submitted made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

No unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Kachelries informed those present that council interviewed potential police officers.

Motion to hire Genarro DeLattorre as a part-time officer at \$9.00 per hour with a ninety (90) day probation period, pending MPOTEC approval made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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Motion to hire Vince Figuerido as a part-time police at \$9.00 per hour with a ninety (90) day probation period, pending MPOTEC approval made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

** R. Krick arrived at this point (7:30 pm)

Due to the submission of Joseph Tinari's resignation as Emergency Management Coordinator, effective in 30 days, Council discussed the need to advertise the anticipated vacancy. Motion to advertise for an EMA coordinator made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to accept Susan Gomosky's resignation from the Girardville Area Municipal Authority, effective immediately, made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise the vacancy on the Girardville Area Municipal Authority made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

The matter of the policy on housing rehabilitation contracts was tabled.

Resolution 2006-3 – PADOT resolution to install and operate flashing warning devices. These are planned for East Mahanoy Avenue at Fifth Street. Motion to adopt made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

This resolution is part of a package of funding received to place crosswalks and parking space lines on Main Street from Julia to Third Street. J. Chiaretti said that parking spaces would have to be 30° angle parking due to the width of the street. This will allow for better visibility for pulling out. It is illegal to cross the double yellow line and pull into a space.

Motion to update the hiring/termination policy and allow J. Chiaretti to speak with other municipalities about their insurance coverage made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Question? The purpose of the update is as required by St. Paul/Travelers for renewal of the employment practices liability insurance. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Council received notification from Schuylkill Community Action informing the borough of receipt of a grant in the amount of \$60,000 to assist with the demolition of the properties at West Main and Line Street. These properties will be replaced with affordable housing and the grant will cover the cost of approximately \$20,000 per property for demolition. Through DCED, there is a \$1 million dollar grant in the works and the borough will be ready to move as soon as the money is available. C. Marquardt thanked everyone involved.

BILLS

Motion to pay the bills as submitted made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Vote. All.
Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

St. Paul/Travelers – notice on non-renewal of employment practices liability

See information from M. Bulino concerning adoption of a new employment practices handbook.

DCED – notice that application for tractor was approved.

Berkheimer audit report – 2005

Michael S Greek Esq. – on behalf of Jennifer Ritzo and requested H/P space

Motion to send a reply under R. Krick's signature stating that Mrs. Ritzo does not meet the criteria under the ordinance made by J. Chiaretti, second M. B. Dougherty. Question? R. Krick noted that there is already a handicapped space on the block within two doors and they are not private spaces and Mrs. Ritzo has access to off street parking. Vote. All.
Motion carried.

Neal Goodman – information concerning PADOT turn back program

James Rhoades – notice of SEO grant (\$25.00) this is reimbursement of expenses

County Assessment bureau – notice of damage assessment program – 7/21 in Lewisburg

VISIOIN – Security Awareness workshop

L&I – Referee decision (A. Dissinger)

Century 21 – Letter of complaint about the properties at Second and Ogden Streets

Entech – parking space standards

COG – meeting 7/26/06 at West Mahanoy Township

Schuylkill County Solid Waste – reporting thefts from the county recycling dumpsters

Schuylkill County Solid Waste – notice to proceed w/demolition 319 West Main Street

Various training seminars

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: Mayor Kachelries asked about placing no U-Turn signs at various intersections on Main Street. This matter was tabled.

OTHER BUSINESS

E. Mika noted that the owner of 729 East Mahanoy Avenue contested the magistrate's decision concerning the condition of the property. At trial, Judge Dolbin upheld the magistrate's decision and found that the property is in violation. The county's juvenile probation office has a program to help non-profit organizations and arrangements will be made to have assistance with the clean up in place as soon as possible. He added that P. Teresavage does a diligent job.

FLOOR

No comments at this time.

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

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg.

DATE: August 10, 2006

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 L. Kachelries

Members absent: J. Chiaretti, Solicitor E. Mika

PUBLIC COMMENT

S. Disabella showed pictures to council of the collapse of the garage shared with R. Cuff. She informed council that she went to see Mr. Cuff and he will not answer the door.

P. Teresavage noted that there was no response to the letter sent from his office and this matter will go to the magistrate. M.B. Dougherty suggested that Ms. Disabella file a civil suit at the same time and Mr. Teresavage is to notify her of any scheduled hearing dates.

Mrs. K. Houser voiced a complaint about the dirt being piled by the school building fence as this is where the neighbors on East Ogden Street park their vehicles. She is under the impression that they own the section of land immediately outside the fence, across the street from their homes. M.B. Dougherty showed pictures of tax maps showing that the borough owns the entire square block where the school building sits and also holds deed to a small strip of land fronting a number of homes on the North side of Ogden Street. Borough ownership of the strip is a result of the railroad making an offer to sell the property and the homeowners not responding.

The question of the dirt pile was addressed. C. Marquardt informed the residents that it is a temporary solution to shore up the sagging wall. In the future the dirt will be removed and the wall repaired.

Mr. T. Clark made a complaint about high weeds at 105 North Second Street.

P. Teresavage noted that he is aware of the complaint and is working on it. If there is no response to his notice the matter will go to the magistrate.

Mrs. S. McMonegal lodged complaints about the Matulaitis and Mulligan properties located at 625 & 627 East Mahanoy Avenue.

M.B. Dougherty asked if any residents were interested in getting involved and helping with the problem properties in the borough.

Mrs. E. Labie asked if a building permit was issued to 310 A Street. C. Marquardt informed her that T. Niedzwiecki will be contacting their attorney and informing him of the permitting requirements and fines associated with failure to secure them.

Mrs. M.E. Long asked what if anything is being done concerning 227 East Mahanoy Avenue. C. Marquardt told her that due to E. Mika's absence he cannot answer the question.

Mr. W. Richards if any other bank will be coming into town once Minersville Safe Deposit closes its doors. C. Marquardt noted that Council is not aware of any other bank at this time and there is no confirmation whether the ATM will remain in place.

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. Question? 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.

Code Enforcement officer's report: Motion to accept report as submitted 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion to accept the resignation submitted by J. Tinari as EMA coordinator made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Housing rehabilitation mortgage collection policy tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Labie noted that the PRIDE town wide yard sale is scheduled for October 7th

The county sponsored clean up is scheduled for September 21, 22, 23, 2006.

C. Marquardt reminded residents to watch the paper for the complete information.

Handicapped parking request by William Faust 106-108 West Ogden Street. R. Krick noted that previously council granted a request for a driveway permit for this property and therefore recommended that the request for a handicapped space be denied. Motion informing Mr. Faust that his request is denied due to availability of off-street parking. If he is willing to give up the driveway permit council would approve the handicapped space request. Motion seconded by J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

A request for necessary computer upgrades was submitted by the secretary. These are a required operating system upgrade and new anti-virus program. Approximate costs will be \$290.00. Motion to approve the upgrades, to be done by Liquid Technologies, Shenandoah, made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to send a letter to the Sewer Authority noting the needed upgrades and requesting they share one half of the costs as done prior made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried. The secretary noted that she is aware of the fact that the Authority is looking into purchasing their own computer system.

Motion to appoint Shannon Smith to the vacancy on the Girardville Area Municipal Authority made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to appoint R. Krick as "applicant's agent" for FEMA/PEMA paperwork related to the 2006 flooding made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to file PEMA paperwork for damages from the 2006 flooding made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

The Mayor requested that council consider a policy requiring new hire police officers, if they leave during their probation period, be responsible for the costs of they physical and psychological exams. Matter tabled.

M.B. Dougherty gave copies of the illegal immigration ordinances adopted by Hazleton and up for vote in Shenandoah to council members. She recommended sending copies of these to Mr. Mika for review. Motion to authorize the solicitor to prepare and illegal immigration ordinance similar to those enacted or under consideration in other communities for Council's consideration made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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M.B. Dougherty noted that no bids were received in response to the ad for the PADOT grant for parking lines and crosswalks. A bidder must be PADOT approved to qualify. Council will investigate either re-advertising or other means of having this work done.

R. Krick noted that it may be possible to get reimbursement through FEMA for certain storm drain damages resulting the recent flooding.

The borough purchased the lot on Main and Second Streets. There is work to be done to clean it up and plans to install bushes and such. There is a possibility of PRIDE participating in work on the lot.

BILLS

Motion to pay the bills as submitted made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Thank you notes from the children who participated in the Good News Day Camp.

DEP – notice of intention to backfill hazardous strip pits (A Hole) R. Krick said he spoke with DEP and the plan is to dynamite the high walls and then grade. No outside materials are to be used.

Schuylkill Community Action – signed contract. Main Street project to remove four properties and replace them with housing similar to the Mahanoy City project.

FEMA – Flood recovery permitting meeting – Schuylkill Mall – August 23rd 6:00 PM

Bernard Adams – letter expressing interest in purchasing lot where tot lot is being installed. Motion to send letter confirming that the property was not for sale made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

McCann School of Business – response to ad for an emergency management coordinator with resume

Minersville Safe Deposit Bank & Trust – notice of closure of Girardville branch - 11/15/06. Motion to maintain borough accounts with Minersville bank made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

State Worker's Insurance Fund – notice of program instituting a safety program aimed and premium reduction.

Schuylkill County Engineering – letter requesting notice if the County Liquid Fuel funding will not be expended by December 2006. Motion to send letter confirming

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intentions to have drainage project and funds expended before the end of the year made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: Council was informed that the newly hired officers should be certified and out on patrol within 2 – 3 weeks.

Recreation: C. Marquardt noted that work is underway at the Tot Lot on West Main Street.

OTHER BUSINESS

M.B. Dougherty noted that at the July COG meeting, there was discussion of the COG taking over the sign machine that is currently in Butler Township. Gilberton might be storing the machine and all COG members would have access. Discussion of joint purchase of supplies is under discussion. As a result, the borough may wish to put off the purchase of any additional signs for the time being.

FLOOR

Mrs. M. Soucheck requested “Children at Play” signs for East Ogden Street adjacent to the park area. This matter will be investigated.

Mrs. E. Labie requested that the Senior Citizen group be allowed use of both sections of the meeting rooms and that the wall be opened for their annual indoor picnic scheduled for August 28th. Council gave general approval for this use.

Mrs. E. Moran reported that PRIDE will be holding a town wide clean up on Saturday, August 26th in conjunction with participating in the Upper Schuylkill “Tidy Town” contest. Motion to allow use of the borough truck to assist made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Ms. J. Parfitt raised the question of parking on Pine Street. She noted that people park on both sides of the street and in an emergency; no vehicles would be able to get through the street. Council will have the officer ticket any vehicles that are illegally parked and will review the matter of parking on the rest of the street.

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:** September 14, 2006 **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 L. Kachelries, Solicitor E. Mika

Members absent: J. Chiaretti

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jane Krick addressed council with an idea for holding an activity once a month for the borough children. She was thinking about a Halloween party. M.B. Dougherty said that St. Joseph's parish is looking at ideas for the children, of elementary age, and was considering a Halloween party and perhaps movie night.

J. Quinn asked about the "Y" activities. R. Krick said that as far as he knew, only 3 kids had signed up and they need at least 10 to run a program. The programs were advertised by flyers and on the radio.

Cheryl Frantz attended the workshop and was wondering if Council had further discussed the problems in the parks with the recent fighting. Council informed her that she and any other parents involved should meet with the Mayor and the police officer. Motion to have the parks close at dusk made by M.B. Dougherty, seconded J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried. C. Marquardt informed the Mayor that this is to be enforced as strictly as possible and is effective immediately. The parents questioned response from the police department and Mayor. They were told that due to the limitations of a part-time police department it is necessary to leave messages as times but 911 is available in case of an emergency.

Wanda Hogan, 105 West Ogden Street noted that she has called 911 and told them about problems. She has contacted the local police and by the time they respond the kids, who

are throwing things, or breaking into her shed and attempting to set fires, have disappeared. She has called, left messages and gotten no response. Officer John Roberts told residents that due to a phone line problem, since repaired, a lot of the messages on the answering machine were garbled and those that could be understood were handled. Mrs. Hogan was asked if she can identify any of these kids. If there are no names, then descriptions can be used to help identify them. C. Marquardt noted that council takes the lack of response seriously and if it happens, the resident should contact any of the council members so messages can be relayed. Mayor Kachelries noted that when the officers are on duty, they do respond to all calls. Officer Roberts said that if anyone suspects drug usage then the State Police should be called directly and that residents need to get involved. E. Mika added that the District Attorneys' office has an attorney to handle juvenile cases but if the person pressing the charges does not show up it cannot be prosecuted.

A request was made for a copy of the minutes from this meeting. Residents were informed that minutes will be available after approval at next month's meeting.

Tom Clarke told council that he has complained about the weeds next door to his property on North Second Street. He checked and found that the property is up for tax claim and that since George Durinko is deceased his son owns the property. C. Marquardt told him that he can go to the Commissioners and address his concerns as the county holds the properties.

Mr. Clarke also noted that instead of calling 911 for non-emergencies, residents can call 462-1911. This is the communications center and they will dispatch police if available.

Sally McMonegal asked again about the Matulaitis and Mulligan properties. E. Mika informed her that P. Teresavage has eight cases pending at the magistrate and it takes time to notify the parties involved and get to the magistrate if need be.

It was asked if the borough has any plans on 24 hour police protection. M.B. Dougherty told those present that she does not see it happening. Local communities who have full-time police departments are struggling with their budgets and are replacing their full-time retirees with part-time officers. Taxes would have to more than double to even come close to offering full time protection.

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.

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

Code Enforcement officer's report: Motion to accept report as submitted made by J. Quinn, 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

Housing rehab policy tabled.

Motion to grant a handicapped parking space to Wm. Faust made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Question? Mr. Faust asked for a time frame and was told as weather permits and the borough has the necessary supplies. Vote. All. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor requested council set policy making new hire police officers responsible for the costs of their physical and psych exams. R. Krick noted that council should have the solicitor review this proposed policy. Motion to have the solicitor review and draft a policy for council's consideration made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CDBG application for funding for 2007 to be reviewed and a decision reached on possible projects for application.

Illegal immigrant ordinance – after some discussion, Council decided to wait and see the outcome of the suits filed against Hazleton and their revised ordinances. M.B. Dougherty added that Council should consider the possibility of residency permits. Will review Shenandoah's residency requirements.

E. Mika informed council that a letter was sent to Dan Grow regarding 117 West Ogden Street. The borough will not take title of the property due to the liability but will work with Mr. Ellison. Tax sale and private sale are temporarily suspended. The property is not listed for the next Judicial Sale in December and the next scheduled sale is April 2007. Council did try for emergency demolition but nothing was available. It must be requested that the property be put on the list. Any damages in the meantime revert back to the current owner.

Council thanked PRIDE for their \$250.00 donation towards a bench and perhaps some trees for the new tot lot on West Main Street.

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Request from Schuylkill County tax claim to allow the sale of 147 West Main Street to Bernard Adams. Motion to allow the sale made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to set up a DSL account for the borough offices made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to pay County Association dues in the amount of \$25.00 (no bill submitted) made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to allow Gordon to join the NS COG made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

Motion to pay the bills as submitted made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Schuylkill County Tax Claim – notice of hearings requested by school board for recently purchased real estate reassessment

Ringtown Farm Equipment – reminder to plan for snow plow parts purchases

TALX – claims report

Child Evangelism Fellowship – Thank you for use of hall for their day camp. Request for use of borough hall, July 16 – 20, 2007 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm.
This request was tabled due to a need to discuss the hours requested.

Notice – reassessment of Fetter property

Reading Blue Mountain & Northern – proposed repair of section of cribbing

E. Mika – RE: deposition (Hoffman)

Schuylkill County EMA – Hazard mitigation

Minersville Safe Deposit – notice of safety deposit box arrangements
Motion to use Gordon for Safety Deposit box made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

GAMA – agreement to joint purchase of a back hoe
Council thanked GAMA for their support of the joint purchase of a back hoe.

GAMA – notice of intent to purchase a separate computer system

GAMA – request from Tom Yesalavage concerning office space

Various seminars, classes and miscellaneous mail

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: The mayor informed Council that of the two new hires, one has already quit. Computer updates are continuing, the effort is to improve efficiency. Motion to purchase uniforms for G. Delatorre and a winter weight jacket for J. Roberts made by J. Quinn, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

M.B. Dougherty asked for a list of equipment needed for the police office.

School: R. Krick asked J. Petusky to investigate what is pulling power in the school building.

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion to offset fuel costs to P. Teresavage for investigations and hearings in the amount of \$30.00 per month made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

The county recycling program is set for September 21, 22, 23, 2006. The program is advertised but if anyone has questions they may call the borough hall.

J. Quinn noted the J. Chiaretti is planning on sending letters to various organizations in town asking for input on the possibility of raising taxes for the purpose of police protection. Motion to authorize this letter made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

FLOOR

Mrs. Labie requested permission to put a hook on the wall in the meeting room to hang the memorial plaque for the Senior Citizens group. Motion to allow made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

T. Yesalavage, GAMA, asked if Council has any response to his request concerning the privacy issue in the office. R. Krick said he saw the letter on Tuesday and wanted to meet with him to discuss the issue. C. Marquardt said if it were a question of desk space, Mrs. Dougherty could move over to his desk. Mr. Yesalavage noted that his concerns are related to business discussions and having people coming in to make arrangements for bill payment for delinquent accounts. M.B. Dougherty noted that having everyone use the

purpose of having everyone use the building is to save money and have more services available in a single location.

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

Respectfully submitted
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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg.

DATE: October 19, 2006

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 L. Kachelries

Members absent: Solicitor E. Mika

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. E. Labie informed council that the senior group will be purchasing a new refrigerator and said that if anyone wants the old one, they can have it. If not, it will be disposed of when the new one is delivered.

Mrs. S. McMonegal questioned council about 637 East Mahanoy Avenue. She noted that the owners have moved and the property is not connected to the sewer. She asked if there is a code which would prevent them from renting the property. J. Chiaretti said it might be a violation of the building codes and should be checked. Mrs. McMonegal asked if the borough requires inspections. J. Chiaretti told her that this might be something for council to consider. M.B. Dougherty noted that Mrs. Nahas has issued fines for non-compliance with the mandatory hook-up and that the Authority pursues water termination for delinquent accounts.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Housing rehab mortgage policy – tabled.

Mayor's request concerning new hire police officers is under consideration – tabled.

Child Evangelism Fellowship request for use of building, July 16 – 20, 2007 from the hours of 9:00 am – 4:00 pm. Motion to allow made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? The question of the building closing at 3:00 pm and the group wanting to stay until 4:00 pm was raised. Mrs. Labie offered to come down at the end of the day to make certain the building is locked. Vote. All. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to set Trick or Treat night on Tuesday, October 31, 2006 from 6:00 – 8:00 pm made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. The mayor will make certain there are police and fire police scheduled. Vote. All. Motion carried.

M.B. Dougherty informed everyone that there will be a Halloween party at St. Joseph's Hall on, Saturday, October 28, 2006 from 6:30 – 8:30 pm. This is open to all borough children at no charge but she is not certain of the age limit.

Good Time Club request to host their annual Halloween parade on, Sunday, October 29, 2006 at 2:00 pm. Motion to allow made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. The mayor will make certain there is a police officer scheduled. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Good Time Club request that council allow them to hang the flag and Christmas lighting memorial plaques in the borough hall building when the Minersville Safe Deposit bank closes its doors in November. Motion to allow made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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Girardville Ambulance Association request to host a CPR workshop in the borough hall building, November 29-30, 2006 from 5:00 – 9:00 pm. Motion to allow made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to send a letter to the Tax Claim Bureau requesting that a list of borough properties be placed on the Judicial Sale list for April, 2007 made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Complete list to be submitted to the secretary. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request from M. Ambrose to attend a mandatory PA DOT training seminar on November 6, 2006. There is no fee for this seminar. Motion to allow made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request from M. Ambrose to attend a Financial Mgmt seminar, this is recommended by DCNR, in Harrisburg on October 26, 2006. There is a \$50.00 fee for this seminar. Motion to allow made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Jennifer Ritzo request for a hearing on the denial of her handicapped parking application. Tentatively scheduled for November 1st or 2nd depending upon the availability of all parties. Motion to advertise as a public meeting as soon as date and time is set made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

Motion to pay the bills as submitted and read made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? R. Krick asked if the Entech bills will be covered by the liquid fuels allocation. He was informed that it should be and the question will be asked of John Davis, PADOT. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Rita Frigone – request that the borough plow out the section behind her house on John Street

William Devaney – request to be notified if former Fetter lot is put up for bids.

Toole, Mika, Jones – copy letter to Commissioners concerning 117 W. Ogden Street

PEMA – Acknowledgement of J. Tinari being appointed EMA coordinator. PEMA to be notified of Mr. Tinari's resignation.

Thomas Clarke – copy letter sent to Commissioners RE: 105 N. 2nd Street

PRIDE – response to survey of possible tax increase Consensus 2.25 for police protection

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American Legion - response to survey of possible tax increase Consensus 2.25 for police protection

Mr. George Szejner – letter of complaint about condition of East Main Street

Schuylkill County EMA – Request for update contact information EMA coordinator. EMA to be notified of Mr. Tinari's resignation.

Schuylkill County EMA – notice of emergency management training – requesting attendance

REDCO – emergency funding for repairs from June flooding

PA DOT - newsletter

Assorted seminars and newsletters

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: M.B. Dougherty noted that the committee has a recommendation for a new hire police officer. Mr. Harig is Act 120 certified and has Pennsylvania State Police experience. Motion to hire Carl Harig as a part-time police officer at the rate of \$9.00 per hour on a probationary status pursuant to a background check made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Street: R. Krick reported that an application has been filed and FEMA will pay for replacement of rip-rap along the pony trail and a storm drain and line located on West Ogden Street that was damaged. Council must decide if we will do the job ourselves or contract it out.

M.B. Dougherty said that it has gotten too cold for the line painting project and it will be put on hold until the spring.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Chiaretti addressed the letter sent to community organizations concerning the possibility of raising taxes in order to cover additional police expenses. The feed back was mixed. Council has decided that it is best not to raise taxes for the express purpose of police protection and while working on the 2007 budget will do everything possible to hold the line on taxes.

C. Marquardt reported that the fall clean-up was a success.

C. Marquardt said he had requests that the yard sale be moved back into September due to the weather. He suggested that PRIDE consider these requests.

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R. Krick noted that the borough purchased the lot on the corner of Main and Second Streets adjacent to the old Laundromat. Council is open to suggestions on what to do with the lot. There was a suggestion from PRIDE about the possibility of a town Christmas tree. Mrs. E. Labie suggested looking into having the bus stop put back on the corner.

C. Marquardt noted that the borough recently purchased a Kubota backhoe. He thanked GAMA and Representative Goodman's office for their contributions which made this possible.

FLOOR

Mrs. Labie asked about the Laundromat building. M.B. Dougherty told her it was purchased at the last judicial sale and the woman is planning on repairing and opening a dog grooming business.

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

Respectfully submitted
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SPECIAL MEETING

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** October 23, 2006 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

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

Members absent: Mayor L. Kachelries, Solicitor E. Mika

PURPOSE OF MEETING

To formally acquire the properties on West Main Street for demolition as part of the Affordable Housing Trust rehabilitation program and general purposes.

BUSINESS

M. B. Dougherty introduced Resolution 2006-4 – formally acquiring the four (4) properties on West Main Street as part of the Affordable Trust Housing Rehabilitation program.

J. Feeser, Schuylkill County Community Action, informed Council that there is an administrative agreement, with DCED, set to be finalized next week. At that point, funds will be available to begin the project. The borough will acquire the four targeted parcels as part of a County Demolition Project for \$100,000. \$60,000 will come from Act 137 with the balance being funded through Senator Rhoades office as part of a \$190,000 to fund demolition.

Three of the properties are in the County repository and the fourth property, belonging to Mr. Joseph Wayne must be purchased directly.

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Motion to allow negotiations with Mr. J. Wayne and completion of all required documents with the Tax Claim Bureau made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to execute the Act 137 draw paperwork for the 40% of the projects costs made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

R. Krick asked about the projected time frame for the project. J. Feeser said they would like to see demolition by this winter with development in the spring/early summer.

J. Chiaretti asked if there are any drawings of the project. Mr. Feeser explained there are not funds as all the money in the discretionary fund have been spent. The project will entail splitting the four parcels into three and the installation of three modular units. Each lot will be approximately 35 feet wide. These homes are marketed for sale to qualified first time home buyers and are sold for the appraised value.

M.B. Dougherty gave J. Feeser contact information for all building permits.

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion to participate and file the requested paper for the County's hazard mitigation project made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** November 9, 2006 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Labie noted that she had the same complaints as usual. C. Marquardt informed her that the question of the property on East Mahanoy Avenue was being taken to court. He add that the situation was explained to the tenants and the owner is responsible for the matter and will need to rectify the situation.

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 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, R. Krick. second. Question? 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

Housing rehab mortgage policy – tabled.

Mayor's request concerning new hire police officers is under consideration – tabled.

2007 CDBG grant application – the borough is not applying for funding this round.

Employee handbook – tabled.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to reappoint Larry Kachelries to the Girardville Area Municipal Authority, effective January 1, 2007, for a five (5) year term made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request from the Good Time Club to hold their annual Santa Parade on Thanksgiving Day at 5:00 PM. Motion to allow made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request from the Good Time Club to post no parking signs for the installation of the Christmas decorations on Saturday, November 18, 2006. Motion to allow made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise the 2007 budget for adoption at the December meeting made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request for an handicapped parking space from E. Becker, West Ogden Street. This matter is given to Street Committee for review. R. Krick noted that in January all current handicapped parking spaces will be reviewed. In the matter of Mr. Faust and the space he was granted, it was brought to council's attention that he has been using the driveway parking that was revoked in favor of a space on the street. A letter informing him that failure to stop using the off street parking will result in the loss of the street space.

Motion to file paperwork with STV authorizing the State to continue doing the bridge inspections with 10% of the costs charged to the borough made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

Motion to pay the bills as submitted and read made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? Vote. All. Motion carried.

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CORRESPONDENCE

Entech Engineering – notice of award of the contract for the Ogden Street storm drain project.

Letter to Mr. Demanski – permission to route storm water under sidewalk and out into the gutter on West Main Street by C. Marquardt.

Hearing date for J. Ritzo set for December 28, 2006 at 9:00 AM. Mr. Mika will acknowledge acceptance of the date with her attorney.

Reading Blue Mountain Railroad – reminder to keep the crossing clear of snow.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street: R. Krick spoke with the Game Commission and they ask that residents be reminded it is illegal to feed bears.

OTHER BUSINESS

M.B. Dougherty has been the point of contact for the property matter between Ellison and Grady. Mr. Mika sent the requested information to D. Grow, at the Court House. This matter to be added to unfinished business.

Insurance – J. Chiaretti was investigating insurance coverages with other Boroughs. This matter to be added to unfinished business.

R. Krick noted that our Main Street project is part of a \$1 million dollar project being funded through Senator Rhoades office. The borough is in the process of obtaining the properties for demolition

Reminder of the Veteran's Day service being held at the Memorial at 11:00 AM on Veteran's Day.

C. Marquardt asked all present to observe a moment of silence in for those currently in harm's way and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

FLOOR

No comments.

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

Respectfully submitted

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** December 14, 2006 **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 L. Kachelries, Solicitor E. Mika

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. L. Christman observed that the town looks beautiful with all the holiday decorations on the homes and poles.

Mr. Ronald A Tyson, owner of 227 East Mahanoy Avenue, attended and asked to address Council. He noted that he recently was in court, with the borough over his property. His solution to the building code violations is to turn the property over to the borough.

M.B. Dougherty told him that there have been numerous complaints over the years about that property and it is his responsibility, as owner, to deal with it. She added that she did not think that council would be willing to accept the building and all its liabilities. Mayor Kachelries told Mr. Tyson that his own lawyer told Mr. Tyson to deal with the county in this matter. Mr. Tyson announced that he was apparently wasting his time here and left.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

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

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

Code Enforcement officer's report: Motion to accept report as submitted made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Policy requested by Mayor regarding MPOETC certification. Mr. Mika noted that a policy does need to be adopted to recover costs for certifications when a new hire leaves voluntarily within a specific time frame. There are several questions which need to be addressed. He suggested to M.B. Dougherty that a refined draft be brought to the police committee to be considered by council. He requested that this matter be placed on next month's agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to adopt the 2007 budget as advertised made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Mr. Chiaretti noted that some extra funds are available due to the loss of our crossing guard position and these will be used for an increased police payroll and possible purchase of equipment.

Motion to adopt tax levy ordinance 2006-1 – setting 2007 real estate millage at 11.7 made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Council noted this does not raise taxes for next year.

Motion to approve and advertise the 2007 meeting schedule for Council made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Meeting will remain the second Thursday with work sessions the preceding Tuesday.

Request from the AOH to host the annual St. Patrick's Day parade on, Saturday, March 24, 2007. Motion to allow the same as last year made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Question? R. Krick noted that the exceptions are needed due to last minute requests that placed council members in awkward positions regarding decisions. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion that all additional requests need to be submitted, in writing, no later than the February meeting, for Council's consideration made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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Motion to authorize the solicitor to send out bid letters for a 2007 tax anticipation note in the amount of \$40,000.00 made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn? Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request from the Ashland Cub Scouts for use of the building on January 20, 2007 for their annual Pine Wood Derby. Motion to allow made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to file the required paperwork to maintain the school building's KOZ status made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to accept the resignation submitted by Francis Weikel, for health reasons, made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. C. Marquardt noted that his keys were turned into the borough office.

Motion to advertise the open street department position and give authority to the street committee to review all applications and hire a replacement, pending a background check, the same salary and benefits to apply made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

Motion to pay the bills as submitted and read made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Question? Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Auditor General – copy of 2004 Liquid Fuels audit

PRIDE – donation of \$1000 for use in a borough project. Motion to send a thank you note made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BIU – notice no increase in inspection fees for 2007

Reading & Northern Railroad – reminder to keep the crossing free of snow and ice

Entech Engineering – correspondence relating to the awarding of the contract for the West Ogden Street storm drain project.

Schuylkill County EMA – reminder deadline for municipalities to apply for flood damage funding 12/31/06

Berkheimer – report on auditing standards

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Motion to send a letter to PSAB encouraging their continued support and urging them to be active of efforts by Senator Rhoades office regarding the blight task force made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: Motion made to write to the State Police Captain in Reading and request monthly reports for all calls in the borough made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried. Contact information to be supplied to the secretary.

Street: R. Krick noted that repairs were done to the "pony trail" and along the creek. He still has questions regarding the PEMA funds that are supposed to be available and will contact their office.

He recommended that the committee plan a review of all current handicap parking spaces and place on hold the approval of any new spaces until January of next year. Notices to be sent.

M.B. Dougherty noted that the blinking light project on East Mahanoy Avenue should be moving ahead. She will be in contact with the engineer concerning some missing information on the application.

School: R. Krick noted that he could not fire up the large furnace and he will contact L&L boiler to see if they can determine the problem.

Recreation: C. Marquardt noted that work on the park, on Oak Street, behind the Methodist church has begun and will continue as weather permits.

OTHER BUSINESS

Motion to have the solicitor review and bring to council some suggestions for an occupancy permit ordinance made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Members of council had the opportunity to interview a police officer candidate. Motion to hire Richard Haraschak as a part time police officer, pending a positive background check, at \$9.00 per hour made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? Probation period? This to be six (6) months. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to approve a 50¢ per hour raise to Officer John Roberts, effective January 1, 2007 made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mr. Mika reminded council of the hearing on December 28, 2006 concerning the matter of the handicap parking space request that was denied.

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J. Quinn noted that he is again at work on an employee handbook. He is working through the packet of information supplied by the insurance carrier and is trying to put it into a format that will fit the borough's needs.

In the long term, the borough is planning on researching other possible sources for insurance protection.

FLOOR

It was asked from the floor if the borough was on the only municipality to hold the line on taxes. The resident was informed that other local municipalities did not raise their taxes.

C. Marquardt wished everyone present a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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

Respectfully submitted
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PUBLIC HEARING

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** December 28, 2006 **TIME:** 9:00 AM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

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

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Hearing of Jennifer A. Ritzo – denial of a handicap parking space permit pursuant to Borough Ordinance #97-2

BUSINESS

For the record Mr. Mika noted it is approximately 9:00 AM on, Thursday, December 28, 2006 convened for the hearing of Jennifer A Ritzo pursuant to Borough Ordinance # 97-2 which is an appeal pursuant to Council's decision denying her application for a handicap parking permit. Her attorney, Michael S. Greek is here with us today. I understand Attorney Greek has a few comments to make.

Mr. Greek took the floor. He thanked Mr. Mika and Council.

Mr. Greek said: My client has apparently called my office as well as the borough hall to say that she has the flu and that she could not be present here today and on behalf of my client so I respectfully request a continuance. Mr. Mika confirmed that he heard the voice mail message from Ms. Ritzo left at approximately 7:30 AM this morning requesting that we continue the hearing due to illness. The suggestion is that we reschedule the hearing to, January 11, 2007 at 6:15 PM which will be just before our next regularly scheduled public meeting. We need a motion to grant Mr. Greek's request for a continuance of this hearing, Thursday, January 11, 2007, at 6:15 PM at borough hall. Motion made by M.B. Dougherty as stated by E. Mika, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Motion carried.

Mr. Greek thanked council and apologized for any inconvenience.

Mr. Chiaretti asked what would happen if Council did not want to grant the continuance. Mr. Mika said that is a good question but not one that needs to be discussed. There is not much guidance under the local agency law on it, but none the less, she is entitled to an appeal pursuant to what the borough ordinance says, quite frankly I do not know why, but the borough ordinance says you have an appeal under the local agency law. It would happen anyway under the local agency law. But, we would be obligated none the less and Mr. Greek could appeal our decision not to grant the continuance but to avoid the expense we should just go through it.

Let the record reflect that at this duly advertised meeting there are no other members of the public here and will ask for a motion to adjourn unless there is further business of Council.

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

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer