

BOROUGH OF GIRARDVILLE

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg.

DATE: January 11, 2007

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 comments at this time.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

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

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Housing rehab policy concerning mortgage collections being reviewed with solicitor.

Employee handbook being reviewed by J. Quinn.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to adopt Resolution 2007-1 approving a Tax Anticipation Note with M&T Bank in the amount of \$40,000 at 4.25% upon receipt of paperwork from DCED made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

MPOETC policy – The mayor is to contact the solicitor to set up a meeting to discuss the details of the policy. This to be reviewed for finalization of draft.

Motion to adopt the 2007 pre-approved bill list for automatic payments of regular bills made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to approve the 2007-08 salt contract and submit made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to approve a two year service contract with Liquid Technologies, Shenandoah, for service of all Borough computer systems to be back dated to August 2006 made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Questions? M.B. Dougherty noted that the company stipulated they would be within \$100-200 of other bid prices of any purchases the borough may require. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to file a DCED grant application for use towards the purchase of a new borough truck made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? M.B. Dougherty noted that a price will be required and the forms must be filed by March. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to send the 2006 books to Dennis Mensch, Ashland, for the annual review made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

In the matter of the review of the handicap parking spaces in the borough, R. Krick informed council that at the solicitor's suggestion each would be voted on individually.

Motion to re-approve space allotted to Margaret Hennessy made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All.

Motion to re-approve space allotted to Joseph Budraitis made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All.

Motion to re-approve space allotted to Florence Opuda made by R. Krick, second

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M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All.

Motion to re-approve space allotted to Rev. M. Horan made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Vote. All.

Motion to re-approve space allotted to Bernice Stanton made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All.

Motion to re-approve space allotted to Diane Lenahan made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All.

Motion to re-approve space allotted to Elizabeth Raneri made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All.

E. Mika noted that upon review Council agrees that each of these parties continues to meet the requirements of the ordinance.

Motion to revoke the space at 138 East Main Street as the party has since passed away made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Vote. All.

Motion to revoke the space at 352 West Main Street as the party no longer meets the requirements of the ordinance made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Vote. All.

Notices of renewal and removal to be sent to the affected parties.

The possibility of have designated spaces through PADOT was brought to council's attention. In order to qualify, a party must have a handicap placard or license plate. The current ordinance does not allow for designated parking and the entire ordinance should be reviewed. Motion to allow the solicitor to explore the possibility of designated handicap parking spaces and revising the ordinance made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

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

CORRESPONDENCE

NS COG – meeting, Girardville, January 24 2007. Motion to allow use of the building made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

PEMA – notice of weather related exercise and required paperwork

Schuylkill County EMA – training schedule for EMA coordinator

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In the matter of an EMA coordinator – M.B. Dougherty informed those present that council is looking for an interested party.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: J. Chiaretti noted that some 4-5 meetings ago Council discussed coverage problems and taxes. We are making progress. Four officers have been hired with 62 hours of coverage weekly and we have a proactive mayor. There seems to be better communication, we still have speeders but are making progress there as well.

Street: R. Krick reported that James Petusky quit on January 3, 2007. A letter is being sent to request his resignation in writing.

Motion to advertise the open position in the Pottsville Republican with an application deadline of January 19, 2007 made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to allow the street committee to fill the vacancy upon review of all applications received made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

R. Krick noted that the borough does not salt Main Street or Mahanoy Avenue as this is a PADOT issue. The time it takes PADOT to get out when there are quick snow/ice conditions is a matter of safety. He recommends approaching PADOT about the possibility of doing Main Street and the Flicker Hill. C. Marquardt noted the contact would likely be John Mitchell. M.B. Dougherty added it would worth talking to them about this matter.

J. Chiaretti noted that the Mayor has jumped in to assist our new streets department employee when J. Petusky quit.

SCHOOL: R. Krick reported that the big boiler is not working. TNT, the company that did the tube repairs will be in to look at it. There is heat in the gym but not the building.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mary Beth requests Council consider drafting a letter to be sent to new property owner's informing them that the borough does conform to the UCC and does have maintenance codes in place. Wording of this by the solicitor making certain it is legal. Her concerns, addressed to council is that in the last judicial sale some corporations from Philadelphia, purchased empty buildings and she was wondering if any other communities might have some similar policy in place. E. Mika noted that this is a valid concern and a letter to the effect of informing landlords that the borough does have code enforcement could be sent. The question of a vehicle was raised and it was suggested that the tax bills be used. M.B. Dougherty said she would type something to be enclosed with the next round of tax bills.

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E. Mika reminded P. Teresavage that with the judicial sales, property maintenance is the borough's responsibility. UCC covers all improvements to property and the Property Maintenance Code covers maintaining property.

E. Mika had suggested that the borough consider pursuing purchase of some of the properties up for judicial sale. Consensus is that it would be nice to have the lots but no one would be interested in purchasing them. M.B. Dougherty said she requested a listing for the April sale and informed residents they could review the lists at the court house.

Mrs. Labie, could not attend the meeting this evening, asks that all the organizations in town planning something for the centennial hold a combined meeting to review dates and events.

FLOOR

Mrs. A. Gross complained that you can never reach the permit officer. J. Chiaretti said that he was aware of that being the case. A letter is to be sent addressing her lack of availability and asking if she is still interested in the position.

Mr. T. Clark spoke about the rash of fires and asked if anything is being done about the burned out buildings. Letters will be sent to the property owners noting the need to proceed with clearing the properties.

Mrs. Kanagoski complained about the coal trucks speeding up and down Main Street. Mayor L. Kachelries noted that tickets have been given to trucks for speeding and he is working on a schedule to have an officer out in the mornings to slow the traffic down. M.B. Dougherty suggested doing a BLITZ, be out one or two hours a week on different mornings for a couple of weeks and that should cut down on the speeding.

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

Respectfully submitted

Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer

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OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

Mayor's report: Read by 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 R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. 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

E. Mika addressed the proposed policy to have new hire officers reimburse costs for MPOTEC certification if they leave or are terminated within six (6) months of hiring. He noted that this is a cost to the borough and once an officer has his certification he can transfer it anywhere in the Commonwealth. All aspects of this agreement must be discussed during the hiring policy. Motion to approve the agreement as drafted and authorize the Mayor to enter into this agreement made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

To allow the borough to recoup all costs if a property is sold before the forgiveness period provided the costs to collect do not exceed the outstanding balance due on the Housing Rehabilitation mortgage agreements, amends were made to add lead abatement and administrative costs to all newly issued mortgages. Motion to adopt the additions to the current mortgage form made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

J. Quinn submitted a newly revised employee handbook to Council for consideration. Motion to allow the solicitor to review the handbook made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Question? E. Mika asked if these revisions/additions were to satisfy the insurance carrier. He also asked if it is consistent with the current handbook. J. Quinn told him, yes, on both counts. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Due to difficulties with a current handicapped parking space, Council discussed the possibility of having two tiers for handicapped parking space permits, one for a regular handicapped space and the second for a designated space for extreme cases. Motion to authorize the solicitor to look into designated as well as regular handicapped spaces and have a draft for council's consideration made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

In the matter of the hearing request from Jennifer Ritzo, Mr. Mika noted that her attorney had a "reasonable" amount of time to supply medical documentation and as nothing has been received to date he believes that the time has passed. Council can stand by their decision to deny Mrs. Ritzo a handicapped parking space.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve and submit the annual SEO report for DEP made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to agree to the sale of 2, 8, 12 West Main Street to the borough for \$500.00 each and submit the required paperwork to the county made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Question? M.B. Dougherty noted that this is for the housing rehab project through Schuylkill Community Action. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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PRIDE – request for use of building, March 22, 2007 as a drop off point for their shoebox float contest. Motion to allow made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? Vote. All. Motion carried.

Letter of complaint received from a resident regarding a billing dispute with Service Electric Cable TV. The resident was told to report this dispute to the borough, however, Mr. Mika informed council that the franchise agreement in place indemnified the borough and gives Service Electric five (5) days to respond. Any further calls from the resident are to be referred to the solicitor's office.

Motion to apply for a grant from NEPA for internet connection upgrades made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

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

Motion to transfer funds from the general fund to the school fund made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

TO: Solid Waste, Dan Grow – Agreement to participate in Demolition program 117 West Ogden Street

TO: PADOT – Notice of approval of a parade on March 24th, outlining parade route and agreeing to comply with PADOT traffic control rules.

AOH – letter requesting street closings and “No Parking” notices to be posted for the parade on March 24th

AOH – copy of letter sent to local groups for participation in the parade, March 24th

Joseph Wayne – Requesting a letter to PLCB granting borough permission for an extension of the licensed premises of the Hibernian House for the purpose of selling alcoholic beverages within the confines of Beech and Line Streets. Motion to grant permission and send the required notification to PLCB made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? R. Krick asked to verify and stipulate that this is for one day only. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Schuylkill County – change of assessment report (Borough, 319 West Main Street)

Commonwealth of PA, Sexual Offenders Assessment Board – request for information

Various seminars and general information

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: M.B. Dougherty noted that participation in the Drug Task Force must be done by ordinance and municipal agreement. The Mayor is to forward the information to the solicitor.

Motion to give G. DeLatorre a \$0.50 per hour raise made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Street: R. Krick noted that three (3) people were interviewed for the street department position. Motion to hire Mr. Donald Becker at \$8.00 @ hour for a ninety (90) day probation period made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? Mr. Mika asked if he was given a job description. Mr. Quinn noted that is part of the current policy handbook. Vote. All. Motion carried. Mr. Becker to start on Monday.

R. Krick noted that after reviewing costs for a new pickup truck the borough will keep the old truck for the time being.

The generator for the borough hall building is ordered and should arrive next week. J. Chiaretti noted that this is being purchased to provide a location in case of wide spread power outage.

E. Mika noted that funding for demolition of 117 West Ogden Street is in place. The borough needs to act now to acquire the property and an agreement with the neighbor. Motion to allow the solicitor to contact Mr. Ellison and enter into an agreement for the 25% borough share of the demolition costs made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

FLOOR

Mrs. Labie thanked the borough for fixing the problem with the heat in the meeting room.

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

Mayor L. Kachelries, Solicitor E. Mika

Members absent: M.B. Dougherty

PUBLIC COMMENT

Ms. J. Parfitt thanked council, the borough workers, E. Burns (Girard Estate), and J. Tinari for a job well done on the snow removal after the recent snow/ice storm.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

Mayor's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept as read made by J. Chiaretti, second R. Krick. Question? J. Chiaretti commended the officers for 70 stops. 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

Employee handbook – tabled

Proposed changes to the handicapped parking ordinance – E. Mika gave council a draft with the proposed changes for their consideration. There are questions on several points and he recommended review for consideration for advertisement at next month's meeting.

J. Ritzo matter – E. Mika reported that he had no response or additional information from Mrs. Ritzo or her attorney.

NEW BUSINESS

Request from Mrs. Ron Krick to host the annual Easter Egg hunt on Sunday, April 1st at 2:00 PM in the B Street Park. Motion to allow made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

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

Motion to transfer the necessary funds from the General Fund to the School Building fund to cover the month's bills made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All.

CORRESPONDENCE

PADOT – Acknowledgement of letter for St. Patrick's Day Parade

DCED – Notice of KOEZ approval for school building

Gartner & Associates – lawsuit update

NS COG – meeting notice – March 28th - Union Township, Ringtown

PADOT – notice of Route 4030 paving project through Gilberton

Entech – notice of transmittal of shop drawings for Ogden Street Project

Schuylkill County Boroughs Association – meeting notice March 15th – Port Carbon

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street: R. Krick noted that we have received some of the bills for the snow removal and costs at this point amount to approximately \$5500.00

The borough purchased a new spreader for the dump truck due to the old spreader breaking down in the middle of the snow storms.

OTHER BUSINESS

E. Mika reported that the Grady property, 117 W. Ogden Street, deed was signed and the property is set for demolition. The property will go out to bid and the only remaining needed piece of information is the 25% share of the cost. He has a call into Doug Ellison to finalize the matter.

C. Marquardt noted that there is a meeting set for Sunday, March 11th at 2:00 PM to further discuss plans for the Borough's 175th anniversary celebration. Anyone is invited to attend.

R. Krick informed council that the properties in West Main Street that are slated for demolition are posted with no trespassing signs. This was necessary due to several people approaching council members about going into the properties for salvage purposes.

C. Marquardt told Council that the letters needed requesting use of the local municipalities Fire Police for the St. Patrick's Day parade were signed and sent out during the week.

FLOOR

Ms. J. Parfitt asked Council to check the corner of Second and Beech Streets. Water lies in that area and does not get into the storm drain. R. Krick said the Street Committee will check this matter.

Mr. V. Ambrose asked, of the 70 stops by the police department, how many were given warnings and how many were issued citations. J. Chiaretti told him that according to the report there were 27 violations issued.

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

Respectfully submitted

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** April 12, 2007 **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
Members absent: Solicitor E. Mika

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. S. McMonegal noted for anyone's interest that the VFW is collecting supplies to be sent to our service personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan. Lists are available for anyone interested in making donations.

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 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.

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

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Code Enforcement Officer's report: Motion to accept as submitted made by M.B. Dougherty, 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.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Tabled:

Employee handbook

Handicapped parking space requests

NEW BUSINESS

The YMCA is scheduled to run a summer program at the gym. Motion to approve usage pending decision on compensation made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise the ordinance required for participation in the Schuylkill County Task Force made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

Motion to pay the bills as submitted and read made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Question? Vote. All. Motion carried. Motion to transfer funds, as needed, from the General Fund to the School Fund made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

County EMA – approval of storm damage funds PEMA – November 16-17, 2006

Request – R&R Quick Mart for 15 minute customer parking

Motion to send letter stating that Council sees no problem at this time but will monitor and reconsider if needed in the future made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request – swimming pool – Christopher Frindt

Motion to have M.B. Dougherty draft a reply to this request made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Senator Rhoades – invitation to participate grant workshop, April 19 – Lehigh Carbon Community College. M.B. Dougherty will be attending, reply as needed.

PA DOT – liquid fuels street listing for review and submission

Ashland Borough – request for letter of support for a DCNR playground grant application

NEPA – request for letters in support of restoration of LDD funding in the state budget

Various seminars

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: Motion to approve a \$0.50 per hour raise for Richard Haraschak effective the current pay period made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Street: R. Krick reported that the Ogden Street storm drainage project is underway. The spreader was repaired.

Schuylkill Community Action hopes for June demolition of the properties on West Main Street.

The demolition project on West Ogden Street is set to go out to bid shortly.

M.B. Dougherty noted that an extension was granted for the Safety Grant. The target for painting the crosswalks is mid-May. Traffic control will be needed and those details will be worked out when the project is scheduled.

Motion to authorize S. Ulceski, Ashland Borough manager, to purchase four (4) 30X30 fluorescent yellow pedestrian crossing signs, the cost of \$67.70 each to be covered under the grant made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

The flashing light for East Mahanoy Avenue is in the works.

Motion to approve a \$0.50 per hour raise for James Evans effective this current pay period made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mayor Kachelries asked M.B. Dougherty if it is possible to have an occupancy permit ordinance. M.B. Dougherty replied that council is waiting to review such an ordinance with the solicitor.

There is also an ordinance regulating propane tanks being reviewed by the solicitor and the fire chief.

In reference to the damaged garage on Pine Street, P. Teresavage was instructed to contact the owner and get a time frame for demolition as the street cannot be blocked off

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indefinitely. The mayor noted that the building was supposed to be taken down and they were waiting for information on permits and insurance requirements.

J. Quinn noted that PRIDE is doing the annual clean-up on May 19, 2007. Motion to allow the use of the borough truck and equipment made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

The 175th anniversary committee has a meeting scheduled for Sunday, April 15th at 2:00 PM. C. Marquardt noted that preparations are being made to have PP&L drop power into the park for the picnic.

The mayor asked if the borough requires business permits. R. Krick said that the borough does not require permits and it is only necessary to make certain there are no zoning violations.

FLOOR

Mrs. S. McMonegal asked can anyone place a no parking sign outside their house. She was told anyone can hang a sign but that doesn't mean it will be enforced.

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

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Members absent: J. Chiaretti

PUBLIC COMMENT

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Mayor's report: None submitted.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mr. Mika reported to council that in the matter of the proposed employee handbook, there are some changes needed. He is concerned that the borough is adopting this simply to satisfy insurance requirements and that it needs to not only be adopted but implemented as well. Motion to have J. Quinn review the proposed format with the solicitor as needed and have a cleaned up copy for next month's meeting made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-1 required for Borough participation in the County Drug Task Force made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried. Adoption of this ordinance includes the agreement required by the County and an appointment to the task force to be made at a later date. Ordinance duly advertised and forwarded to the county law library.

M.B. Dougherty noted that weather permitting the parking space lines will be painted on May 19-20, 2007 beginning at 6:00 AM. The company has requested traffic control and no parking signs to be posted.

Motion to advertise for insurance bids made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? Draft of request for proposal? This to be done by the solicitor. Vote. All. Motion carried.

M.B. Dougherty noted that council needs to consider a safety policy to include but not limited to hardhats, earplugs, gloves, safety glasses, steel toe shoes. These are necessary when operating the chipper, backhoe & leaf-vac. R. Krick suggested that the Street committee review this subject and come up with a set of safety regulations.

In the matter of the MPOTEC reimbursement policy M.B. Dougherty suggested having it extended to one year for new hires and that Girardville be considered the primary employer during that time. E. Mika noted that Council needs to be careful due to concerns of such an agreement being seen as a contract. Pennsylvania considers employees at will meaning someone can quit or be fired with or without reason. A contract makes this an issue. The problem is that newly hired officers here get their MPOTEC certification and then seek employment elsewhere. Motion to have the solicitor review proposed issues for consideration made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? Vote. All. Motion carried. C. Marquardt noted new hires would fall under the current policy and E. Mika noted that a policy can be rescinded at any time.

BILLS

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

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Motion to transfer funds from the General Fund to the Payroll fund as needed made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? R. Krick noted that he would have money to deposit from gym rentals. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Schuylkill County Tax Claim – notice of properties sold, requesting any objections by borough.

Schuylkill County Tax Claim – notice of sale and recorded deeds – three properties part of demolition/reclamation project on West Main Street.

Girardville Ambulance Service – requesting permission to hold a “Tag Day”, Monday, May 28th from 7 – 10 AM at each of the entrances to town. Motion to allow made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Rangers Hose Co – permission to use the borough hall building to hold a Chinese Auction fundraiser, Sunday, November 4th. Motion to allow made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Senator Rhoades – request to submit projects for financial assistance that the borough cannot fund through tax revenue. M.B. Dougherty noted that a short list for possible projects is an Oak Street drainage project, Demolition and paving projects. R. Krick said he would contact D. Cuff and get estimates on footage and paving. A reply to this letter waits cost estimates.

Central Highway Oil – offer of price freeze contracts for heating oil at \$2.589 for 2007-2008. This matter was tabled for further consideration. M.B. Dougherty noted she will bring this topic up at the next COG meeting.

County Commissioners – requesting approximate cost estimates for projects submitted as part of the hazard mitigation plan. R. Krick noted this needs to be reviewed. M.B. Dougherty will contact John Guers at the Court House and find out exactly what was requested.

Linda Eye – requests for curb cuts at the School building. Mr. Mika did not have an answer for regulations regarding pre-existing conditions and will check into the matter.

COG – meeting notice, May 23rd in Mahanoy Township

Entech Engineering – correspondence related to the Ogden St storm drain project. R. Krick noted that the project is complete. There is a punch list for review as well as any additional concerns.

Senator Rhoades – acknowledgement of support letter for NEPA

COMMITTEE REPORTS

175th Anniversary Committee: J. Quinn requested a \$500.00 commitment from the borough should it become necessary to cover costs. M.B. Dougherty said she was concerned about committing money that was not previously budgeted. After some discussion, the matter was tabled pending final tallies of income/expenditures for the planned celebrations.

Police: Council received and reviewed an application from Michael O'Neill for part-time police officer. Council decided to waive the age requirement as Mr. O'Neill is only 20 and the requirement is 21. He also needs his MPOTEC certification. Motion to make an offer of employment at \$9.00 per hour pending results of background check and any other required investigations made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? The need for MPOTEC was raised and E. Mika suggested having him pay for the costs outright and comply with the current policy. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Due to the questions raised about the pedestrian safety program a motion to send a letter to the participating communities concerning the overtime policies made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Question? M.B. Dougherty to draft the letter. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to send a certified letter to Genarro DeLatorre requesting he contact the Mayor to arrange return of all borough property and the \$45.00 owed for purchases no later than May 15th made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? R. Krick asked what recourse if he does not comply. E. Mika said that the borough could take him to the magistrate to recover all owed money and property and he suggested mentioning this in the letter. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Street: R. Krick noted that a punch list will be available for Ogden Street. M.B. Dougherty, J. Chiaretti & C. Marquardt will set a date to review.

It was suggested that the Street committee hold regular bi-weekly or at least monthly meetings with the borough workers.

Motion to approve raise for Donald Becker in the amount of \$0.50 per hour effective 5/12/07 made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

FLOOR

Mrs. Labie asked if the long tables at the back of the room were in the way. Council said they are not in the way.

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OTHER BUSINESS

J. Quinn informed Council that PRIDE is discussing planting trees on Main Street from Line to Richard Street about 40-50 feet apart.

The new Upper Schuylkill banners are expected and will be installed on Main Street and Second Street.

The Girardville sign was damaged & cannot be repaired. Council is looking to replace the sign. Considering the question of when and how the sign was damaged E. Mika suggested approaching PADOT about the costs.

A proposed proclamation in support of a cargo airport which will be located in both Schuylkill and Luzerne counties was read for the record.

Motion to issue a proclamation in support of a cargo airport proposed by Gladstone Partners made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion. Carried.

M.B. Dougherty asked if all communities in the county were approached about this and E. Mika said that they were but that Girardville, enacting this tonight would be the first to do so. Mr. P. Oswald noted that this project could have adverse effects on the county and the area where the construction is proposed and he believed council should have considered all of the effects prior to voting. M.B. Dougherty said there is a lot of pro/con information out there and that she believes that the encouragement for economic development is important.

P. Teresavage reported that the fire damaged properties have all been filed with the Magistrate. E. Mika said he would check the status with the District Justice and what can be done to force compliance and asked that all the address information be forwarded to his office. It was noted that the storm drain on East Ogden and Reed Streets needs to be cleaned out; there is debris from the fire blocking it.

Note to contact Mr. Joe Wayne about removing the remaining parade banners.

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:** June 14, 2007 **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

No comment at this time.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

Mayor's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept as read made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. 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 R. Krick. 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

Employee handbook – tabled

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Motion to grant a handicap parking space for 140 West Ogden Street as requested by E. Becker made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request by E. Dougherty on West Main Street – tabled.

General insurance – E. Mika noted that he received copies of the declaration pages and approached an agent he knows from Orwigsburg. The agent offered to sit with council, at no charge, and review the current coverage. He added that our current premiums are very good. Mr. Mika's concern was that a RFP would not yield what council is looking for, which is better service. A date to meet sometime next week, any day but Tuesday or Thursday, will be set and everyone notified.

NEW BUSINESS

Police agreement MPOETC – E. Mika noted that there were some changes made to the original agreement. Council can, on a case by case basis, decide to advance the costs and be reimbursed if the new hire leaves for any reason. He stressed that this is not an employment contract.

Employee safety policy – tabled pending a street committee meeting.

Oil purchase contracts – Two options received for lock-in price on heating oil. One offer has a lock-in price with the note that if prices decrease you will receive the lower price; the second is just a flat price for the entire season. Motion to review consumption for last heating season, approach contractors about guaranteed delivery of one contract purchase for all buildings made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Occupancy permit ordinance – a draft was submitted for council's consideration. One issue is the administration, who will issue the permits. It was recommended that an outside company do the inspections and have T. Niedzwiecki issue the permits. M.B. Dougherty will contact Shenandoah to find out who they use for their permitting. E. Mika suggested having an inspector come to discuss what they do. This matter is tabled for further information.

Motion to contact Wayne's Heating & Plumbing to order the motor for the circulating pump for the boiler in the borough hall building made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

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

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Motion to pay the tax anticipation note in full made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Schuylkill County Planning Commission – request for projects for the 12 year plan

Schuylkill County Tax Claim – request for permit information (T. Niedzwiecki is taking care of this)

William Penn Fire Co – request for permission to route annual parade through borough on 6/16 at 7:00 pm. Also, assistance with traffic control (police and fire police) Motion to allow made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. All. Motion carried.

Girardville Little League – request to hold “Tag Day” 7 am – 12 pm, 6/16/07 at: McDonald’s Funeral Home, Yackera’s Garage, St. Vincent Parish. Motion to allow made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Schuylkill County Borough Assn – meeting 6/21 – Tremont Borough Hall

Thomas Group – letter of interest in bidding on insurance

SWIF – renewal information review and correction request

L&I – required form for UCC “Building Code Official” certification

PUC – meeting to discuss railroad repairs – William & Railroad St, June 25th 11:30 AM
C. Marquardt noted that someone from the borough needs to attend.

Invitation – STS celebrates 25 years - Fairlane Village Mall June 22nd 10 am – 2 pm

Seltzer Insurance results of Worker’s Compensation audit – no additional premium

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street: R. Krick requested a meeting to review safety issues.

M.B. Dougherty discussed the demolition on Main Street and West Ogden Street. Closing on the last property on West Main Street is scheduled for June 15, 2007. D. Grow informed her that an asbestos survey. M.B. Dougherty suggested talking to Shenandoah to find out who they used. J. Feeser noted that you can use Act 137 money to pay for the study. Bids are anticipated by the end of June with awards in August and demolition by the end of October. Motion to authorize M.B. Dougherty to contact Shenandoah made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? Vote. All. Motion carried.

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M.B. Dougherty informed Council that the pedestrian crossing signs for the safety grant are not a joint purchase. She got the information from S. Ulceski, Ashland, and asked permission to order the signs. Motion to authorize made by R. Krick. Second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

On the question of being able to use the signs without having them stolen, she noted, upon investigation it was discovered that no other communities secure the pedestrian crossing signs to the road. PA DOT frowns upon securing anything to the road. These signs must be placed no more than fifty feet from the crosswalks. Some municipalities have the signs adopted and are taken in and out each day. Council must determine where the signs will be placed.

School: R. Krick reported that the "YMCA" is holding a summer camp in the gym. They will be paying \$400.00 per month. Council was asked about additional tables and chairs and also fans. The borough will bring what extras they have over to the gym.

Picnic Committee: J. Quinn said that a meeting will be held on June 24, 2007 at 6:00 PM, with all organizations to review a financial report and get some feed back on any outstanding bills. There is money left in the account and the committee is looking for suggestions on usage. He noted there is a need to publicize the winners of the various drawings.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Mika asked about the status of the burned out properties and road. He was told that Reed Street off Ogden Street is still closed. Mrs. Ida Gomosky, owner of the property, addressed council. She said she is attempting to get the building torn down but the borough has \$2,000.00 of her money. She asked how many other owners are being fined, for example the buildings on Second and Ogden Streets. Those buildings are hazards not only due to fire damage but the fact they are broken into and being used for drinking and drugs. Mrs. Gomosky was told that if she knows of the buildings being used for drinking and drugs she should call the police and report it. M.B. Dougherty informed Mrs. Gomosky that the fire escrow ordinance has been in effect for years. She noted that after the ice storm the building was falling out into the street and it needs to come down, that it is a disgrace. Mrs. Gomosky told Council to give her the money and M.B. Dougherty said she would get the money when the building is down. Mrs. Gomosky told council that that, since moving into the borough, she and her children have constantly been harassed. She believes her building was set on fire but no investigation is being done and she is going to Washington DC for an investigation into this matter.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. M. Ambrose lodged a complaint about the new parking lines. She asked Council why the driveways were not taken into consideration when the lines were being painted. There is a problem on both the 100 and 200 blocks of West Main Street. Both she and

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Mr. W. Richards wanted to know why spaces, not quite large enough to have lines painted but still large enough to park a vehicle were left on either side of both driveways in question when measuring from the driveways to the corners instead of the other way around would have allowed for legal parking spaces. Parking in front of their homes was never an issue despite the driveways, and now neither family can legally park in front of their own home. M.B. Dougherty said that the spaces were measured from the corners for uniformity and spaces left at the driveways for safety. She would check with Mr. Lally to get measurement requirements if that was sufficient. Both parties agreed it was.

Mr. W. Richards asked if lines were going to be painted on the North side of Main Street. C. Marquardt informed him no lines were planned at this time.

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

Respectfully submitted

Mary Ambrose
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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** July 12, 2007 **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

Mr. V. Ambrose asked if the borough is going to begin enforcing the parking lines. He noted that calls reporting illegally parked vehicles in front of his property to the police office and the Mayor's home get no responses, not even returned calls. The Mayor replied that they had not started enforcing yet but would by next month. After some discussion council decided to have the police department place warnings on illegally parked cars and issue citations beginning after next month's council meetings. E. Mika reminded council that parking rule enforcement must be across the board to avoid exposure to discrimination claims.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

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

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

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Employee handbook – tabled

Handicapped parking request, Mr. E. Dougherty – tabled.

Employee safety policy – motion to adopt as submitted made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Policy to be added to handbook and posted in the garage.

Occupancy permit paperwork – tabled. E. Mika is going to call M.B. Dougherty to further discuss this matter.

Oil purchase – motion to purchase 6500 gallons of heating oil from Central Highway at \$2.599 cap price with a possible \$0.10 discount made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Insurance information for renewal – Mr. Mika noted that Council is reviewing the current coverage and possible needs. R. Krick related that the proposed policies have dividends, they are set up as almost being self-insured but the bulk of any loss would be covered by actual insurance. The general discontent with the current agent was noted and M.B. Dougherty suggested a special meeting when all of council could be present. E. Mika suggested that the minutes reflect that council is considering the servicing by the agent, the needs of the borough and that council will hold a decision until the entire body can meet and discuss the matter in detail. A special meeting date will be set and advertised.

BILLS

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

CORRESPONDENCE

STV -- request for action on John Street Bridge -- requires a response

R. Krick noted there is a problem with possible removal of the bridge as there is a water main attached to one of the girders. Council suggested writing to Aqua PA informing them that removal of the bridge will affect the existing water main.

Schuylkill County Planning/Zoning -- Land use meeting -- 7/31/07 -- 5:30 PM Courthouse

Northern Schuylkill COG -- meeting -- 7/25th, Mary D

Schuylkill County EMA -- SNAP program

American Legion Auxiliary -- S. McMonegal requested use of the borough hall for their annual pie sale scheduled for August 29th. They will need access from 3:00 -- 3:30 PM for delivery and from 6:00 -- 8:00 PM for pickups. Mrs. McMonegal said she would take care of locking the building. Motion to allow made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: M.B. Dougherty noted she would update council in the executive session as the matter is a personnel issue.

Street: Nothing to report.

Recreation: C. Marquardt noted that the borough workers are having problems with the playground equipment. It seems that all the installation directions are missing. He also requested permission to get a cost estimate to hire a contractor to help with the installation. R. Krick told him he could get estimates but could not hire anyone.

R. Krick noted that he was contacted by DEP concerning complaints that kids are digging in the former West End Park. DEP's informal report is that 6 -- 8 inches of cover would be sufficient as long as no one digs. C. Marquardt suggested that the borough locate some clean fill. The officers are to patrol the area when on duty.

Executive session -- 8:53 PM -- to discuss a handicapped parking space request denial and police personnel matters.

Council returned from executive session -- 9:50 PM

For the record -- council went into executive session to consider litigating the matter of a denial of a handicapped parking permit and police personnel matters.

Council discussed the options of appeal and the ramifications. The record on this matter was kept open pending the submittal of medical records. Such records were submitted this week. Council's opinion, based on the information supplied by Mrs. Ritzo's

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attorney, neighbors and photographs that she does not meet the requirements of Ordinance 97-2. There is reasonable off street parking available and the testimony failed to demonstrate

Motion to deny based on the above and voted by poll:

R. Krick – Deny

C. Marquardt - Deny

M.B. Dougherty – Deny

J. Quinn – Deny

With four (4) members present the decision is to deny the permit request.

E. Mika will issue for signatures and forward to Mrs. Ritzo's attorney.

On the matter of the police personnel matters, council will hold a special meeting. C. Marquardt noted that due to the absence of Mr. Chiaretti, council will hold a special meeting before the end of the month to discuss these matters. Council will discuss the insurance requirements and servicing provider, will interview additional officers, and M.B. Dougherty will draft the discussed letter.

Motion to advertise any special meetings for police or insurance matters when scheduled made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

FLOOR

Mr. Michael Yesalavage requested information on several ordinances regarding motorcycles and dogs. The ordinances will be pulled for review. He also questioned Council's support of the proposed cargo airport. E. Mika responded by noting that he attended a lot of meetings and the figures quoted are conservative effort comparing similar airports nationally. The local municipalities and community improvement organizations have also either already voted to support the initiative or will do so. It is an effort that will bring jobs and economic advantage to the county as a whole.

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

Respectfully submitted

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SPECIAL MEETING

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. DATE: July 30, 2007 TIME: 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

Opened by C. Marquardt.

ROLL CALL

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

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

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Meeting advertised to discuss renewal of borough insurance coverage and general purposes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BUSINESS

C. Marquardt noted that after some discussion council decided to renew our coverage with the Seltzer agency but inquire about making monthly payments pending a more complete review and possible change of carrier.

Motion to renew the policies as suggested by Michael Bulino with St. Paul/Travelers and changes to MRM Trust made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All.
Motion carried.

M.B. Dougherty noted the following recommendations for changes to the borough police department policies:

Schedules will be set on a monthly basis. The Mayor sets all shifts. Premium shifts of 8 hours on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday between 7:00 PM – 7:00 AM only with a pay rate of \$12.00 for any officer beyond the ninety (90) day probation period. If two premium shifts are missed without valid reason, the officer will no longer qualify for the premium rate. Daily logs must be completed and hours fully documented by the end of each shift. New hires will have a starting rate of \$9.50 per hour with a ninety (90) day probation period. A 50 cent raise after the 90 days

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upon the Mayor's evaluation. The police department will operate on a 48 hour week due to the rate increases. All time sheets must be completed and handed in to the secretary the Monday prior to the pay day or pay will be withheld until the next payroll cycle. Motion to adopt the preceding made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to increase Michael O'Neill's pay rate to \$9.50 beginning with the 8/6/07 pay cycle made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to hire Charles Koveleski upon the recommendation of the police committee with a starting salary of \$9.50 and a 50 cent per hour raise upon evaluation after ninety (90) days made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Mayor to notify new hire of offer.

M.B. Dougherty noted that Ringtown Borough, through the COG is interested in doing a survey of the local police departments regarding pay rates, uniforms, hiring policies, etc. R. Krick suggested looking into utilizing similar uniforms and sharing costs of things like firearms qualifications.

C. Marquardt brought up the problem with the mine drainage and the storm drain on Main and Silver Street. R. Krick noted that he contacted D. Cuff, Entech Engineering and PADOT to look at this problem. He asked who makes the call of closing Main Street if the damage migrates further out into the cart way. No satisfactory answer from PADOT. He suggested sending a letter to this effect directly to Allentown. This was put on hold until the matter was further investigated. C. Marquardt suggested placing a steel plate over the damaged drain to allow traffic safer passage. Council agreed.

P. Teresavage asked if he could have the police schedule as he sometimes needed an officer.

On the matter of Ida Gomosky and the building at 19 East Ogden Street R. Krick informed council that she claimed to not have been able to reach T. Niedzwiecki to obtain a demolition permit. This is what held up tearing down the building and now there will be an additional 2 - 3 week delay.

Questions about the safety of the buildings located on the corner of East Main and Second Street and between Tony's Lunch and Centioles' were raised. P. Teresavage is to look into both matters.

Question of abandoned vehicles was raised. R. Krick said the borough should try to contact the owners and if no response have them tagged and have a bonded salvager come in and remove them.

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

Respectfully submitted
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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. DATE: August 9, 2007 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

Members absent: Solicitor E. Mika (away)

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Rhonda Kline expressed concern about our lack of police protection and the manner in which residents are treated by the State Police when they do respond to calls in the borough. She noted there were several incidents on the Avenue and that the speeding vehicles pose a danger not only to property but people as well. J. Chiaretti explained to the residents about the recent changes in scheduling and pay rate for weekend hours, which seems to be when most of the trouble occurs. M.B. Dougherty noted that 24 hour protection is not going to happen due to finances. She added that the borough is always looking for grants or any other ways of covering costs for added police protection. Mrs. Kline asked about a crime watch. C. Marquardt informed her that it has been attempted several times in the past with little success. But it might be worth calling for a meeting to make another attempt at organizing a crime watch.

Mrs. S. McMonegal told council about problems with using the ATM machine due to the gang that hangs out at the pool hall across the street. They also congregate in front of the bank building. If something is done, no one will want to make use of the ATM and the bank will remove it. The Mayor informed the residents that we are working on the problem.

Mrs. Kline added that with the new police hires she has seen an improvement.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Employee handbook – tabled

Handicapped parking requests – Mr. Dougherty's request is being denied and his check returned with the caveat that the space would be reconsidered if parking becomes a problem. Motion to authorize the Street Committee to authorize the space request should it become necessary made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to approve participation in the County sponsored cleanup September 27,28,29,2007 and contact the other communities who participate made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Resolution 2007-2, Declaring intent to follow schedule 1993 for disposition of municipal records. Motion to adopt made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

J. Quinn informed council about new equipment being purchased by Upper Schuylkill for use in the participating communities. Types of equipment are a sidewalk sweeper, small trailer, line painter and eight (8) trash receptacles for each community. The only requirement will be signing hold harmless and co-op agreements. Motion to forward the agreements to the solicitor for review made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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Request by Jane Krick for use of the borough hall on October 27, 2007, 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm, to host a Halloween Party for borough children. Motion to allow made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Schuylkill County EMA – sample resolution concerning hazard mitigation requested for adoption in September or October. Motion to forward to solicitor made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Ms. Joanne Carr – letter addressed to council seeking assistance with adjacent property due to high grass and dilapidated conditions. This matter will be turned over to the code enforcement officer and a letter sent acknowledging receipt.

NS COG – reimbursement for line painting costs covered by grant money.

Copy of letter sent to PADOT concerning Silver and Main Street. Waiting a response.

Church youth group day camp – thank you cards from the children who participated.

Various seminars

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: Mayor Kachelries noted that the borough will be addressing, with fines, the trash problem.

Street: R. Krick informed council that we are waiting for a response to a letter sent to PADOT concerning the problem with the storm/mine drain on Silver Street.

J. Chiaretti wanted it on record that the Borough Council supports PRIDE's efforts to plant trees on Main Street. They expect to install 38 trees in total. Mr. Chiaretti noted that he would be speaking, personally, with every property owner where a tree installation is proposed. He added that the type of tree planned are meant for urban settings and should not interfere with sewer or water lines as they are low rooted and the new sewer lines are all solid PVC pipes. These trees are low maintenance and the plan is to have the borough trim and maintain the trees. Motion to go on record support the installation of trees by PRIDE made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Recreation: C. Marquardt reported that we work will continue on the playgrounds.

FLOOR

Mr. Donald Becker addressed council asking why the illegal no parking signs are still up on West Ogden Street. R. Krick said that if a no parking sign is erected then no one can park there. There was no driveway permit issued because Mr. Kitsock simply wanted to have a parking space and not actually use the driveway. This matter was settled in 2005. A garage also means that no one can park in front of the garage. It was noted that the garage is only used for storage. C. Marquardt said the no parking signs are illegal. The Mayor will look into this matter.

Mr. Jack Spieles asked about being paid for time spent during snow removal. Mayor Kachelries told him that he was informed that if the borough received any State or Federal aid to cover the costs of the storm, he would be reimbursed for his time. There was no money released to cover costs. M.B. Dougherty asked if fire police get paid. She added she was under the impression that fire police are volunteer. Mr. Spieles left the meeting.

Mr. Gilbert Smith, 124 West Main Street asked to address the recent situation. He asked why the Mayor stood by and allowed his constituents to make threats of lynching him. Mayor Kachelries stated that he called the State Police. He added he was not involved in the incident but was at the ambulance building when the events occurred in front of 114 West Main Street. M.B. Dougherty suggested that this conversation be stopped due to the possibility of litigation. Mr. Smith then added that the police department did not return his phone calls. Both M.B. Dougherty and R. Krick noted that they were informed that the call was returned but Mr. Smith was not available to speak with the officer as he was not feeling well. Mr. Smith and his party (not identified) went into the police office with Officer O'Neill.

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

Respectfully submitted

Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer

BOROUGH OF GIRARDVILLE

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** September 13, 2007 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Charles Marquardt.
Moment of silence in remembrance of September 11th.

ROLL CALL

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. T. Clarke asked if council is proceeding with an occupancy ordinance. His concern is a property adjacent which was purchased with the intention of being "flipped" and making certain that it is up to code. M.B. Dougherty said that council is looking into how Shenandoah handles their occupancy as it seems to be one of the better ordinances. He also asked what could be done about the abandoned cats roaming the neighborhood. Mr. Chiaretti suggested they speak after the meeting.

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

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Employee handbook – some modifications were again suggested by the solicitor and he also expressed concern that once adopted it would be implemented. Council, at large expressed interest in having a manual but agreed it would be necessary to have a point of contact to make certain that the information was distributed and understood by all. Motion to make the suggested revisions and present the completed handbook, for adoption at next meeting made by R. Krick, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

J. Quinn introduced initiatives from Upper Schuylkill in regards to the shared usage equipment purchases. Motion to approve and sign the Co-operative cleaning program agreement and the Hold Harmless agreement for use of Upper Schuylkill equipment in the Borough made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Question? E. Mika noted that calls to the insurance carrier yielded that the equipment will be covered while in use in the borough. He also noted that though it is not stipulated in the agreement there needs to be some type of screening procedure prior to use and upon return to make certain that any damage to the equipment is repaired by the municipality responsible. The question of where the various pieces would be stored was raised and J. Quinn noted that he wasn't sure but perhaps the sidewalk sweeper would be stored in Frackville. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CDBG funding application deadline November, 2007. Council discussed the possibility of applying for several drainage projects; Silver and Main Streets, Oak Street and Ogden Street.

Tax forgiveness letter 117 West Ogden Street – Motion made to send letters if necessary to the County Commissioners' and the school board requesting tax forgiveness for this property pending the solicitor's research into this matter made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? E. Mika noted that this property is being acquired for demolition to mitigate a hazard. Council is not looking to forgive anyone's real estate taxes. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to send a letter to the permit officer requesting her attendance at the October work session made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to increase Officer M. O'Neill's pay rate by .50¢ per hour effectively immediately made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to hire Shred-X of Pottsville for the disposition of outdated borough records at an estimated cost of \$100 – \$135 when ready made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Question? Mayor Kachelries asked if his office could participate. He was given permission to do so, which may raise the estimated cost. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to pass a Proclamation for St. Vincent de Paul Church's 100th anniversary made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

M.B. Dougherty introduced the matter of the recent presentation by KNBT for municipal services. They currently offer as interest bearing checking accounts as needed with a current interest rate of 4.95%. As the borough is responsible to have all funds making as much interest as possible and Minersville Safe Deposit does not have a competitive interest rate available at this time, motion to transfer all borough accounts from Minersville Safe Deposit Bank to KNBT as soon as possible made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2007-3 naming KNBT as a bank depository for the Borough of Girardville made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2007-4 adopting a hazard mitigation plan in conjunction with Schuylkill County made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-2 authorizing participation in the Municipal Risk Management Worker's Compensation pooled trust as required by the insurance agreement, and duly advertised made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

E. Mika asked what council wished to do about pursuing a different insurance carrier. J. Chiaretti replied that Council decided to participate in the new insurance recommended by our agent, initiate all requirements and will review other possible options after learning all the information on this new plan.

BILLS

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Gladstone Partners LP – Thank you note for support of proposed cargo airport

DCNR – notice of public meetings concerning State forests

PSAB – notice of 2008 rate

Schuylkill County Borough Assn – Meeting 9/20 – Mahanoy City

M.B. Dougherty requested that someone from council attend as she could not. Mayor Kachelries agreed to attend the meeting.

Ashland Library – requesting funding consideration

PA DOT – information on release of bridge inspection information

NS COG – meeting 9/26 – Frackville Borough Hall

Schuylkill County Assessment – notice of hearing dates

Ranger Hose Company – request for permission to hold a parade – October 6th with no parking

Ogden Street from 2nd to Richard and 2nd Street from Oak to B Streets 10 AM – 6 PM

Motion to allow the parade and no parking as requested made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

US Census – LUCA training – participation in upcoming census process.

Council did not feel it necessary to participate in this training.

Various seminars

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: M.B. Dougherty requested a letter be sent to the school district, District Attorney's office and the Pennsylvania State police requesting a meeting to discuss ongoing problems with young adults being experienced not only in Girardville but in other communities as well. She would like some council members to attend and will let everyone one know when a day and time is set.

Mayor Kachelries requested an ad for part-time police officers be placed. Motion to advertise made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Street: R. Krick reported that there will be safety meetings planned with the borough workers. Schedule to be announced.

Parks: C. Marquardt noted that the borough continues work on the installation of the remaining playground equipment.

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FLOOR

Mrs. Labie asked about the status of the properties on Third Street. C. Marquardt informed her that code enforcement is working on them.

E. Burns, representing the AOH noted that Council will receive written notice of the change in the date for the annual St. Patrick's Day parade. Due to a conflict with Easter weekend the parade is scheduled for, Saturday, March 29, 2008.

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

Respectfully submitted

Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer

After the meeting, Mayor Kachelries requested a letter to be sent to Officers R. Haraschak and J. Roberts requesting return of borough property as they refuse all work schedules.

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** October 11, 2007 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

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: No report submitted.

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

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

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Employee handbook – tabled

CDBG application – tabled pending response from Entech Engineering

NEW BUSINESS

Trick or Treat – October 31, 2007 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM. Residents are asked to turn on porch lights to greet the children.

BILLS

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

CORRESPONDENCE

Good Time Club – request for Halloween parade, 2 PM, Sunday October 28th – Main Street from Julia Street to the Girard Hose Company. Motion to allow made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried

Schuylkill County Office Solid Waste – notice of receipt of borough's share of the 2006 recycling grant \$620.78

Child Evangelism Fellowship – Thank you for use of hall this past summer and request for use of hall July 14 – 18, 2008 from 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM daily. Motion to allow made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

KNBT – thank you note.

Toole Mika & Jones – deed for 117 West Ogden Street

Various seminars

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: M.B. Dougherty informed those present that council interviewed two people for part-time officer positions. Motion to hire Gino Ricigliano as a part-time officer at a rate of \$9.50 per hour for a ninety (90) day probation period made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? Mr. Ricigliano already has his MOPETC card. Vote. All. Motion

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carried. Dougherty noted that there are two more applicants but council did not have time to interview and do background checks at this time.

Street: R. Krick noted that the committee should have a meeting. C. Marquardt reported that the Green Machine, purchased through Upper Schuylkill, was here and Channel 16 did a brief news story about it. J. Quinn added that the sidewalk sweeper will be in town twice a month, while the weather holds.

C. Marquardt also reported that the salt for the winter season was ordered and is expected some time next week.

C. Marquardt asked if the equipment is going to be stored in the borough. M.B. Dougherty said that nothing was committed but it was noted that the borough has space if needed.

Parks: C. Marquardt reported that work has begun on the small park on Line Street and the balance of the rides will be installed in the East End as weather permits.

FLOOR

No comments.

OTHER BUSINESS

J. Chiaretti asked for the most updated budget sheets so the finance committee could begin working on the 2008 budget.

M.B. Dougherty introduced a copy of an occupancy permit ordinance from Mahanoy City Borough. After review, Council decided that this was not over complicated and easier to read than the previously reviewed sample. Motion to send a copy to Mr. Mika, have him redo it for the borough and have his office advertise it for adoption at next month's meeting made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Respectfully submitted

Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** November 8, 2007 **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

Mr. E. Burns, on behalf of Girardville Biddy Basketball, thanked council for all their support last season. Due to family matters he did not have the chance to report at the end of the season. He added that registration for this year has been very successful and had a schedule for Mr. Krick.

In the process of doing some cleaning at the school building old Little League uniforms were discovered. They are very old and are probably the original uniforms from the early 60's. There is an interested party, willing to get them professionally cleaned and thought that adults who wore them might be interested in bidding on them. He asked about ownership and after some discussion council agreed that these would belong to Little League. Mr. Burns will contact the current president. R. Krick noted that it might be nice to have one or two for the historical society.

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 J. Quinn. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor's report: None submitted.

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

Code Enforcement report: None submitted

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion to adopt the employee handbook as completed and submitted made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried. Mr. Mika suggested that this be reviewed periodically and that all current and future employees be given a copy for review and signature.

NEW BUSINESS

GAMA – Mr. Burns's seat will be up for renewal at the end of this year. As he is in attendance at the meeting Council asked if he is willing to continue with this appointment. Mr. Burns stated he is willing to retain his seat on GAMA. Motion to reappoint Mr. E. Burns for another five (5) year term to GAMA made by R. Krick, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Council was made aware that due to other commitments, Shannon Smith will be resigning her seat on GAMA. Motion to accept her resignation upon receipt of her letter and to advertise the open seat made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2007-5 for the 2008 Community Development Block Grant application submission made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mr. Mika introduced a draft of the proposed Occupancy Ordinance for consideration. Motion to advertise as proposed for adoption in December made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

In the matter of the Blue Mountain and Reading Railroad and the PUC concerning the wall at William and Railroad Street council will contact the PUC and find out the procedure to close out the current case and open another case for the remaining portion of the wall.

Motion to increase P. Teresavage's gas expense allotment from \$30.00 to \$50.00 per month made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.
Motion to give M. Ambrose a gas allotment of \$20.00 per month due to the need to travel to Shenandoah to do borough banking made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

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

Motion to transfer funds as needed from the General Fund to the School fund made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Good Time Club – request for permission to hold annual Santa Parade on Thanksgiving Day at 5:00 PM. Motion to allow the annual Santa parade made by J. Quinn, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Walter Scholl – request to purchase strip of property located across from the homes on the North Side of Ease Ogden Street. Council agreed to send him a letter stating they are not interested in selling any of this property at this time.

CMCA – community action group on alcohol through the DA's office, requesting copies of any alcohol related ordinances. Permission to send copies of any relevant ordinance.

Berkheimer – information about changes to the EMS tax. Mr. Mika noted that as the borough has not adopted and does not intend to adopt the EMS this correspondence requires no action.

Copies of letters relating to the West Main Street demolition project.

County Treasurer's Office – question of preference on tax duplicates on CD's instead of printed copies. Council agreed to send a letter to the Treasurer's office supporting the tax collectors request to receive printed copies of the duplicates for collection purposes.

Schuylkill County – copy of executed demolition contracts.

Ranger Hose Company – Thank you note for Council's support during the recent housing of their new KME.

County Assessment – copies of final determination orders.

KNBT – thank you note for opening accounts with them.

County MIS office - preview of the new tax bills.
Fisher Engineering – 2008 rates.

Geisinger Health Plan – information on available medicare related coverage.

NS COG – meeting November 11, 2007, 7:00 PM, Ashland PA

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: Mayor L. Kachelries reported that there are two additional applications for police officer he would like council to consider. Motion to interview and hire, pending background checks, before the December meeting made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? Mayor Kachelries is to set up the interviews. Vote. All. Motion carried.

M.B. Dougherty asked Mr. Mika about rules concerning confiscated equipment. The borough has several bicycles and needs to know proper rules for disposal. Mr. Mika noted that there should be something in place but he would investigate this matter.

Street: C. Marquardt reported that the Mayor, along with the borough workers repaired the storm drain on William Street between Oak and Ogden Streets.

The property on West Main Street, which is part of an ongoing drainage problem, is set to be cleaned out next week. At that point the borough will investigate the storm/sewerage drainage problem to determine exactly where the blockage is located.

The question of the drainage problem at the St. Vincent property on C Street was addressed. C. Marquardt noted that it is likely the street will need to be dug in order to find where the pipe is blocked. Mr. E. Burns noted that the drain pipe was likely damaged during sewer main installations and never repaired.

FLOOR

Mr. E. Burns asked council what if anything is being done concerning his neighbor and the question of the permits. The question of enforcement was raised. Officer M. O'Neill informed Mr. Burns that the District Magistrate told him that he could not issue citations in this matter. Mr. Mika informed Council that a police officer can enforce any and all borough ordinances. Also, as this is a matter related to the UCC, the third party agency, in this case Building Inspection Underwriter's can also enforce. M.B. Dougherty noted that BIU informed the borough that the can not issue citations but are willing to testify in court over enforcement matters. Mr. Mika was surprised by this response and noted he would check into the matter.

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

Respectfully submitted

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. DATE: December 13, 2007 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

Members absent: Solicitor E. Mika (personal)

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

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

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

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion to investigate and try the "Jitterbug" made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2007-3 Occupancy ordinance made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? J. Quinn asked how to inform the public of this new ordinance and M.B. Dougherty suggested sending something in the tax bills and also in the GAMA bills. Vote. All. Motion carried. Motion to request that GAMA enclose this information in their annual billing mailer made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to officially hire Ronald Price as a part-time police officer at a starting salary of \$9.50 per hour retroactive 11/19/07 made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise the 2008 meeting schedule with the reorganization date of January 3, 2008 and work session of January 2, 2008 made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

J. Chiaretti reported that the 2008 tentative budget is ready for Council's approval. This budget has no tax increase. He added that he wanted to commend Council for doing the work needed all year long without partisanship, holding accountable and doing good job. He commended the Mayor for a job well done despite not having a police force in place for part of the year. He commended the Secretary, who had the answers when asked questions. And, he commended the borough workers who started the job with no knowledge of what was expected for doing a good job throughout the year. Motion to accept the budget with wage increases for each borough worker to \$9.00 per hour and 4% for the Secretary made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to advertise the 2008 proposed budget and 2008 tax levy ordinance made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

C. Marquardt thanked J. Chiaretti for all his hard work for the borough.

Motion to advertise a special for the adoption of the 2008 budget and tax levy ordinance and general purposes on December 28, 2007 at 6:00 pm made by J. Quinn, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Request from the Ashland Cub Scouts for use of the building for their annual Pine Wood Derby on January 12, 2007 with an alternate date of January 19, 2007. They request access to the building on the preceding Friday evening to set up their track. Motion to

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allow made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All.
Motion carried.

Motion to advertise for a new auditor as Dennis Mensch is closing his offices at the end of this year made by J. Quinn, second M. B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All.
Motion carried.

Request for a new printer for the office with a cost estimate of \$350.00 made by the Borough Secretary. Motion to allow purchase made by J. Chiaretti, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Ellison matter – Motion to authorize the solicitor to submit the School District and Borough letters to the county requesting exoneration made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to complete the 2008 KOZ application for the school building made by J. Quinn, second R. Krick. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to allow the secretary to make use of KNBT's option of online transfers made by M.B. Dougherty, second J. Quinn. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

Motion to approve the bills as submitted made b M.B. Dougherty, second J. Chiaretti. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Schuylkill Community Action – request for right of ingress/egress for off street parking at 2, 6, and 12 West Main Street plus additional correspondence relating to the demolition project. Motion to approve the driveway request made by R. Krick, second M.B. Dougherty. Question? None. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Keystone Insurer's Group – workers compensation audit report – no additional premium.

Schuylkill County EMA – notice of training session 12/15/07 NIMS – request that all municipalities be represented. Failure to complete the NIMS compliance by January 2008 may result in loss of funding. Mayor Kachelries will attend. Council was reminded of the necessity of finding an EMA co-coordinator.

Berkheimer – operating effectiveness audit report.

NEPA – 2007 annual report

PSAB – invitation to PA Public official luncheon 1/10/08 at the Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: M.B. Dougherty reported that we now have two officers on the borough roster. She also noted that Butler Township might be open to contracting for police services. This matter can be further discussed at the January meeting.

Street: No report.

FLOOR

No comments.

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

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

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SPECIAL MEETING

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** December 28, 2007 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened by C. Marquardt with Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL

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

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

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Adopt 2008 tax levy ordinance, 2008 budget and general purposes

PUBLIC COMMENT

None present.

BUSINESS

Motion to adopt ordinance 2007-4 – 2008 tax levy ordinance at 11.7 mils made by J. Chiaretti, second M.B. Dougherty. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to adopt the 2008 budget as advertised made by M.B. Dougherty, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Motion to instruct the solicitor to proceed with process of obtaining a tax anticipation note in the amount of \$40,000.00 made by J. Chiaretti, second R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Reorganization is scheduled for January 3, 2008 at 7:00 pm. The work session will be held, January 2, 2008.

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

Respectfully submitted
Mary Ambrose
Secretary/Treasurer