

BOROUGH OF GIRARDVILLE

201 North Fourth Street
GIRARDVILLE, PA 17935

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** January 08, 2015 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Charles Marquardt, Ed Burns, Joe Kessler, Dan Heiser, Michelle O'Connell, Chris Riedlinger.

Members absent: Rick Miller

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting made by J. Kessler, seconded by D. Heiser. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report made by J. Kessler, seconded by M. O'Connell. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor's report: Read by E. Burns. Motion to accept report as read made by D. Heiser, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Permit Officer's report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by M. O'Connell, seconded by D. Heiser. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. O'Connell. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Letter came back from the zoning and planning board decision and notice for the approval of the Cell tower.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Schuylkill County doing a homeless count all over the area M. O'Connell goes on to speak about getting a site, opening up a section of the building for Friday, January 30th for an hour 5:30pm-6:30pm To have God's Chuck Wagon comes over for the food bank. Motion to approve Wagon for homeless count made by M. O'Connell second by D. Heiser Voted All, Motion carried.
2. 235-239 East Mahanoy Ave Ron Zangari request permission for handicap parking spot. Going to street committee for review follow up later time.
3. Annual agreement for Fire Chief Frank Zangari. \$1.00 per day. Motion was made by D.Heiser, second by M. O'Connell. Vote. All Motion Carried.

BILLS

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read was made by J. Kessler, seconded by D. Heiser Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Chase letter. Dear tax and municipality chase is writing to let you know they are perusing foreclose on a mortgage listed in exhibit A and releasing the property leans. D. Heiser, Says at 4 Rail Road Street.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street:

1. Repairs for dump truck, replace fuse box \$500.00 on the comboata, Transmission \$2,100.00 Cost of current repairs estimate \$3000.00.
2. Motion to approve handicap signs and fine sign that was an approved at previous meeting total is \$96.00. Motion to approve purchase made by D. Heiser, second by J. Kessler. Voted. All Motion Carried.

School Building: CYO issued a check near \$700.00 for the rentals of gym. They will be finished at the end of the January 2015. Biddy Basketball donated two checks at \$300.00 for Dec and January donation. Dan Heiser gave both checks to Candice Squires to be in file for deposit in Miners Bank.

Blight: D. Heiser is talking to speakers. Frank Zangari Fire Chief said he would speak. No date set at this time due to gathering more speakers. Mary Beth Dougherty wants to speak. M O'Connell also mentioned Christine Holman, Neal Goodman. Task force is working on list of addresses to sit with the committee and prioritize which building are the worst ones.

Personnel: COG

Charles Marquardt asked is there a fee for Cog. Mary Beth Dougherty stated fee is usually \$100.00. Usually January or March meetings wait for notice to make payment.

Code/QofL:

Recreation: M. O'Connell is getting plenty of complaints for Park location 2nd Street Park about the fence being horrible getting fixed for spring and summer activities.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Tish Cress for basketball parking she called police department Tuesday night asking about parking rules of parking. She stated she was told basically they turn their heads. Public is parking on corner, blocking fire hydrants, fire trucks won't be able to get threw or get to hydrants. A person parked on sidewalk on A Street. Sharon Gower adds to many people are not following the yellow lines of the corners. They are out of town people coming to these games and why not ticket them? E. Burns stated to get D. Heiser over at the school. D. Heiser wants to send the children home with a letter to parents about parking and give warning of enforcing tickets for any parking violations.
2. D. Heiser added to send the letters to both churches about the parking. Heiser said someone is going to get killed coming out of St. Joseph when mass is in session on Sundays due to visibility. C. Marquardt added I'm sure if we send a letter to Father Connelly he will address it at the mass and we can have a cop out there to enforce it. Sharon Gower stated letter should be to both churches; again they park to close to the yellow lines. E. Burns comments that goes along with police enforcement at these games, at the churches and be a little bit more notice able. Mark Rainis comments the police force does a nice job but, could be enforced more we have a brand new police vehicle paying for and he never see's it when kids are coming home from school or have activities the police presents should be know. Rainis never see's a full time cop at these events and the parking would not be as bad if people knew the cop was on duty.
3. E. Burns announced after public gets knowledge of the parking. It will be enforced 100%. Sharon Gower thanks the Mayor. Burns says normally a cop is on Mon, Tue, Wed. D. Heiser adds after basketball next week the child will be sent home with a letter that we are going to get stricter and enforcing the parking violations.
4. Mark Rainis comments didn't they put cameras on recycling and what is going on over there? Marquardt it's a combination of both the county. Rainis it's like a city dump over there with the garbage and full of crap like chairs watch the camera and give them a fine. Edna Labie if you have someone on the camera catches the people by bit the word will get out to others. Burns asks about the visibility on the camera. Marquardt it's not the greatest with it being on the boro building. Marquardt we really can't get it over there unless we mount it up on the telephone pull which was a real big issue and the visibility is a blur. Marquardt is going to get to the cameras and trying to catch them at night but it is hard to identify them in the dark with poor visibility (blurry). Rainis say we need more

enforcement and have more eyes in this town. Labie comments we need more younger people in the crime watch. Burns adds every third Wednesday of the month at 7pm crime watch.

5. Dan O'Connell states Railroad St. was a sheet of glass on Sunday it was horrible, who is in charge of snow removal? D. Heiser is on the street committee he choose not to call anyone out because it was pouring rain no matter what they put down it would of washed away before it could do anything and 61 was closed for the same reasons because salting was doing anything, by the time the rain stopped and you could salt the rain was melting it away any way. Heiser apologized for the roads. Dan O'Connell wanted to know who makes the call. Marquardt states D. Heiser and J. Kessler make the call and are working with Mike Soucheck right now. Marquardt adds that Mike Soucheck will probably be making the call on snow removal. D. Heiser adds Mike is the Borough supervisor and if Mike feels he needs to be out or if it's the weekend he is not on call and feels James Evans needs to be out he will be able to make that call. D. Heiser will take the blame for Sunday removal, Marquardt said he will too. Mayor Burns said it was a good call (Sunday due to the weather). Council did not realize it was that bad up on Railroad Street says Marquardt and promises to be up on top of it and anyone of Council may call Heiser or Kessler if the roads are bad. Kessler is Chairman of Street Committee says Marquardt

Motion to adjourn made by J. Kessler seconded by D. Heiser. Vote. All. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,
Candice Squires
Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** February 12 2015 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Charles Marquardt

ROLL CALL

Members present: Charles Marquardt, Edward Burns, Joseph Kessler, Rick Miller Michelle O'Connell, and Christopher Riedlinger.

Members absent: Dan Heiser

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting made by J. Kessler, seconded by Michelle O'Connell Vote. All. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: No report at this time because of making updates to quick books for the Miners Bank change over.

Tax Collector's report: None

Mayor's report: Read by E. Burns. Motion to accept report as read made by J. Kessler, seconded by R. Miller. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Permit Officer's report: None

Code Enforcement report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by R. Miller, seconded by J. Kessler. Voted. All. Motion carried.

Fire Chief's report: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Police Department is requesting their own fax line. E. Burns, very confidential things due come in. Officer Ryan Oldt, it would be easier when they have a prisoner instead of taking them to the main office verse keeping them in the police department. R. Miller police has fax machine just needs main line. Motion to accept the fax machine line submitted by J. Kessler, second by R. Miller. Voted. All. Motion carried.
2. Need approval to order load of Salt for the roads C. Marquardt. Motion submitted by J. Kessler, second by M. O'Connell. Voted. All. Motion carried.
3. Cog letter of intent read by M. O'Connell. Letter will confirm interest of the Girardville Borough working with the Northern Schuylkill Cog develop a reinvestment strategy consistent with the attached document of Blight 3 investment. Purpose of reinvestment strategy is to develop a focus program to encourage private investment in targeted areas in our community or disinvestment has occurred. Reinvestment strategy will outline the list to approach and attack the problem with Blight and the context of the community reinvestment. It is expected the approach will include a number of tools to address blight and abandoned properties including the probation of county wide land bank as authorized by Act 153 of 2012. Girardville Borough is interested in participating in the land bank and has reviewed the draft enter governmental agreement and understanding of attachment B. The borough Council will be asked to execute as a participating in the municipality as a land bank. Sincerely C. Marquardt council president. Motion to accept Charlie to send this letter out made by R. Miller, second by J. Kessler. Voted. All. Motion carried.
4. New number for Blight Task Force and Code enforcement (570) 276-2006.
5. People plowing the streets with their own vehicle and leaving piles of snow everywhere. We need to enforce this and C. Marquardt has told the cops several times now about certain individuals plowing. It is the individual's responsibility to remove it; Council does not want piles at intersections, in front of the church, or at someone else's property. Snow is not to be out on the street and the left. The borough has to come clean it up but with it getting so hard it makes it difficult to clean it up. A Street was cleaned and some other places. Rosalie K bench is getting snow piled on it located on Main Street.

BILLS

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read by C. Marquardt. Motion made by R. Miller, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. From the county borough received. Demolition funding under CBG 2015 removal of vacant abandoned and dilapidated structures that threaten public health, safety, and

welfare. Reclaim the lot and return the property to constructive tax generating use. Borough will be responsible for 25% of the cost, the overall cost of the demolition.

2. Schuylkill County Zoning permit was received for the communications towers.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: M. O'Connell had several complaints about parking during basketball games on A Street. E. Burns to Ryan Oldt per diem cop to ticket parked on corners and in front of fire hydrants or the wrong way. Kids from Biddy Basketball were sent home to hand out papers about parking and violations will be enforced.

Street: J. Kessler, Council would like to apologize to the citizens about the roads not being plowed very well during last snow storm due to circumstances beyond their control. Dump Truck needed transmission rebuild, fuel filters, and had to put a fuel pump on it. A plow that was broken. Salt doggie needed repairs, new ogger, and a new motor to run ogger. Spent \$3530.00 on necessary repairs, and resulting the roads were in such bad shape. C. Marquardt received a call from the state concerning the truck and the funds will be released at the end of February. They are in contact with the manufactures trying to get things because it is a five to six month process to get the truck to us.

School Building: R. Miller, Recent tournament was held by GBA and Crime Watch net \$2,272.00 collected between the two organizations \$1136 each. Also Paul Kowalick was to be at meeting but had work; they ran a fundraiser for a trip to Virginia that was donated. P. Kowalick has a check for the borough to go to the school building heat fund. R. Miller doesn't know exact amount somewhere in the \$900 dollar range. Wade stood up with the check for \$900 from the fundraiser by the GBA. \$1136 from Crime Watch tournament will go to police car fund.

Finance: None

Personnel: None

Code/QofL: None

Recreation: None

Recycling: D. Heiser isn't present, C. Marquardt issue with the snow was bad and they are trying to correct that problem and keeping it clean as best they can.

Solicitor: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sharon Gower why aren't people being directed down to the basketball courts for parking. C. Marquardt and council are discussing about putting up some kind of sign up at the school telling the people to use the basketball courts for parking.

Edna Labie suggested having drop off for the kids during basketball games then the parents could go park their car.

Rob Krick is it possible for the historic society to copy the Borough's ordinance books and minute books just by scanner. C. Marquardt give Council members a call and someone will assist in allowing access to Scan.

Rob Krick what is the share of the cost on the dump truck? C. Marquardt borough is receiving \$47980 at 63. Krick so the borough has to come up with 15000 is any of that budgeted? C. Marquardt Yes we're just hope the money budget in there is enough to cover the cost. Payments estimated at \$250 month. Krick will they be borrowing the extra money? R. Miller yes the state set the whole thing up all through the USDA. C. Riedlinger it's being financed over five years.

Marybeth Dougherty what is the statues a couple of months ago asked about Bernie Adams had list of properties. What is going on addressing that? R. Miller was not involved in that case. Jeff Wilson Code enforcement Officer spoke to Bernie Adams several occasions. Wilson did not site him. C. Marquardt to Wilson you had conversations with Adams now you will be able to site him. Wilson yes we can cite him. C. Marquardt cites him tomorrow.

Wilson there is a meeting down the courthouse with Christine Holdmen, scheduled to go there and get insight on what we can do as a borough and what we are doing now. Marybeth D. the courthouse gives you the tools you need. C. Marquardt, George Teaga should be cited. Wilson George T. has over 150 citations. Even if you cite somebody doesn't mean necessarily they go to it. C. Marquardt we need to check on George T see where we're at.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Kessler, seconded by R. Miller. Voted. All. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,
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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. DATE: March 12, 2015 TIME: 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Charles Marquardt

ROLL CALL

Members present: Michelle O'Connell, Dan Heiser, Rick Miller, Edward Burns, Joseph Kessler, Charles Marquardt, and Christopher Riedlinger
Members absent: None

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting made by R. Miller, seconded by D. Heiser. Voted, All Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report made by J. Kessler, seconded by R. Miller. On the question D. Heiser asked about \$10,000 payment out of the payroll fund for back taxes on report don't see it on there. R. Miller pointed out here it is. Kessler here under United State Treasurer. D. Heiser ok it wasn't one lump sum it was broken up. Marybeth Dougherty can someone elaborate what you are talking about? Heiser, we were told sometime last year money was deducted from payroll and wasn't being paid. That was caught in Dec. R. Miller the taxes we are talking about unemployment was not paid since June of last year money was never sent out and the taxes from Sept on. Found out in Dec it was never paid. M. Dougherty how it works is its quarterly. Council should have been responsible for it. It's called quarterly tax payments. (No one mentioned the monthly state and federal taxes). M. Dougherty said you get until the end of next month to pay them. (Due date is pay by the 15th of next month not end of it). Voted. All. Motion carried.

Tax Collector's report: None

Mayor's report: Read by E. Burns. Motion to accept report as read made by D. Heiser seconded by R. Miller. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Permit Officer's report: None

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Code Enforcement report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by D. Heiser, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Fire Chief's report: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Steve Barrett from the AOH spoke to public about the St. Patrick's Day Parade next weekend March 21st. Parade committee is at the Hibernian house now. They have so far fifty registrants. The fifty registrants are made up of bands; they have an additional bag pipe bands total of seven bag pipe bands. The largest bag pipe bands they ever had. Parade this year is dedicated to the sports team's high school athletes and coaches. This past year we had football teams and basketball teams. Just last night basketball had play-offs and some did not get that far. We want to recognize them. Get them send letters out this week and talk to school districts and try and have them present for the parade in honor. Then present them with an award of appreciation for their great deeds they had for the last two years. Pottsville maybe canceling their parade Saturday morning because of the rain. That's good might bring more people to our parade. Any questions concerning the parade or any suggestions for the parade committee Barrett will leave his card. Always looking for volunteers and also looking for more community groups in Girardville to participate who wants to start a float. Couple of business in the borough now who are interested in putting a float in the parade. This is good. Any questions Barrett left card to email or check out the website. A lot of information about the parade is on the website. A map and couple of information doing the security and safety is also on the website. Again we are going to have hand radio operators they will be positioned throughout the parade route. To keep eyes and ears on any problems we see. Such if a car breaks down, a float, or unruly people. That is another thing Barrett wanted the community to know. Help me and hopefully help the police officer. If you see any unruly people or anything going on we want you to be the eyes and ears. Contact the communication center and let us know we'll be able to deal with it. A lot of complaints of people from in town and out of town some of the unruliness that is what I'm trying to prevent. This is a family organized event. We want to keep it that way. That is why I am asking the community for help and helping us out. The parade clean up of course the guys are putting signs out and clean the streets. Help us out move the cars. D. Heiser did have a suggestion, talking about sport Cardinal Brennan closing this is the last year for the Immaculate Heart Hawks. That's been a basketball program that's been forever. Reach out to them, Dominick Grosso maybe the guy you want to talk back to. Maybe they want to put something in the parade since this is the last group of kids that played this year are the last ever to play. Barrett we are going to try that. I might come up with a press release instead of the newspaper, new item. Try to invite more schools participation. A lot of them don't need to worry about the play-offs now because their

knocked out. We're going to try and give people more push. The weather we are still in winter mode and get people interested in coming to the parade. Next week hopefully Friday we're going to have the parade line up. The parade line up will be in the parade website. Barrett question for Council two issues with the parade. Communication we should be ok. Down at the Hibernian House after the parade we should have some kind of law enforcement. Want to see somebody down there so we can communicate with. Another was B Street we had an issue with traffic the buses were coming up B Street. It is not a parade route and may not be a priority to clean the snow but if people park there and with the buses coming up the street was a problem last year. Maybe making one side of the road no parking this year. Otherwise nothing else is going to change.

2. Christopher Riedlinger, at the request of Jeff Fesser Schuylkill Community Action will be administering the Keystone Communities Program Grant that the borough is receiving for the West Main Street Project. He requested that we draft a resolution. Authorizing the execution of the contract and appointing one or two of the Council members to sign any other documents on the grants on behalf of the borough. C. Riedlinger drafted the Resolution No 2015-2 approving the Keystone Community Program grant contract and authorizing the president or vice president of Council to sign any related documents. I am going to ask Council to make a motion to approve the resolution. Then I am going to have Charlie and Joe sign the contract it's self and I'm going to send in to the DCED tomorrow sometime. C. Riedlinger asked M. O'Connell to sustain making a motion on this because there is a second grant, federal home grant coming in that the county may act as the administrator on Schuylkill Community Action prohibited from acting as the administrator on that grant and the county may ultimately may act as the administrator. Because Michelle position with the county and her association with Gary Bender. Riedlinger is in the process of getting an opinion from the state ethics commission whether or not that is a conflict of interest and until that opinion comes through I think that would be wise for Michelle to abstain from voting on anything relating to these until we have that opinion. C. Marquardt needs a motion to accept Keystone Grant Motion to accept the report as submitted made by R. Miller, seconded by D Heiser. Vote. All. Motion carried.
3. Vote on Resolution No 2015-2 authorize the approval of the contract. Motion to accept made by D. Heiser, second by J. Kessler Voted. All. Motion carried.
4. Riedlinger, I don't know if this is a part of this or have it on a separate agenda item but while we are on the topic may as well also do. Although if it looks as if the county is administering the home grant if the money does become available. Jeff did suggest making a motion to procure advertising to procure a consultant in case the county isn't going to administer. We don't have to wait until April to get a newspaper ad out asking for consultants to send in proposals. May be Councilmen should make a motion to advertise for the procurement of an administer for the home funds. That way if the county isn't able to do it we can get an RFP out ASAP. Marquardt, and the reason for this is talking them from DCED Mike Carpenter and so on. Candice submit her resume into them and they felt that she needed an additional training and stuff which they do offer, but with the timeline of the grant they felt that we'd be better off suited if we had a consultant. Jeff got two consultants. One was Karen Parish and the other was Faith

Rickert. In the process of that they both called me. I guess Karen was with Michelle but both of them called me and so if in fact the county doesn't but we're pretty sure it is. I'm pretty sure Karen Parish outfit will, they are familiar with it and they will assist us with it. Reidlinger, just to be safe. Marquardt, to be safe we have to do that and make a motion whoever we appoint if the county doesn't. Motion to hire consultant and advertise to hire a consultant for the home grant. Motion to accept made by R. Miller second by D. Heiser. Voted. All. Motion Carried.

5. Request for parking ticket money for the police car fund. J. Kesser, any parking ticket money comes to the borough will go into the Police Fund for the Car. It's not going to be a great deal of money but it helps. Motion to accept made by R. Miller second by J. Kesser. Voted. All. Motion Carried.
6. New Truck, Riedlinger, I have a resolution that I drafted and numbered 2015-1. I also have a document that the USDA U.S. Department of Agriculture asked me to have approved for them it's called a resolution but it's not an official Borough Resolution it's just a document that the USDA would like adopted for their purposes for their records. I drafted the resolution necessary to authorize the small borrowing for the purchase of the dump truck and plow the majority which is being paid for by a grant. The borough is borrowing to fund the rest. The loan will not take any longer than five years to repay. The interest is 3.75%. The resolution authorizes either the Council President or the Council Vice President to sign any documents necessary to finalize the loan. The closing is going to be scheduled by Tonya St.Clair of U.S. Department of Agriculture. It's not scheduled yet. I anticipate before the April meeting I do not know the date yet. R. Miller, she called next Wednesday she is going to call for a time. Riedlinger, I'm going to be honest, I'm going to tell her if she wants me there. Whether if I'm there or not doesn't matter to me, but if she wants me there. That's not going to be possible for me. I'll be out of state on vacation next week. I'll let her know that when she calls me. I didn't know that she hadn't told me that when I last spoke to her. Maybe it will be next Wednesday if she doesn't mind my being absent. If not it will be rescheduled to a day when I get back. Resolution 2015-1 authorizes the borrowing I need Council to vote to approve that. Motion to adopt Resolution 2015-1 borrowing for new borough dump truck/plow made by R. Miller second by J. Kessler. Question by D. Heiser, how much are we borrowing? Riedlinger, \$22,500.00. Voted. All. Motion Carried.
7. Riedlinger, a related document it's couched loan resolution. It's an official USDA document Tonya St.Clair and Department of Agriculture has asked that we have adopt this. It contains many of the same provisions as own resolutions I looked it over there's nothing in it that causes me any concern it's basically authorizing the loan in the language the USDA wants as supposed to my resolution which is the language the DCED wants. Motion to vote to approve the USDA loan resolution and authorize Charlie to sign it on behalf of the borough made by D. Heiser second by R. Miller. Voted. All. Motion Carried. Related to the topic R. Miller, we got the plow for the other truck and put into the deal. D. Heiser in case the public is interested the truck was \$50,277.00 the plow was \$4,750.00. Spreader was on there to like \$6000. In the \$56,027. The grant we're getting is \$33,527. We're borrowing \$27,500. Monthly payment \$412. Krick, what is the increase for the insurance cost? Miller, not sure. Krick, did anybody increase the budget for the insurance rate? Miller, we still only going to have two trucks. Krick, you're going to keep the other dump truck? Miller, I don't know what we are going to do with that yet.

Krick, I'm just wondering what the insurance is going to be. Miller, we haven't talked about that whether we're going to keep it or we're going to get rid of it no one talked about that yet. Dougherty, can we talk about the insurance either right. Do you talk about anything?

8. Crime Watch raised \$1,816.00 through the fundraiser and turned over to the borough for the police car. Crime Watch also raised over \$877.00 through a fundraiser and turned it over to the borough for the radio fund. Crime Watch will continue to raise money for the radio's.
9. Letter for GAMA from Terri Paige asking to continue to stay on the GAMA board she's on it now and wants to stay on it. Motion to appoint Terri Paige to continue on the GAMA board. Motion made by J. Kessler second by R. Miller Voted All. Motion Carried.
10. M. O'Connell would like to make the motion to remove the Title Assistant Secretary from Council Miller. Motion to remove Assistant Secretary immediately made by M. O'Connell second by D. Heiser. Voted. All. Motion Carried.

BILLS

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read was made by J. Kessler, seconded by R. Miller Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Letter from Mid Penn Bank merged with Miners Bank everything will stay the same at this time.
2. Letter from PP&L electric choose option to prevent disclosure of account information.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: E. Burns Snow removal tomorrow night everything is posted what we don't get done tomorrow night will get done Saturday and Sunday. Any bad spots off parade route we'll take care of also. Please cooperate with us so we don't have to tow nothing or ticket anyone. Any volunteers to come out and help us you are welcome. J. Kessler we are going to fill the potholes with coal patch on parade route left over will be filled around the town that are really bad until summer time then buy hot patch to do a permanent repair. C. Marquardt, Ashland is going to bring in street sweeper next week Thursday or Friday. Penn Dot will come down to do the main street. M. O'Connell have the police rotating schedule and during the day. Burns we do the best we can. Officer Tomeo volunteers 8-10 hours a week from home to save the borough.

Street: Public asked about the street lights who takes care of that PP&L? C. Marquardt, yes. The light down there Julia and Main is out, comes on and off. C. Marquardt, we just have to go down and get the pole numbers and they'll send someone in from PP&L. Public wants to propose that the boro includes the 300 block of Preston Ave they have a shuttle service up and down the street. Rarely see the plow on that street. C. Marquardt guarantees next year the street committee Heier and Kessler will be reviewing eliminating parking and snow times certain

streets in town. D. Heiser recognizes Mike Soucheck for snow removal and putting in his own time. Public the sewage is sinking down and will become a problem.

School Building: None

Finance: None

Personnel: None

Code/QofL: None

Blight: D. Heiser, start Jeff Wilson and Frank Zangari should be commended for the homes on Ogden Street houses falling in creek and they went down the first block nine properties and notified PP&L and the water company that both services to be shut off and cannot be turned back on until building are brought up to code.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Question about the grants. Riedlinger, Schuylkill community action obtain two grants each in the amount of \$500,000 to fund the building of six rental properties on west main street over the eight parcels that were torn down from the fire. Public that's a million dollars you are talking about. Burns, Yes. Public how many houses are going to go there? Riedlinger, Six houses. Dougherty the second home grant has not been funded yet it's on its way. Riedlinger who is going to administer it is not finalized. Dougherty asks council why we sat on this since January. It hadn't been addressed and from what Marybeth Daugherty understands and I will gladly explain I stood on the Community Action board. Community action does not have to get a call from DCED asking why the borough did not execute this grant sooner than. From what I understand it's after Jeff Fesser called into the borough and asked for the grant to be acculine. Dougherty I don't know why it sat unopened for weeks. Again thankfully we have friends from DCED that contacted community action to follow up on and I think it's terrible that we put community action in a bad situation with the borough in a bad situation. I don't know if community action is going to do anymore projects because of this. Like I said I stood on the board I know it firsthand. I spoke to Jeff Fesser he was not happy. That you guys sat on your hands and let this sit. From what Dougherty understands the letter was dated January 9th it should have been acted on in February. Riedlinger I'll be honest with you Marybeth if you are asking me the question. Dougherty No I'm not asking you the question. Riedlinger I'm not disputing anything your saying Jeff has never expressed to me anything like that. Dougherty I mean quite honestly we had a good working relationship with community action, it just pisses me off Senator Rhoades started this whole thing in 2007 in this town and you're going to screw up a good working relationship with community action. Because who ever opens the mail did a piss poor job. It's upsetting and you're screwing up a good relationship with the community action.

Dan O'Connell Mr. Burns why are you sitting there laughing when somebody is talking? Burns how do you know I'm laughing at them. Dan O'Connell you're sitting there just giggling the lady is talking I'm we're tax payers and it's like you guys aren't listening, this one is with his

head down. I'm enough is enough like she said we're going to lose big time. We have two people here that want the town to move forward. There it is. Burns I don't do nothing I know I don't nothing I'll I do is giggle. D. O'Connell you're sitting there with this stupid grin every month. M. O'Connell do you want me to tell you something I am going along with Marybeth that project made us look bad. It made me look bad and how discussed I was. When I first got on that board. Got brought down that job Girardville was my first project I was sick last week when I heard about the contract being lost and I am going to agree with Marybeth. D. Heiser says, Marybeth Michelle Joe Charette a lot of people did put a lot of effort into that project. Kind of looks bad for us. M. Dougherty I'll tell ya Eddie can sit there and smirk all he wants I don't really care. I'll ask him about this particular one and Champ Holman was at a meeting here last year saying he supported it he wanted to help the town. He and I sat up the Dutch Kitchen last January, me I have no skin in the game anymore in the town I'm not up there with you guys I have no skin in the game other than working with Dave Argall who was supported in all this stuff. Asking community action how we can help Champ Holman get the applications in before I leave I will do my damndest to make sure Girardville gets approved worked it to make sure it happened and you know I get told my people at DCED now that they didn't get the contract back from Girardville in a timely manner. Quiet honestly we have our fingers crossed that this happens once you send that contract back. We heard they are pulling some grants already that were funded previously. We're holding our breath that this thing still is going to be funded because the contract hasn't been signed yet keep your fingers crossed. M. O'Connell Schuylkill Community Action done a lot of good work for us and I would like to keep it that way. Dougherty Jeff was not happy, Jeff was not happy at the board meeting last week he was furious. He said he at that point he had a conversation with Charlie once and was going to have a second one He was not happy. C. Marquardt well in response to all of this, yes the letters did come in yes they went unopened. Yes I will take responsibility because I never saw them. Dougherty, let me defend you for a little bit it worked for years with mail and process procedures around here we never have this problem Charlie never. C. Marquardt we are going to change that procedure. That procedure is going to change effective immediately probably since the mail is being delivered here to this municipality there will be a mailbox put outside. The mail will be distributed in the mailbox. The only persons with keys for the mailbox will be Candice and myself. And I'm sorry Joe Kessler will also because of the absent of either one of us in case the police needs the mail. The only time we go into the box is in Candice's absent. Candice is going to take full responsibility for the distribution of the mail. Dougherty why did it get changed? Marquardt, it got changed because when Mary left and when we changed the so called picking up the mail at the post office. Because the post office changed their hours, Rick volunteered to get the mail and bring it in and distributed it we did not think it would be a problem at the time and the mail was distributed naturally over the course of time all the mail everything coming in trying to train Candice all the other stuff this is what happens. We found mail in the police box and I am the President of council and I'm going to tell you now I am going to take the hit for it all. Because I have to make decisions now and it is on fortunate and I might piss people off but that's what is going to happen. Dougherty, you do what you got to do Charlie you're the council president. Marquardt, but I talked to Jeff Feaser when he called me I was very upset myself because I did not see it. I called everybody to see if they saw it. I had Candice tear the office apart. We found it. I called Jeff. He called. We called Chris and we got it processed and hopefully yes it will go through if it doesn't I probably don't have a thing to say, but I would step down from this council seat. Dougherty, honestly I'm not blaming you Charlie it's not your fault. Marquardt, it's not

necessarily my fault it's everybody that sits up here on this board but the idea is I'm the guy that is in charge of everything. So I got the mail was addressed to me. I'm the one who should have got the mail. Dougherty, wasn't it put in your mailbox? Marquardt, it wasn't in my mailbox it was in the other mail box on the bottom. I have two mailboxes because I get mail on the top and bottom because I have different reports and stuff and was always like that between me and Mary. The important stuff goes on top, unimportant stuff goes on the second thing; unfortunately this envelope was in the bottom box on the bottom. I don't know how it did, I don't know what it did, I have a big problem with and I will not blame anybody but, when Candice is distributing the mail, whoever was distributing the mail. The mail goes in all their boxes and you know where all the boxes are in there. Seems funny to me that someone goes in there and looks threw people's mail in those boxes. I don't know who it is yet but I will get to the bottom of it. Marquardt, I mean if the mail is addressed to a particular council person it goes in their box it's their responsibility to act on it and present it to Council. If mail comes in directed to Council it's self or care of secretary Candice has to act on it. That's the way it goes. It's Candice's job to tell us what's in the mail. Whether it's a bill or whatever it is she has to pass the information on to the finance committee and they have to plug it in to the accounts. No matter what it is stuff comes into for the police it goes to Mel and Edward. And that's the way it's supposed to be. And I think that will solve the problem. Am I correct? Again I will apologize it's nobody's fault but my own because I missed it. I got the other one from Jeff. The one from Schuylkill Community Action but how I missed this I have no idea and yes you are correct the date on this envelope is January 9th. M. Dougherty luckily fortunately threw all of this Bev Hudson worked with the DCED with the program she's from Schuylkill County and she works the community action thank god she's knows Jeff and called him. Marquardt, Jeff in the same token talked to me more than once. He knew from working with Jeff on other projects that something was wrong that I didn't act on this. He knew something was wrong that's why he called me. He thought it was taking care of until he got the call. Unfortunately I could only apologize to him and his group of people no different than I can apologize to the grant writer and all the people from DCED. All I can ask them is for, I made a mistake and will they please continue to act on this we are preceding with it. With the resolution tonight and with signing it and Chris is going to take care of getting it mailed because on our letter we got from Jeff they wanted overnight mailed. Unfortunately because tomorrow is Friday he is going to call them to see if they should still over night it because naturally the next day is Saturday nobody is there or can we just direct mail it and they'll get it Monday down there. So Chris will take care of that phone call tomorrow he told me he would do that. Dougherty, you're calling the department? Marquardt, yes. Riedlinger, I'm going to call Beth. Dougherty, ok you're going to call her I was going to say call Bev, call Bev. Marquardt, we just don't know where to send it to because it says send it to Bev and we don't have an address to send it. Riedlinger, Jeff actually in his emails suggested sending it to the Attention to Beverly Hudson. The only correspondence I have from the DCED that was from someone named Yvette or something like that. I don't have an address for Beverly. Marquardt, Jeff didn't have an address for Beverly and what he wanted for us to do, Dougherty, that's the problem you just don't know that. Marquardt, yea we're going just phone call. Riedlinger, Iverson is the person that sent the letter that I have an address for. I don't know who that is. Dougherty, but Bev the Keystone Community Lady she knows it's outstanding.

Wade, last month I presented a check for \$900 from GBA and did not hear anything about it. C. Marquardt we thanked you at the meeting it was probably documented at the meeting. We thank you again. Knights of Columbia are selling hoagies April the 16th.

Rob Krick is the police last year were making \$20 hour for the parade is that the same this year or their normal right. Burns I got the ok from Council. Krick I would think it should have been a vote. Burns, I checked into it. Riedlinger, it's coming from another source. Burns, it's not coming out of the borough. Borough is not paying for it.

John Smolock I have a question situation of taxes are we going to ever see a light at the end of the tunnel? Marquardt, we hope so I can only say that. From year to year until we see what we have to do what we have available what goes up and what doesn't. I only hope that happens. I don't think anyone up here wants to raise taxes.

Motion to adjourn made by R. Miller, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,
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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** April 09 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Charles Marquardt

ROLL CALL

Members present: Christopher Riedlinger, Charles Marquardt, Joseph Kessler, Edward Burns, Rick Miller, Michelle O'Connell, Dan Heiser.

Members absent: None

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting made by R. Miller seconded by J. Kessler. Vote all. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report made by J. Kessler seconded by D. Heiser. Vote all. Motion carried.

Tax Collector's report: None

Mayor's report: Read by E. Burns. Motion to accept report as read made by D. Heiser seconded by R. Miller. Vote all. Motion carried.

Permit Officer's report: E. Burns thanked everyone that was involved in the St. Patrick's Parade snow removal, many thanks and having successful parade. Sold twenty eight permits collected \$2,800.00. Bills salaries sweeper was \$2,775.00 just made the payments. Motion to accept the report as submitted made by M. O'Connell seconded by D. Heiser. Vote all. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement report: None at this time.

Fire Chief's report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by D. Heiser seconded by M. O'Connell. Vote all. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS : None

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motion to approve COSTARS salt for the 2015-2016 season amount 44 tons made by J. Kessler seconded by D. Heiser. Voted all. Motion carried.
2. Motion for Blight committee to use borough hall May 20, 2015 @ 6pm for blight forum made by D. Heiser seconded by R. Miller. Voted all. Motion carried.
3. Girardville Little League requested conduct Tag Day Sat April 18th from 8am to 11:30am. Motion to allow Little League's Tag Day made by M. O'Connell seconded by J. Kessler. Voted all. Motion carried.

BILLS

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read was made by J. Kessler seconded by R. Miller. Vote all. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Lehigh Engineering letter they would like to be considered third party enforcement agent for uniform construction code and property maintenance code in the municipality. C. Marquardt would like to see what J. Wilson says about it.
2. PP&L letter they request March 31st w/ PA public utility commission to increase public distribution rates as of June 1st 2015. Public can send in complaints to Public utility commission.
3. Letter from Schuylkill Federal Credit Union letter if any employees from the borough would like to join the Credit union.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police:

1. Fire department and Fire Police were a big help with snow removal for parade. C. Marquardt would like to thank these groups for coming out to assist us and help.

Street:

1. Information on behalf of Fire Department, Frank Zangari strongly recommends we stop parking on Vine Street at the 200 block of E. Mahanoy Ave on both sides of the hill. There is no way to access C Street or the back of 200 block of E. Mahanoy Avenue with fire apparatus. C. Marquardt is putting this in the hands of the Street committee to review contact Zangari and get back with a report.
2. Rental properties concern Zangari want to work with Jeff Wilson and Council upgrade the properties keep on top of these. Zangari wants to continue assisting Wilson (code enforcement) with inspections of residents.

School Building: Nothing to report

Finance: Nothing to report

Personnel: Nothing to report

Blight: Blight forum May 20th Christine Holman will be here Dave Argall, Marybeth Dougherty, and Jeff Wilson still not sure if Zangari can attend.

Code/QofL: Nothing to report

Recreation: Nothing to report

Recycling:

Solicitor: **a.** USDA loan March 31st Riedlinger forward all documents that pertained to the Dump Truck to Tonya St.Clair of U.S. Department of Agriculture requested. Tonya wanted signed documents to get into closing before next meeting hopefully.

b. The Keystone and Home grant for West Main Street project with Schuylkill Community Action. Home grant Riedlinger was asked to right opinion letter regarding M. O'Connell's role of Council person in Girardville and she is employee of Schuylkill County is there conflict of interest in these roles. Riedlinger reviewed all he could and came to the conclusion she does not have conflict of interest in her two roles. Riedling sent that letter to all parties that asked for his opinion.

c. Borough wants Riedlinger to undertake a project to obtain nonprofit corporation statues for the Crime Watch Group. Riedlinger asked to vote to authorize him to file the papers required by the Department of State to set up nonprofit Corporation for the Crime Watch. Motion to have Riedlinger file the papers for Crime Watch as a Nonprofit Corporation made by R. Miller seconded by J. Kessler. Voted all Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comment

Motion to adjourn made by J. Kessler seconded by R. Miller. Voted all. Motion carried

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** May 14th, 2015 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Charles Marquardt, Edward Burns, Joseph Kessler, Rick Miller, Dan Heiser, Michelle O'Connell, and Solicitor Christopher Riedlinger.

Members absent: None.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting made by J. Kessler, seconded by R. Miller. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report made by R. Miller, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Tax Collector's report: None.

Mayor's report: Read by E. Burns. Motion to accept report as read made by D. Heiser, seconded by R. Miller. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Permit Officer's report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by J. Kessler, seconded by D. Heiser. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by M. O'Connell, seconded by D. Heiser. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Approval to repair Basketball court cost \$200-\$230. Motion to accept the repair made by R. Miller seconded by J. Kessler. M. O'Connell voted no. On the question D. Heiser fixing it ourselves? Don't see spending half recreation money on courts. D. Heiser and M. O'Connell voted no. C. Marquardt get prices and next meeting make decision how to proceed.
2. Request from Fire Co. to paint Oak Street yellow no parking. No one discussed with the Fire Co. C. Marquardt discuss with them first to see what they want done. Street Committee is to get report back for next meeting.
3. Letter from Men's Basketball League proposal to use basketball courts in June and July 8-16 Teams Sunday evenings. J. Kessler need to repair the courts. Ed Burns first see if we can fix the courts first.
4. Approval to order PA Law posters from Personnel Concept cost \$145.85 comes with 1yr coverage if law change they send new posters at no additional cost. Motion to approve the order made by D. Heiser seconded by M. O'Connell. Voted. All. Motion carried.
5. Curbside Recycling started April 28th and will be the last Tuesday of each month. If it falls on a holiday it will be picked up on our next business day.
6. Ashes will be picked up on Fridays only starting May 22nd if it falls on a holiday it will be picked up on our next business day (Monday).
7. Change the rates Gym Rental to \$25 per hour without heat and \$35 per hour with heat. Motion to approve the change of rates made by D. Heiser seconded by R. Miller Voted. All. Motion carried.
8. Request from Police dept. to purchase breathalyzer cost of \$149.95. Motion to approve purchase of breathalyzer made by D. Heiser seconded by M. O'Connell. Voted. All. Motion carried.
9. Girardville Crime Watch is asking permission to have its annual Picnic in the park & Duck race on June 13th 2015 @ 11:30am. Motion to approve crime watch request made by R. Miller seconded by J. Kessler. Voted. All Motion carried.
10. Girardville Crime Watch requesting permission to have the National night out & Tag day event held August 4th 2015 @ 5pm. Motion to approve National night out and Tag day made by D. Heiser seconded by J. Kessler Voted. All Motion carried.
11. Girardville Borough received check from the AOH Committee reimbursement of \$451.00 for three tons cold patched that was used.

12. Street Department request to purchase whatever is needed for the lawn mowers and weed wacker for grass season. Motion to approve what is needed for grass season made by R. Miller, seconded by D. Heiser. Voted all. Motion carried.
13. Letter from American Legion to hold Annual Memorial Day Parade Monday, May 25th 2015. Meet at Sullivan's Funeral home 8:30am. Ceremony will begin at 9am. E. Burns will have police and fire police attend. Motion to approve the Legion parade made by J. Kessler, seconded by R. Miller. Voted all. Motion carried.
14. Letter from Joseph Yackera requesting permission for Girardville Hose Co #1 to run a Tag Day Saturday, May 23rd from 9am to 2pm at intersections East Main St & Second St, Julia St & West Main St, and Second St & East Mahanoy Ave. Motion to approve Girardville Hose Co #1 Tag Day made by D. Heiser, second by M. O'Connell. Voted all. Motion carried.
15. Received application for CDBG program 2015 Block Grant. C. Marquardt we will review and continue with that.
16. Letter from Schuylkill Chamber of Commerce membership renewal for the 2015-2016 year.

BILLS

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read was made by R. Miller, seconded by D. Heiser. Voted all. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Was read out under new business.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: None

Street: D. Heiser, Put in paper about household personal trash in the Main St. Trash cans. Quality of Life Ordinance reads trash is collected Wednesday mornings; trash may be put out reasonable hour Tuesday evenings. If it is Quality Of Life Ordinance people will be sited for putting personal trash in Main St Cans and garbage out on porches all week.

School Building: None

Finance: None

Personnel: None

Code/QofL: Blight Form May 20th at 6pm.

Recreation: M. O'Connell discussion with basketball all for it but is there a way to have fundraiser? Where does money go for the league? D. Heiser the Adult league can maybe have fundraiser to help maintain the courts they'll be using. Mike Manbeck comments, teams that are in it sponsor themselves. Manbeck is sponsoring a team now and basically just pays for their shirts and stuff. Manbeck, said Robbie Miller is head coach in Shenandoah keep kids playing basketball in summer time. Manbeck will pay for patch himself if it means stopping that league for the summer. It's going to start in June. C. Marquardt and D. Heiser that is very nice of Mike Manbeck Coal Hauling to pay for the court repair at cost of \$200-\$230. Motion to approve the Adult basketball league use of Courts in June and July made by D. Heiser, seconded by R. Miller. Voted all. Motion carried. C. Marquardt Approval on condition with the patch work being done.

Recycling:

Solicitor:

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rob Krick, council approved the solicitor to draw papers for the tax free statues on crime watch is there any estimation cost? Riedlinger, no steps were taking waiting on the information he hasn't received as of yet. Krick not like a 5013C? Riedlinger, no nothing as complicated as that.

Krick there was a transfer of ticket money to the police fund. What exactly if the police fund. Miller that is police car and radio fund. Krick is there a reason they exist? Miller, yes to pay for police fund and the radio. Krick, so you don't want to put the money in the general fund? Miller and Burns; no. Burns they are separate accounts. Krick, you just transferred ticket money which is general fund money. Burns, no. Krick, it isn't since when did that become general fund money? Burns, because they made separate accounts. Krick what I'm saying is they transferred ticket money it was agreed to take the ticket money transfer to police fund it that correct. Burns correct. Krick so there for you took general fund money and put it into the ticket into the police fund. You included it into general fund money into the police fund. Krick your guaranteed Crime watch is going to pay for police radio's. Miller, that money went into car fund police parking tickets \$15. Krick there are no more fundraiser's to pay for cop car it was one year. Burns we did continue it still giving money to car and radio fund with the tickets raised from Crime Watch. Krick the ticket money is general fund money. Burns no it's not general fund money the ticket money.

Margaret, who owner the house next to the park on Main. Shingles roofing blew off in my yard in winter time. Burns what is the address? 129 W. Main. Margaret hot weather coming what is the latest you can cut your grass because her neighbor comes 11 O'clock at night to cut his grass

not filling the holes the groundhogs get into ruined her yard last year the groundhogs pigeons and still isn't boarded up. M. Marquardt, Miller can you and Jeff site him? M. Marquardt we are going to site him under maintained code. Miller, that will go directly to the Magistrate. M. Marquardt we'll get Jeff to take pictures and gather everything he'll need.

Marquardt, if you see anyone putting household garbage in cans contact us to catch them. Wade take the can's out of there. Marquardt we talked about doing that but the little bit of garbage wrappers ice tea cartons that can go in would end up in the streets. Marquardt, the can's were funded by Girardville Pride. We pull them in it's a set back on their behalf.

Wade Richards does the \$25, \$35 for school basketball use go for the basketball league or GBA to, do they have to pay that every night for the kids games. Miller that's kids from town play that we'd have to discuss that.

Julie Rutko, can I have someone come over to my house to paint the lines for handicap spot? Marquardt, yes we just got the signs and posts breakaway put in.

Margaret, getting back to question on time for cutting grass. Marquardt, you if have a complaint call the police dept morning noon or night if he is disturbing the peace. Riedlinger, disturbing the peace if it's light out you can cut grass within a reasonable hour.

Motion to adjourn made by R. Miller, seconded by J. Kessler. Voted all. Motion carried.

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** June 11th 2015 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Joseph Kessler.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Joseph Kessler, Rick Miller, Dan Heiser, Christopher Riedlinger.
Members absent: Charles Marquardt, Edward Burns, Michelle O'Connell.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting made by R. Miller, seconded by D. Heiser. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report made by D. Heiser, seconded by R. Miller. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Tax Collector's report: None

Mayor's report: Read by R. Miller. Motion to accept report as read made by D. Heiser seconded by R. Miller. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Permit Officer's report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by R. Miller, seconded by D. Heiser. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by D. Heiser, seconded by R. Miller. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Fire Chief's report: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Girardville Hose Co request yellow line on Oak St. D. Heiser Fire Company is asking to paint yellow lines when trucks come out of garage they can make the turn onto Second Street to prevent cars from parking there. Motion to accept painted lines made by D. Heiser, seconded by R. Miller. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- b. Solid Waste and Resource Management request permission Fall Clean up Thursday 24, Friday 25th, and Saturday 26th of September 2015. Times will be determined at later date. Motion to accept permission made by R. Miller seconded by D. Heiser. Voted. All Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Approval of WEX Gas bill to be added to the pre-approved bill list. Motion to accept WEX Gas Card made by R. Miller seconded by D. Heiser. Voted. All Motion carried.
- b. Letter of Resignation from Officer Ryan Oldt last day of work June 5th. Motion to accept resignation made by D. Heiser seconded by R. Miller. Voted All Motion carried.
- c. Letter of Resignation from Councilwoman Michelle O'Connell last day June 11th 2015. Motion to accept letter of resignation made by R. Miller seconded by D. Heiser but it's a shame that this happened it's the third Council person in a year and a half that resigned. Voted All Motion Carried.
- d. Letter for L.A.O.H (Ladies Ancient Order of Hibernians) requesting use of Council Room at the Borough Hall on the 4th Wednesday of each month @ 7pm for their meetings. Motion to accept request made by D. Heiser, seconded by R. Miller. Voted all. Motion carried.

BILLS

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read was made by R. Miller, seconded by D. Heiser Voted all. Motion carried. On the question D. Heiser, loan payment for tax anticipation loan when does that have to be paid? Riedlinger, for the whole loan when it was taken out to be paid by the end of that calendar year. Heiser, this \$32,500 pays it out correct? Riedlinger, correct. Heiser, alright so I know we talked about it at the work session but I'm kind of confused. Heiser, we have \$65,500.00 in General fund and we are going to spend \$41,500.00 this month and leave up with \$20,000.00 am I correct with that? Do we need to pay the whole thing now what it something happens in the next six months and we're in same situation this time July last year. R. Miller we still are getting in taxes and \$11,000.00 reimbursement from the Motor Fund.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter from Mahanoy Creek Watershed Association requesting a letter of support if borough agrees with plan to restore Mahanoy Creek to a trout-fishing stream.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police:

Street: none

School Building: none

Finance:

Personnel:

Code/QofL:

Recreation: Heiser, fence patch up at the park, basketball courts been repaired slightly over budget but they been repaired. Gower, how much is slightly? Heiser, about triple. Male it's almost \$700 in. Miller, \$245 x6. Heiser, it's three something for equipment and three something for 360 ok Plus you have two guys the hours that they work there the total expense for the project was more than tripled of \$250 total expenses \$240 from Mike Manbeck which thank you very much we got \$100 from Joe Charetti and we got \$20 from Pete Oswald and that pays for the black top yes but we still you did total cost of that project but over what we have budget for approximate recreation of \$500. That it's fixed. Male were you going to get the money from? Heiser, Rick had suggested run a 3 on 3 torments. Miller, Actually the guy that runs the basketball league said they will run 3 on 3 torments for reimbursement of borough. Male, full amount? Miller, as much as they get yeah they make enough to cover all the materials rentals I don't know about paying the guys. Wade, somebody has to pay them. Heiser, somehow while we're talking about this somehow between last meeting and two weeks after last meeting I was approached several times that I'm against this basketball being played in the park. I'm not against anybody playing basketball in the park. What I'm against last meeting was if that adult league didn't ask to use the courts there was no talk to repair they were fine for our kids to play on. Miller, we were going to fix. Heiser, Rick there was no, I never heard a word talked about it. Miller, last year I tried to get it resurfaced I tried to get grants I had gone to three different companies come over here and give us a price. Male, I agree with you Danny there was no talk of fixing those courts for our kids to play on. Another male, their adults let them chip in \$10 or \$20 bucks a piece they're the ones benefit by it. Heiser, Yes I understand both have a fundraiser to pay for it but call me goofy or whatever but shouldn't you have a fundraiser to pay for something before you do it. Heiser, honest to god I firmly believe 100% those basketball courts would have not be fixed if our kids we're the only ones using them. Heiser, and that's fine there fixed there done there nothing I can do about it. It was a project just like anything else we start digging we run into problems it cost more again I understand that but I just think the people have the right to know that it wasn't what we said it was going to cost initially. Even if we get reimbursed even if the raise enough money to pay us double what they cost. That's great but it

didn't cost \$250.00 Gower, we were missed lead. Dan O'Connell I'm talking about labor rental this or that and that's were Danny's stalling. Miller, the running it with the crew originally but Mike estimated three ton of anthracite we used six. O'Connell well shouldn't have yours went out there and went over with Mike or just take the guys word for it. I mean common sense say you get an estimate on the work your salary rental equipment like Danny said all you talked about at the last meeting was \$200 and sum dollars for macadam which sounded great but now the bills are coming in now equipment and the guys are 8 O'clock at night working that's overtime. O'Connell I Mean I'm not taking their money away from them ya know, to get overtime fine but that wasn't figured in this guy just sat there and said 200 dollars for macadam and that's it that's all that was discussed here last month. Gower, they mention about a rental and it was only going to be ninety sum dollars or something. O'Connell then I stand corrected but that was it. Miller, they cut it with what they originally rented was a saw to cut it and when they cut it they found big craters underneath cement big cement block underneath it. Labie, you run into projects no matter what you do even run into problems in your own home. O'Connell, what are you going to do about this here, you should have looked at what about this that's common sense it wasn't really planned right. You guys just wanted to go and do this court. O'Connell just like he said I have no problem that you pay them for it, just wasn't thought through. Heiser, six hundred and five dollars just in material and equipment. O'Connell, and that's the borough's salary. Heiser, plus the guy's salary. Heiser, just trying to clear up the fact that well over budget and I don't have anything against anyone playing basketball in that park. My point is I believe full heartedly that if the adult league was not coming to this town to play those courts would have been just the way they were all summer long and they would have been fine. That's my belief I'm entitled to that. Male, you are totally right, absolutely right. Another Male, the adult leagues play anywhere else or just Girardville. Heiser, they play other towns Pottsville, Pine Grove. Male, let's see them use it but like I said their adults they should be able to kick in a couple dollars apiece to the courts. Miller, some of them are in high school. Male, they have parents and they guy playing down there didn't look like no fifteen year old kid when I went by to dump off supplies to come here and probably half of them went to the bar and dropped fifty bucks so come on Jesus Christ they can't spend twenty dollars towards the courts that's bullshit. Another male, maybe you should incorporate that next time they play to give so much towards the basketball courts itself. Male, if I were playing I'd gladly donate twenty dollars. Heiser, no we just fix that and they play here we received nothing last year. Male, their ya go shovel it out there and let everybody just splatter all over it. Heiser, the adult league and the fact they play here not against it. I'm against the reason behind it all. That's all I have.

Recycling:

Solicitor:

PUBLIC COMMENT

Wade Richards, is there a reason Danny? Did she give a reason? Heiser, yeah there's lots of reason's and I spoke to her in great length about it. Really you should ask her I don't want to get it wrong. I don't think. Richards interrupts don't committee yourself Dan its ok. Heiser, A lot of

it is not being treated fairly and it's a shame that council people aren't treated fairly. It happens I don't like it either. Richards, not being treated fairly by who people in town or council. Heiser, Council. The public officials, council, Mayor, everybody. Heiser continues it's just a shame that's all I. Heiser, I want to vote no I don't want to accept it. I know if I talk to her you won't change her mind so. Heiser, it is a shame there is a person involved who works in the Courthouse she's involved with demolition and this town needs more if we need anything else and it's sad. Public gives O'Connell a hand for her services. Heiser, we're losing a good council person I think.

Bills paid, Male has question if we pay that now are we in the same boat last year? Heiser, from what I gather this year we spent \$33,000 less than we did last year. There will be quite a bit of tax money coming in yet. My fear I just was thinking maybe, it's something we have to pay. Could we pay half now half later? Male just by listing to what you're saying doesn't sound good. I mean I don't know what coming in anticipation just what you're saying to the public doesn't sound good. Again male, financially we are only half way thru the year. Heiser, and I do believe a majority of our taxes has to come in is that correct? Miller, no we did get 100,000 dollars off of it we are anticipating \$140,000.00. Heiser so a majority of taxes did not come in expected \$40,000 more. Miller, we are our budget but the County is a little higher. Heiser, my question is there any problem paying half of that now and other half in Sept. I know we have to pay it but if we cut ourselves thin and wait for tax money to come in that's what put us in the position last year correct. Kessler, what we did last year they paid tax anticipation note in the sum of \$45,000 all at one time they only ever made one \$5000 payment then in June decided to pay the full amount \$45,000. Miller, not a problem but then is we going to have the money to pay it at the end of the year. Heiser, I do understand fully that it has to be paid. Yea that chance does exist that if the tax money don't come in we'll be. Male, same position.

Wade, whatever happened to that Medical Center that was supposed to go in is that a dead issue or is that still on the books? Riedlinger, I haven't heard anything about that in months. I have no idea if it's a dead issue or not. Wade, there was a lot of money up for that. Riedlinger, the last time I was involved in discussions about it my understanding was the groups that was trying to put it together were trying to get funding I don't know if they ever secured funding my suspicion I don't know this but, my suspicion is they didn't or it still would be discussed. Male, you'll have to get a Girardville Team sweatshirt out again for. Heiser, last I remember coming to a meeting for that was the end of fall last year, that meeting they had state that Geisinger was on board and they were going to fund project and everything. I have emailed on several occasions and I have not got a response. Male, last I heard they don't have a lot big enough for what they were planning on doing. Labie, they did down size their original plan. Heiser, I will look into that and try to get you an answer for next meeting. Male, does the borough get paid for cutting the grass down there at the Medical Center lot? O'Connell, yeah who owns the lot? Riedlinger, my understanding is we own the lot they wanted we. Male, no that was deeded over when Joe Charetti and all was on the board then they dead the section of the land between park and little league field that section in there and they were going to move the court across the street over here. Riedlinger, I'll be honest with you I don't want to state this completely for the recorded cause just going based on my memory I'm not 100% sure I'm right, I don't think it was ever formally deeded. I think there were just discussions that it was going to be done but, I don't think it was ever officially done. Labie, is it in the paper the deed transfer you have to look that up and

find out I don't recall. Heiser, look in the parcel locator. Riedlinger, I don't recall ever drafting the deed I know that we would want to have a reversion clause in it. If this property wasn't used for the right purpose. Labie, I was down the courthouse when they had the hearing to see if we were approval it, for it to be put we had no aptations to it and I remember Joe Wayne he was there my son and me nobody else of Girardville at it. We had gotten a letter to go down we ok it. My son figured it would be all lighted up more lights out back of our property and so on ya know. Nobody was against it. That's a while since. Male, I just like to thank Danny and Michelle for that Blight meeting last month or began on this month whatever it was very informal and it does do that there is ways for Girardville to move forward I just wanted to say thank you for it. Crowd applauses. Heiser, Michelle she did 90% of that herself there is just a fine example what we are going to lose there. She walked this town writing addresses it's sad.

Motion to adjourn made by Heiser, seconded by Miller. Voted all. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** 09, July 2015 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Charles Marquardt, Joseph Kessler, Rick Miller, Dan Heiser
Members absent: Edward Burns, Christopher Riedlinger

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting made by R. Miller, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote all. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report made by J. Kessler, seconded by D. Heiser. Vote all. Motion carried.

Tax Collector's report: None.

Mayor's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept report as read made by J. Kessler, seconded by R. Miller. Voted all. Motion carried.

Permit Officer's report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by R. Miller, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement report: None.

- **Fire Chief's report:** Motion to accept the report as submitted made by D. Heiser, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote all. Motion carried.
- **Additional Information:** * Notify rental property owners that their buildings must be inspected 48 hours prior to any occupancy in the future; ongoing problem fines should be issued. *Notify the No Where Bar on Second Street that he will need an outside exit if he uses the second floor for events. *This must be in writing! Still occupying this area for several years. Only one way out! They utilized the second floor again for this year's

parade. Someone is going to die. * Strongly recommend we STOP parking on Vine Street from 200 block of East Mahanoy Avenue on both sides of hill. There is no way to access C Street or the back of 200 block of East Mahanoy Avenue with fire apparatus. Marquardt, I believe we took care of that on Vine St. Heiser, can't see justifying there when it's up by school two way traffic by Joe Paige's you can get two cars up and down the hill over there but make this no parking and leave that parking? Marquardt, guess get a list of streets we need to look at. Marquardt, maybe Dan it's something to get with Frank about and look where the problems are. Heiser, I can do that.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Last meeting statues on Medical Center Dan did not get any more information. Property was sold by the borough to Girardville Area Medical Professional Center May 2nd 2015 for \$1.00. Located between the Little League Field and the Basketball Courts. Dougherty, maintain the property can we bill them? Dan, I'll email them again and ask where they stand and maybe Charlie do you want them a try? Marquardt, Sure. Heiser, last I knew they were on board to build that was last fall. Marquardt will contact Joe Wayne and Chiaretti because they are board members. Heiser, someone who is on Council should be a board member. Make a motion to send a letter asking statues of Medical Center. Motion made by D. Heiser seconded by R. Miller. Voted all. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Jeff Feeser Director of Housing and Community development from Schuylkill Community Action, since 2008 they demolished eleven properties, build five single new single family homes, and a three unit apartment townhouse garden style units. New venture is targeted 106 to 118 West Main Street where the fire back 2012 destroyed few homes. Demolition is completed, asepse removed. January good news about Pennsylvania Department Community and Economic Development approved the \$500,000.00 Keystone Community Grant. In the middle of June last month received news that \$500,000.00 Home Grant was approved. Being reviewed for Larring Under Writing Analysis probably take another thirty days. Then documentation will be sent to the borough that J. Feeser will be completing for the borough to send for approval, if successful grant to be executed and will be \$1,000,000.00 for the project. Few things need to be done prior to that. Another thing to discuss tonight a resolution, Schuylkill Community Action named administrative agent on the Keystone Community Grant we'll take care of the paperwork, invoicing, things like that in conjunction with the Keystone Community Grant. The home grant which is conditionally approved there's been initial paramilitary conversation with the County of Schuylkill with the grant writer as far as them taking on the administrative agent for the home grant. Any questions about the project? Feeser, we have some architectural design work done on the plans on what the site will look like. SCA has invested about thirty eight thousand dollars so far in the project, the demolition, procurement of an architect, and things like that. Labie, they are two

story homes. Feeser, be a basement level and two stories on top initial designs are calling for. Most part will be four units from road level up and are three bedroom units; lower level hope to make those two units has ADA assessable units and probably will be one-two bedroom. Public comment, any job openings for Girardville residents? Feeser, we procure a general contractor, we have to put it out for public bid. We do not know at this time who will be the general contractor but, everyone will be made aware of in the borough at a council meeting who the contractor will be. What will probably happen that point in time the residents will be able to contact the general contractor. There will be a lot of opportunity for work sometimes they bring in their own crew and sometimes they hire but, it will be up to the general contractor to make that call. Public comment, are homes for sale or rent. Feeser, for rent. It's affordable rental development project. We completed five single family homes that had been sold and the S. William St the three unit townhouses style we own manage and rent. Male, are any of these properties on tax growth? Feeser, there was eight parcels and I believe five of those came through the tax claim bureau where there was no taxes paid for many years. I just did an analysis last week on the development we done completed in the boro and five homes and the three unit rental all paid real estate property taxes and school district generated almost \$10,000.00 annually in funds to the school district. I don't have a number on what it meant to the boro. Someone had told me it was equating to a mill from what I was told. Public comment, what about the permits? Feeser, yes absolutely we have to pay the permit fees and everything yes.

- b. Resolution 2015-3 Council of the Borough of Girardville here by resolves and provide authority to Council President Charles Marquardt to execute corporative agreement with Schuylkill Community Action to administer Keystone Community Contract funded by Pennsylvania Department of Community Economic Development (PACD) Amount of \$500,000.00 Keystone Community Grant will provide funding to support affordable rental housing development project purposed for 106-118 W. Main St in the Borough of Girardville. Motion to approve Resolution 2015-3 made by D. Heiser. Second by J. Kessler. Voted all. Motion carried.
- c. Resignation of M. O'Connell and asked for anyone interested in filling rest of her term. D. Heiser made a motion to appoint Rob Krick. R. Miller made a motion to appoint Ann Soucheck, seconded by J. Kessler. Voted. Motion carried. R. Miller sworn in Ann Soucheck as Councilmember on the Ninth day of July, two thousand and fifteen in the absent of Mayor Edward Burns.
- d. Girardville Hose Co. requesting block off Oak Street behind Fire House Thurs, Aug 6th to Sunday, Aug 9th 2015 and permission for block party. Motion to approve block party made by D. Heiser, seconded by J. Kessler. Voted all Motion carried. Motion to approve Fire Co to block off Oak Street made by J. Kessler, seconded by R. Miller Voted All Motion carried.
- e. Approve Resolution of the PA Association of Boroughs in support of the Legalization of Medicinal Cannabis in PA. Tabled till next meeting Marquardt checking with Chris and other townships.

- f. Approval of Agreement between Borough of Girardville and Schuylkill Community Action Motion to accept agreement made by D. Heiser seconded by J. Kessler Voted all. Motion carried.
- g. Girardville Fire Police requesting to hold tag day Sunday, October 6th 2015 hours between 4 and 6pm help pay for the police radio's. To be held at William and Main Street Corner, Mahanoy Ave and Second Street. Motion to approve Tag Day for Girardville Fire Police made by R. Miller seconded by J. Kessler. Voted all. Motion carried.

BILLS

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read was made by R. Miller, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote all. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Meeting Notice by Mahanoy Township Municipal Building concerning land bank to be held on July 16th @ 6:30pm location Frackville Borough Hall. Question and concerns attend this meeting.
- b. Email from Bill Mack on behalf of Frackville Elks is hosting a designer bag charity bingo August 15th 2015.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: None

Street: DCNR, Department of Agriculture Dirt and gravel road, low volume road extended the grant to pave the roads; Candice went to the 2 day course and was Certified. Currently waiting on prices to submit the non matching grant to get what we can fix.

School Building: None

Finance: None

Personnel: None

Code/QofL: Marquardt, going to enforce Jeff, Rick for quality of life to submit paperwork every week on all these properties where we are at with those. We need to do something. Weeds and grass are growing on the pavements. Keep paper trail and follow no tolerance. Heiser, send them a fine if not cleaned up. Marquardt, we need Jeff, Rick, Frank said he will assist on any and all,

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Danny said he will assist and I'm sure Joe will to because it's part of the street committee. Pick a day go around and follow thru. Miller, we put tickets on their door. Next step citations, there are 14 all together. Miller, been up to court four times. Some of them pay. Marquardt, were the problems fixed? Miller, no not really. Marquardt, so then we go back and reissue the fines. M. Dougherty, what about the Rail Road property up on Ogden that's a jungle up there you have to keep on them but they will come and do it. Marquardt, I will Eddie had a contact who ever that was, they came last two years. They got to cut it more than once a year, got to do may June July and Aug. Marquardt, if we don't crack down on the people what's the sense. If we are citing people and they are paying their fines either the fines are to low because they still aren't fixing. Public comment, at Blight Forum if they don't correct the problem in so many days it becomes criminal and the police can go cite them. Marquardt, well then that's what we need to do, so then anyone that you have Rick has and pays their fine he can now turn it over to the police department. Heiser, if nothing was done to repair them no effort was made to repair. Marquardt: Rick turn in the ones that paid over to the police department. Put the word out if anyone see's people moving in report it to Candice so there is a paper trail immediately. Dougherty, the properties on Ogden Street are potentially going up for tax sale. Get them sited and have good paper trail to stop the sales of fly by night. O'Connell, getting complaints and you three are there in the day go up and see what is going on, take a ride up. Marquardt, we do go check it out and drive around after work.

Recreation: None

Recycling: None

Solicitor: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment, Can we get Copies of Bills, Agenda on the table? Dougherty, we used to get more copies Agenda, Treasurer Report, Bills.

Can you update the Girardville Website? Heiser, I don't know who did that when it was approved.

The Park on main has a dead pear trees are you aware? Marquardt, I did tell the guys about it. (They picked up early in the day).

Krick, Liquid Fuels? Miller, they sent the check to the wrong bank. Krick, when was that? Miller, March. Heiser, we were a little late with the paper work and Audit just came back.

Krick, I was on the financial reports we are paying someone per diem on the office work? I don't ever remember the borough hiring her in public. Marquardt, we had to agree with a rate for her just the same as GAMA.

O'Connell, Renovation for the courts completed? Marquardt, No. Catizone, how much is that going to cost us? O'Connell, does Geisinger own any of that court? Miller, no. Heiser, the court was originally a part of it that was a year and half ago.

Dougherty, why does the borough have to have fund raisers for stuff? Is it poor budgeting poor planning? Marquardt, could have budget for one thing and have to use it for another. The guys turn around Eddie did and decided to have fundraisers so we didn't have to take it out of the

general fund. Same thing happened to the Police Car. Dougherty, people pay takes you have fundraisers and spend more money when it was something you planned appropriately and budget appropriately. Heiser, we should have raised the money then repaired the courts not repair then raise money. Catizone, where does that money come from? Heiser, Came from the borough tax dollars. O'Connell so you have more renovations to do what if someone gets hurt right now and not completed? It looks like a poor horrible. Should that be shut down? Heiser, sealing it doesn't affect the basketball courts sealing just going to prevent the winter from when it freezes just has to be a warm sunny day. Soucheck, the basic renovations are done just has to be sealed. Heiser, never applied for that grant because we did not have that money to get it right they need to be torn up and up to codes.

Motion to adjourn was made by R. Miller, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote all. Motion carried

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** August 13, 2015 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Charles Marquardt, Joseph Kessler, Rick Miller, Dan Heiser, Ann Soucheck, Edward Burns, and Christopher Riedlinger.

Members absent: None

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting made by D. Heiser, seconded by R. Miller. Vote all. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report made by J. Kessler, seconded by R. Miller. Vote all. Motion carried.

Tax Collector's report: None

Mayor's report: Read by E. Burns. Motion to accept report as read made by R. Miller, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote all. Motion carried.

Permit Officer's report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by D. Heiser, seconded by R. Miller. Vote all. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by D. Heiser, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote all. Motion carried.

Fire Chief's report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by J. Kessler, seconded by R. Miller. Vote all. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Legalization of Medical Cannabis in PA. Motion not to approve request made by J. Kessler, seconded by R. Miller. Voted all. Motion carried.
- b. Letter to Medical Center on maintaining property. C. Marquardt, we have not received a response yet. Hopefully we will have something by the next council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Resolution No: 2015-4 enters into an Administrative Agreement with the County of Schuylkill to administer the Home Contract. Motion to approve resolution appointing C. Marquardt as a signature to sign any contracts necessary to that program made by R. Miller, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote all. Motion carried.
- b. Resolution No: 2015-5 to adopt Fair Housing Policy, setting four housing standards and agreeing to enforce. Motion to adopt made by A. Soucheck, seconded by D. Heiser. Vote all. Motion carried.
- c. Resolution No: 2015-6 Appoint Councilmen Dan Heiser as Assistant Code Enforcement Officer. Motion to Appoint D. Heiser made by R. Miller, seconded by A. Soucheck. Vote all. Motion carried.
- d. 2015 Fall Clean up will be held Thursday, September 24th then on Friday, September 25th Hours will be from 9am to 5pm. Also on Saturday, September 26th from 9am to 1pm. Motion to accept call clean up schedule made by A. Soucheck, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote all. Motion carried.
- e. Letter from Ann Soucheck, she will be stepping down from Permit officer from Girardville Borough to go back to school in January. At this time she is willing to assist anyone that fills in the position. Motion to accept A. Soucheck resignation made by J. Kessler, seconded by D. Heiser. Vote all. Motion carried.
- f. Letter of interest for Permit Officer submitted by Maureen Manbeck. C. Marquardt, Do you guys want to review or make a motion on this? Tabled until next Council Meeting September 8th. C. Marquardt, anyone interested in Permit Officer position submit your letter of interest by Friday, September 4th @ 3pm to be reviewed by Personnel Committee.
- g. Dan Heiser, I make a motion for tomorrow to paint the blue lines black and put a foot ½ each way and then we the street committee reevaluate every spot in this town then adjust them all accordingly at 315 A Street in front of Barbra Tacker's home. . A. Soucheck, seconded the motion.

BILLS

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read was made by J. Kessler, seconded by R. Miller. Vote all. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Reminder of Frackville Elks Charity Bingo of Designer purses on Saturday, August 15th @ 5pm.
- b. Entech Engineering will hold open house of new office in Reading August 19th from 4pm to 7pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police:

Street: D. Heiser we applied for a grant for over 1 million dollars for several street projects. DCNR people came to see the conditions of our streets. We submitted applications maps and drawings and now we are waiting to hear back from them. If we can get one or two streets paved that would be great.

School Building:

Finance:

Personnel:

Code/QofL:

Recreation:

Recycling:

Solicitor:

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Clark 103 North 2nd Street. Is it possible the next borough Council meeting to project the cost in knocking down five houses a year for the next couple of years. Reason I ask is people think the demolition period is coming to knock these houses down just to show the impact on our property tax will be. Let's face it we'll have to increase the millage. I believe it will help the people understand why the houses just aren't going down, there just isn't any money. J. Kessler you're talking about five billion a year Tom, \$5,000.00 a year. Tom, oh I'd say more but if you break it down in millage so the people understand. J. Kessler, looking at four or five Mills increase to come up with the funds to do this demolition. Tom, a lot of people don't realize there will be a Mills increase to knock all the houses down. D. Heiser, I also agree that people would

be ok with the tax increase to see houses coming down every year. C. Marquardt, our solicitor Chris just made a comment that there are other costs involved. C. Marquardt, it the solicitor to do research, engineer's involved. C. Riedlinger, it does require a trip to the court to get a judge's permission to tear it down because you don't own it. Engineer has to be involved as a witness because somebody has to testify that the property dilapidated condition and the court would subjected it property transfer to the Borough. Tom Clark, I know the final cost is more than we realize but that's where we are now and I like that gift. D. Heiser, These homes are owned by somebody Chris can't we cite these people and then do that 12 month 18 month thing and then let the police cite them criminally for public nuisance and force them to tear these houses down. C. Marquardt, I think Rick and Jeff ran into the problem some we can get and some that have these properties the owners are out of state and are hard to find threw the magistrates office they issue warrants but we have no idea sometimes where these people are located. Edna Labie, their probably blight, opposed to start doing something if you see them working on stuff you can extend the amount of time they have, I mean work with them but there are how many of these places that they aren't doing anything. Public comment the bank owned properties we know where they are go after the banks. Marquardt, the bank doesn't own that property. Marybeth Dougherty, bank issue here brings up a good point Minersville just passed I have a copy for a registry for closed properties, includes a closure clause to appoint a manager if a bank is starting a closer. Pottsville starting to meet with their landlords one meeting is August 25th talk to Tom Palomar what they have done in Pottsville is come up with a plan, the top 10 worst properties and be smart with the money they have available. You need to start with looking at the judicial sale and the repository. If there are violations you can argue repository before the sale. Need to start citing. D. Heiser even though we don't get the money out of them, there will be a paper trail. M. Dougherty, a lot of conversations is about money but you need to find creative ways to work around it. C. Riedlinger, Marybeth correct me if I'm wrong there is also if somebody gets cited under a local property maintenance code a number over four times and they still haven't fixed it you can ask the District Attorney's office to file criminal charges. Marybeth, that just decreased to and takes effect in September I think there has to be convictions.

C. Marquardt, we received notice of Judicial Sale of three properties coming up in October a time and date is not yet available. C. Riedlinger, they already gone thru the repository sale stage and didn't sell and the county is still holding them. The county is petitioning them to go thru a judge to allow them to be sold at a judicial sale to be sold free and clear of all such as leans and things. Repository means you would buy with leans attached to it. Judicial means you would buy without the leans attached to it.

D. O'Connell, did anyone look at 508 and 510 E Mahanoy Ave? It's falling down, it's in repository. J. Wilson, we talk to that owner and the chimney is pulling from the wall and I have been there before. C. Marquardt, if you have come into contact with him now just cite him. C. Marquardt, we have to take it thru all the channels. C. Riedlinger, by can't by law to have soul power to just determine which house to knock down we do need a judge to intervene. We can't write a law that just give us the power to determine ourselves if a house is in a dilapidated condition enough that we can just knock it down without a judge's permission. D. O'Connell, did anyone look into the bank where the old Acme used to be that building is falling down someone is going to get hurt. D. Heiser, I believe we did try to inquire that and the guy would not sell. C. Reidlinger, the district justice determines the fine we can't decide the fine amount. D. O'Connell what is the final cost on the basketball court? D. Heiser, we still have to seal it yet. O'Connell, what is the new street alley on West Oak Street what is the name of this alley? There is a sign

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there do not block Alley what is the alley. C. Marquardt, we put a sign down there to stop people from blocking the alley. D. Heiser, that was a recommendation from Frank Zangari because you can only get one vehicle thru there and people parking there you would never get the fire truck out. Rick I believe it was just a fire lane I think the borough does not own that.

Barber Tacker, I live at 315 A street about one year ago I requested a handicap parking place and just recently I had the lines painted for parking which allowed me 15 feet. I do have a mini cooper which is small. I have ran into the problem where if somebody parks in front or behind me I am unable to get out or open the back of my vehicle to take out groceries and things like that. I am requesting to receive the same space for handicap parking like all the other handicap parking in this town. D. Heiser, when this came about through from social media. There are no size requirements or guidelines for handicap spaces on the borough street per ADA when I called. If it was a parking lot they have guidelines it is 20 feet wide 5 foot on each side clearance if there would be trees. The length is a minimum of 18 feet for a full size car or van and 15 feet for a compact car. D. Heiser, I understand what you are asking but, what we need to do is as a council is look at every single application in the borough. Then when we renew them look them over I don't believe everybody needs. Also we are not required to put in right in front of your home it can be across the street. B. Tacker, but you already approved the lines in front of my house I'm only asking for my application and the ADA does not have guidelines for a small medium or van when it comes to length. D. Heiser, they absolutely do. Tacker, they do not and I can give you the name of the person from ADA that called me back today. D. Heiser, your right the public street they do not. Public parking lot they do. They have no guidelines on a public street. Tacker, the ordinances are state ran and I have not seen any ordinance from Girardville that says my space should be 15 feet because I own a small vehicle. D. Heiser, we as a council could not give you any. Tacker, I'm saying you did. D. Heiser, I would have to look into that if it is in our ordinances size 20 feet we will correct that. Tacker, I want to see a copy. D. Heiser, so would I and I would drop a copy at your home. Tacker, I believe I deserve to see that Marquardt, I know their is other municipalities that I talked to and they just put a sign up, the handicap parking and they don't put any blue lines and they don't put any handicap insignias on the road. We do that and the handicap parking spot is the length of the front of their house right off the bat Ashland Borough does that. Their saying there is nothing set unless you have it in ordinance that says it is that amount in footage there is no guidelines that you have to make it. Tacker, I would like to know what guidelines that you use for other people who were giving handicap parking places and why the guidelines are different for me specifically. Marquardt, I agree and that's why Danny said I want to go and review all the handicap spots and they could all change. Tacker, I feel I'm being discriminated against because I have a small vehicle. Marquardt, sure you are sure I agree with you Barb. Heiser, I agree to I'm not arguing against it. Jeff Dunkel, I think it's sickening that you sit here and say to her we don't have to give you one at all. Heiser, I didn't say her I mean anybody. Dunkel, I understand that. Heiser, it wasn't sickening I'm saying we are not required by law. Dunkel, I'm saying to sit there and say we don't have to give you any I mean she has the proper paper work it was voted on and approved. If she would trade in her car and get a different car it would be bigger than the spot given and the question I have to council is when you award a spot to someone that has the paperwork is that spot solely for that person? Marquardt, no it's open to anybody that has a placard or plate. Dunkel, then why would that spot be different than any other in the borough? Marquardt, exactly. Heiser, you are correct we are not required to give any certain length we're not. Dunkel, no my question is why is that any different than any other one because she's not in titled there's no sign saying that's just her

spot. Heiser, your right if a van wanted to park there it's not big enough I get that. Marquardt, I can honestly ask Marybeth and Rob their former Councilmen I don't know where the twenty feet came from. We don't have anything in here that I can find in the borough records in ordinance or anything where we got the twenty feet. Now there was a thing out in the garage I don't know where that came from and it had twenty feet I don't know who put that up I don't know where that came from but that's what we were going off of the twenty feet until all this came up with Barbra over the parking spot which is a neighbor issue to begin with up there and then Danny checked into it with ADA, Joe checked into it through the state and federal government and this is where we're at now. I think we need to either set the guidelines or we don't set the guidelines but apparently the way it stems from what these guys investigated we can set any size any amount so we're really not discriminating you if that's the rules because if they want to give you fifteen feet Barbra they can if they want to give you twenty or they give you eighteen. Danny said they can give you a motorcycle is you have a motorcycle but it doesn't have to be full length. Heiser, Charlie to make this simple and short she's 100% right if you're looking at it that way the way everyone here is looking at it. If every other spot in this town is twenty feet

(Heiser) I make a motion for tomorrow to paint the blue lines black and put a foot $\frac{1}{2}$ each way and then we the street committee reevaluate every spot in this town then adjust them all accordingly. Soucheck, we want to make sure that the letter goes out it's not just to pay the renewal fee come new year you'll have to bring the paperwork and they will all review it that way because there is people that live in that house that may have been deceased or moved on so there all going to be reevaluated. Heiser, also keep in mind that starts a war on that street with parking that's not Council's problem. Soucheck, and we should not be held responsible for that to come back at us.

Heiser, Charlie can you make sure someone seconds the motion. A. Soucheck, I seconded the motion. Heiser, it's just the fairness let's be fair to the lady and give her what everybody else has and if we adjust it in the future we'll adjust people accordingly. Marquardt, what I was trying to say in the beginning of it all if everybody has twenty feet give her twenty feet but you guys are going to review them all and if they all change they all change but what Chris is say here is maybe there is a decision here that we should sit down as a Council and make a set guidelines. Heiser, and there will be some changes that lose them all together because there are some that over the years just kept them and they do not really need them anymore. Marquardt, exactly so I think that the street committee along with the solicitor and whomever self is involved with it we need to come up with a set of guidelines if that is what we decide to do and set the standards of what we are going to give out if we do give out handicap parking spots. Labie, overall how many handicap parking spot we have in our borough? Marquardt, yeah we have them all listed and the renewals. I'll tell you another thing Joe checked on the renewals and all it's a funny thing because every year they get renewed for five dollars in the ordinance it's fifteen. Heiser, and also in the ordinance it does state if you have off street parking on your property you shouldn't have to have it. Marquardt, yes it does say in the ordinance also if you have off street parking you can be denied a handicap parking spot. Soucheck, so in December we are going to send out a letter. Kessler, if your ablator that does not entitled you to a handicap spot. As a matter of fact we don't have to give you a spot if you can walk. So if you can walk down from your home to Katherine's restaurant or wherever we don't have to give you a handicap spot. Tacker, so how would that go legally for somebody who is parked on the handicap spot in front of my house if they can walk and they have a handicap placard? Riedlinger, well once the space has been granted anybody with a placard can park in it. I think what Joe was saying is that they don't have to work spot it in

the first place. Tacker, my problem is going to be different because of the neighbor issue. Soucheck, I know there was an issue with cats I talked to Joe Chiarette who we talked to Barbra Umlof down at the SPCA they will not take the cats if we take them there but they will spayed and neuter them for \$25 apiece and we have to rerelease them. Marquardt, I also received a thing that's no nonsense neutering Jimmy Petusky gave me this it's a clinic in Mahanoy City located at 47 S. Main Street there is a phone number is his going to get cards drop them off here. You can get your cat spayed or neutered or cats that you caught like Jim he was getting them and taking them to be neutered up there. It's \$20.00 so this is the paper he handed me today. Well its \$20 until end of September then it goes up to \$35. Marquardt, you can also take your other animals there to. You can take one feral cat as a walk in any more you must schedule an appointment they do have a website. Soucheck, the SPCA is not willing to come and catch them and there is just too many they will not keep them they have over three hundred cats but anybody who is willing to trap them and take them there and tell them where you're from and why your there. I do believe they have traps and I do know someone who has traps. Soucheck, I personally have a problem I mean I know there is five other buildings, I know there is at least fifteen cats the gentlemen behind me feeds the cats and I counted thirteen on his back porch the other night. My flowers are dead, my dogs get fleas, and my dogs are inside dogs. It's a problem which I think the community has to address. That if you are feeding the cats you need to be held responsible because technically you're not allowed to have more than four animals and if your feeding fifteen feral cats and your housing them because the guy behind me on his back porch has a house made for these cats as far as I'm concern these are his cats. He's feeding them and housing them as a community we have to do something about that. Marquardt, I agree.

Joe Catizone, on the corner of John and Main there was a condemned property that is no longer condemned what steps were taking to make that no longer condemned and where was the building permit for that property? J. Wilson, it was condemned because it had reissue. J. Catizone, no not because of structural? Wilson, correct. D. Heiser, so the owner and the person who is working on it both have been cited this week. J. Catizone, fantastic. Kudos also to the Borough Council for taking a hard stance on blight as of last month and reporting all of the properties ticketed very good job we all appreciate that. Catizone, Charlie stood here and gave a very good speech about getting part value and falling through very good job.

Catizone, next question what is the significance of the red tags is that their first warning or is that their citation? R. Miller, that is a ticket under quality of life it is a 25 dollar ticket, seconded offense is \$50. Third offense is \$100.00 then they would get a citation. D. Heiser, then it goes to the magistrate. Marquardt, we had a property down on main street we were notified of, actually Rick, Jeff, and Frankie Zangari went down there and informed the people they can't move in there. They can bring their stuff in. They listed all the code violations I was told by these guys including Frank this was the first time in history within 48hrs everyone of the code violations were corrected because they went down and re-inspected it. Is that correct Jeff? J. Wilson, they were good. Marquardt, there was a landlord that bought the building and is renting it out is that correct? Wilson, it was empty for quite a while 309 W. Main. I was told that somebody was moving in there and I went down there and told them you can't move in here until it is inspected. It took the land owner three days to get up here from NY and he did everything we requested within two days which I thought was great. They are living there now and it's in pretty good shape.

J. Catizone, 44 West Main right across from my house the building is still for rent so we discussed it last meeting that there's going to be an inspection in there before any residents come

in. Heiser, I followed up on that with the person you said it was. I suggested to try and change the Ordinance 74 for rent sign either goes on the building or a ad goes in the paper that you're not up to code and could be cited. Chris says the way our Ordinance is written right now that has a for sale or rent sign on it according to our Ordinance we can demand to render inspection. J. Catizon, I kind of did my own independent research called the guy and he is willing to walk me through the building. Heiser, alright but there's nothing illegal until it's occupied. Catizone, ok but should people be going in and out of there just wily nilly because this guys building isn't going to be up to code for a few months. Riedlinger, to say there is nothing illegal until it's occupied maybe not if you have the right to do an inspection you go and see problems inside it, it could be in violation of the property maintenance code. Heiser, we can demand inspection once the rent sign goes up. Marquardt, are the people going in just working on it or look at it to rent? Catizone, that's what I been wondering so I called he said he'd show it. Soucheck, so it's not up to code what you're saying people shouldn't be in and out of it. Catizone, it shouldn't be allowed to advertise it. Soucheck, it shouldn't be up for rent. Catizone, she shouldn't be allowed to take people through it for rent. Soucheck, if we go down there he should be cited and made to take the sign down. Riedlinger, even if there's nothing in the inspection ordinance do the inspection see other problems you can cite him under the maintenance code. Heiser, it doesn't have to be occupied to be under violation of the code. Riedlinger, any structure it just has to do with the structure not wither it's occupied or not. J. Wilson, under the maintenance code it's just falling down. Riedlinger, so the rental ordinance is what gives you the right to do the inspection, the mine maintenance code gives you ammunition to cite them if there is violations and if they go ahead to rent them with those violations you go back to the inspection ordinance to cite them for occupying them. Heiser, if someone moves in the landlord gets fined three hundred dollars a day and its zero tolerance. Marquardt, Jeff are you going to cite these guys now? Wilson, yeah I haven't been down there to physically see if the roof is leaking, walls falling in, I'm not allowed to walk into a property without permission. I can look at the outside if the outside is falling down. Riedlinger, you may be able to in act the ordinance that gives you the right to inspect the property that is for rent. You can't just in act a ordinance to go right in side in general, one for rent you can. Dougherty, that rent sign as been out there for months get creative and pro active. You're reacting to everything we're saying. Talk to Pottsville and get organized act together. Marquardt, did code enforcement and quality of life people go look at 149 W. Main Street on your inspections? Wilson, Miller, yes. Wilson, we had cited him a year ago. He went down and covered up some of the stuff we asked him to do. Marquardt, ok so he didn't cover up everything. Wilson, obviously not. Marquardt, so we can site him now? Wilson, yeah. Marquardt, cite him. Dougherty, that's why this town has that reputation you know where he is. He's not the worst one so we're not going to worry about it. O'Connell recently there was a few properties sold on eBay 2 on line St, one on Preston Ave that porch is falling down. What's the plan of action? Heiser, the new owner will be cited they are being sold as junk. O'Connell, come on start citing them there it is wide open. Miller, Schuylkill Properties was cited through the magistrate 25-23 I think on Line Street. We went to the hiring and the guy came in with his lawyer they said he didn't own it he was an investor and they let him go. Marquardt, check on all these ones that were wrote up on here and find out where we stand with citations and follow ups. D. O'Connell the properties up on line Street they got to come down so what are you going to do about it cite this guy and say look at it buddy it's got to come down but you can't fix them. So what is he going to do jerk us around? Heiser, the only way we can get those houses down is fine the guy for public nuisance. D. O'Connell, there is no way those houses are livable and this guy

is going to jack us around and it's going to be the same thing next month in here. Heiser, let them either continue to pay fines or tear down building that's what Shamokin is doing and it's working really well. Kandi Cope, through social media ex council members I believe are putting down on social media, putting down the police, council, and neighbors, business's. If you want to get Girardville together work together. What is it you're calling people scum bags, stores section 8, Balky's been here many years that has a borough garbage can outside the store that is for the community. I'm saying their sitting here bragging clapping hands and tonight you guys will be nothing but a piece of crap. Why do we put the Borough down. Take the damn Girardville Gazette down. E. Burns, Mike Manbeck started something he is going out on his own and cutting a lot of properties and we don't care. This has nothing to do with the Borough but anyone that wants to join this seven O'clock Monday be over here bring weed wacker's and lawn mowers. I don't care we are starting it because waiting for banks could take months. Bags, Mr. Miller you said 23-25 Line the owner was in the magistrate office why was that thrown out? Miller, wasn't the owner was investor LLC. Heiser, they are trying to change the law that LLC someone will be responsible and won't be so well protected.

Motion to adjourn made by R. Miller, seconded by J. Kessler. Voted all. Motion carried

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** September 10th, 2015 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Charles Marquardt.
Motion to appoint Ann Soucheck assistant secretary in the absent of C. Squires who is on vacation, Motion to appoint Ann for September 10, 2015 Council meeting made by J. Kessler, seconded by D. Heiser. Vote all. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Charles Marquardt, Joseph Kessler, Rick Miller, Dan Heiser, Ann Soucheck, Ed Burns, and Christopher Riedlinger.
Members absent: none

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting made by J. Kessler, seconded by A. Soucheck. Vote all. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report made by R. Miller, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote all. Motion carried.

Tax Collector's report: Motion to accept the report and pay the tax collector made by D. Heiser, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote all. Motion carried.

Mayor's report: Read by E. Burns. Motion to accept report as read made by A. Soucheck, seconded by D. Heiser. Vote all. Motion carried.

Permit Officer's report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by J. Kessler, seconded by D. Heiser. Vote all. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement report: Code officer J. Wilson was in the hospital no report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Permit Officer Position. Received one letter of interest that was then pulled no longer interested. C. Marquardt suggested another two week extension and put out advertisement to submit resume. Motion to extend letter of interest made by J. Kessler, seconded by A. Soucheck. Vote all. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Fall Clean Up September 24th, 25th from 9am to 5pm and Saturday, 26th from 9am to 1pm. They did get a trailer for electronics.
- b. Girardville Borough send out advertise for 2 part-time police officers, Resume deadline will be Friday, September 25th 2015 by 3pm. Motion made by J. Kessler, seconded by A. Soucheck. Voted all. Motion carried.
- c. A. Soucheck is requesting permit officer pay from 12% to 25% which is the amount paid of the cost for the building permits and it abstained from vote. Motion to raise permit officer pay to 25% made by D. Heiser, seconded by R. Miller. Voted all. Motion carried.

BILLS

Tabled until next meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Mahanoy Creek Water Association requesting to hold public meeting at the Girardville Borough Hall October 14th 2015 at 7pm. Motion to accept meeting held at Borough made by D. Heiser, seconded by R. Miller. Voted all. Motion carried.
- b. Girardville Ambulance Service requested to hold Tag Day Sunday, September 20th 2015 from 11am to 1pm to help pay for new radios. Location corner of William Street and Main in front of Ambulance building. Person to contact with questions Louanne Olson. Motion to approve Tag Day made by D. Heiser, seconded by A. Soucheck. Voted all. Motion carried.
- c. Ann Soucheck and Jenna Petusky held a tag day on Labor day to raise funds for the TNR program (trap, neuter, release of cats) A. Soucheck, we raised around \$600 and they have started trapping. Jenna took some of the cats this morning. E. Burns we need to do something with the cats get them spayed and neutered. A. Soucheck, if anyone would like to do donations, trap, or help transport. Jenna is taking this on herself because unfortunately I work during the day. I do help her on my day off.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street: D. Heiser, the projects we applied for grant with DCNR, we submitted 6 and 7 different projects. The two they submitted were fourth and Fifth Street, Mahanoy Avenue down to C Street we are hoping we get those two roads completely fixed.

DCED will be holding two-day training; Jeff Feeser sent the email for mandatory training for all CDBG, HOME, CDBG-DR grantees held in Harrisburg September 21st and 22nd Candice and Rick Miller will be attending.

C. Marquardt and Chris Riedlinger plan to attend Court Hiring on September 22nd 9:15am at the Schuylkill County Court House for the Churches to be put back on the taxes. Riedlinger, There is a chance I may have to request a continuance of the court date but as of right now it's scheduled for the 22nd. If anyone is interested in attending may call my office.

J. Kessler, we will be patching on Oak Street, purchase four ton of black top and Joe Wayne was kind enough to donate two tons of it. The work will be conducted from Richard's Street down to Julia St. Ann Soucheck, my husband told me to tell you two tons is coming tomorrow.

E. Burns, a community group did some nice work cutting bad lots. There were some spots and different groups did and it really made a difference. Personally I want to thank you. They are still doing work if anyone is interested contact the Cope's or Mike Manbeck are basically the two groups that were doing it. C. Marquardt, you can contact Ann Soucheck, Mike Manbeck, or Kandi Cope. A. Soucheck, please contact me before the grass gets high again.

Nothing under rest of the Committees

PUBLIC COMMENT

Dan O'Connell, did anyone look at 508-510 E. Mahanoy Ave? D. Heiser, they are on the list Michelle O'Connell told me about that. D. O'Connell there is actually a tree growing across it and you can't see. D. Heiser, I'll go up tomorrow morning I'm off. Marquardt, I don't know if J. Wilson (Code Enforcement) was up because he's not here but if we can get a report from Jeff we might be able to see if he got anywhere with it maybe you guys could contact him in the morning and follow threw wherever Jeff was at.

D. O'Connell is the summer basketball league over and who is responsible for the porta potty? R. Miller, I already told them about it they were called. I called the guy running the league about six times. I called the porta potty company about it twice. D. O'Connell, well maybe you shouldn't have the league come here next year. There are kids that would be over there. We're good enough to let them have the league here. R. Miller, that's not their fault it's the porta potty company. D. O'Connell, it should have been moved right after the league was over instead of it sitting there like that. Marquardt, Ed is going to have the police officer call the porta potty company. We been asking them and they haven't come and the league.

Edna Labie, how about 343, 345 W. Mahanoy Ave when you come up the high road those two properties there's all that junk in the front. I thought no one was living in it but, I saw a lady today out on the porch talking on a cell phone. So I don't know if anybody is living in them but if you come up the high road and your coming into Girardville and it hits you. That's in

Girardville Borough yet it's not in Butler Township. A. Soucheck is that were Kerry Long lives? Labie, I don't know who it is. E. Burns, yes that's who she is talking about. D. Heiser, ok I know where that is. Labie, you know where they are I mean there's been a lot of junk on those properties. I don't know if both of those are occupied or not or if they are at the point they should be condemned. A. Soucheck, that's where Kerry Long is, where the roof is caving in and it's being held up by a board.

Tom Clark, last week the district magistrate held the blight meeting again did anyone go? Or doesn't anyone give a shit? D. Heiser, Jeff was scheduled to go but that was when his accident happened and he didn't make it. Clark, how come Borough Council isn't going? D. Heiser, they were scheduled to go but Jeff got hurt that day. I couldn't go because I had work.

T. Clark, the organizations in town has been going to cut grass and all is the borough following up and fining these people? E. Burns, yes we are. T. Clark, Thank you that's incredible. E. Burns, we go out their fined and we have certified mail returned to us. Sunday afternoon we're going after a guy verbally but no worry there will be a ticket.

T. Clark, did anybody try to get money to tear down Churby's since it clasped in the creek? D. Heiser, there's a process you have to go through. You have to get ownership of the building first we just can't tear anything down. We are trying to get ownership of it but we have to wait until it goes into judicial sale. Once we get ownership of it then we can look for money to tear it down. I understand everyone else in this town is about the blight to. It's more expensive sometimes to purchase the properties for to go about purchasing the properties than it is to tear them down. It's not just Girardville. It's a process it takes time. T. Clark, you got a house that is falling down and the house on the main street fell down within a month it was gone. Now you got a house falling in the creek for over two years. D. Heiser, I don't know how they did that on the main Street. I talked to Chris the past two weeks ago and it's a process you have to go through to inquire a private property to tear it down.

Tom Clark, last month I asked how much it is to tear down a house did anyone come up with it? E. Burns, we are working on it. D. Heiser, a house sitting by itself might be four thousand; a house that sits between two other properties might be twenty thousand. T. Clark, tell us your share for the house on the house Avenue. The last house torn down was on the Avenue. D. Heiser, six thousand. T. Clark, so you have five thousand on the budget and the last one cost six. C. Riedlinger, I can't give you an exact answer to your question about the cost. I can give you an idea of complexity and the potential cost for putting yourself in the position to be able to tear down a structure. As Danny said the first thing you have to do is put yourself in the position to have the legal authority to tear down a house. That could be done by actually purchasing a house at a judicial sale becoming the owner of it or it could be done through a conservator ship under the state laws that allow municipalities to get permission from the judges at the court house to tear down a house. That's what we did with the property next to Tony's Lunch on Main Street. We got a judge to give us a conservator ship and that property was torn down in conjunction with Michelle and Gary Bender at the courthouse and their program. They funded the vast majority of that demolition. Just to give you an idea of, if you're going the conservative ship route. You're going to get conservative ship over that property which will allow you then to demolish it. First thing you have to do is a title search, get a conservative ship, you got to figure out who the potential lean holder is, the actually lean holders are on the property and ideally there aren't mortgages and things like that owed on the property. Usually it's just municipal leans from GAMA or similar entities like that. You then would have to file a petition with the Courthouse of course this is something I would draft. Even before the petition someone from

ENTECH Engineering or someone who is able to come to the court hearing to testify that the property is a dangerous structure, that's likely to collapse or something like that. They'll have to go out to do an examination of the property to reach that conclusion and come to court and testify. I know it seems obvious a house that is falling into the creek is going to be something that is collapsing but in a court room you have to prove to a judge with actual evidence that the house is a dangerous structure. The way that is done is to get someone like from ENTECH who can testify as an expert on the structural sound as a property to do an examination and be able to come to court and testify for you. So you're paying Entech the people to go out to do examinations of the house, you're paying me to draft the petitions, part of drafting the petitions also is notifying all the potential lean holders of the action because any of those lean holds could come and object to a conservative ship. Because they are losing the property sort of speak to that they have their leans on. Which I said ideally there are mortgages and things like that on the property because if you are dealing with property with mortgages the bank may come and object the conservative ship you may not even get it. Of course if there's some individual that has some lean on the property that could really set this whole thing back significantly and increase the cost. If Joe Smith could be one of these people that lives in Nevada has a lean on that property and you have to notify Joe Smith of your conservative petition. You may have to find Joe Smith to notify him of the conservative ship petition. Eventually, hopefully a judge has a hearing on the conservative ship petition. Now you're going to pay someone from Entech to come to court and spend half a day in court to testify before a judge about the structural sound of the property. You would be paying me to go to court as well. Then ideally you get the conservative ship approved by a judge and this goes relatively smoothly you are probably talking about at this point five thousand dollars in just fee in the engineering firm and myself. Now the demolition it's self after you get the conservative ship, which is the permission to search out and tear down the property. If the demolition is likely to cost an excess of whatever the bidding limit is nineteen thousand something right now. I think its nineteen thousand one hundred but I could be wrong about that exact figure. You're going to have to bid the property (job) out. The borough can't just hire someone to demolish the property they got to bid it. So you're going to probably be paying someone from Entech Engineering a couple thousand dollars to draw up specks for the bidding. Then ultimately you'll have the bidding and somebody will come in with whatever the project is going to cost. C. Riedlinger, I know in the past the borough when we done things with Gary Bender and Michelle's program at the county level its cost us several thousand dollars and that was just a twenty five percent share. If we had to pay the full 100% share because this isn't something the county is taking part with us, it's very reasonable to assume that the demolition costs are going to be in the twenty thousands of dollars. This not a quick easy process and is certainly not an inexpensive process but I just going to give an estimate and this is just an average run of the mill case. There are some cases that could be more could be less. There could be corky circumstances that a rise in any case but I think it is reason to assume that if the borough was going to fund 100% of the demolition and they had to go through this entire process to get the permission to demolish the property in the first place it's not unreasonable to think that the entire project is going to cost in the neighborhood of twenty-five thousand dollars. I can't give you an exact figure but that's a good bet. D. Heiser, it's expensive we are trying to find these people and fine them through the building maintenance code and hopefully irritate them enough that it forces them to do something about it themselves. Dougherty, you can go after their personal assists now years ago you couldn't now you can.

M. O'Connell, was 44 Main Street looked at? C. Marquardt, I believe Jeff looked at that also. O'Connell, garbage piled up. Marquardt, which was brought up last meeting he went down the next day.

Bernie Adams, my building where pigeons were getting in and both Frank and Jeff seen the repairs. I had two properties on 150-152 Main St. that are inspected and rented out. Marquardt, the old stack building what are your intentions? Adams, tear it down, don't have a time frame yet. D. Heiser, the building across the street the roof is in bad shape. The garage behind is a bird bath the pigeons are going in the other house. Marquardt, you to give a proposal on the properties you buy. You will be cited if you don't take care of your properties. D. Heiser, building needs to be safe or you will be fined. If the house is not in good shape in the next month you will get a citation in the mail or on building. Adams, everything Jeff and Frank told me was fixed and it's fine. Marquardt, check with Jeff and Frank on that property and see what they said. Marquardt, 139 fix to rent it? Adams, yes.

R. Krick, The treasurer's report last month there was a check cut to the Chief of police \$250 General fund what was that? E. Burns, he sold to the borough a computer. Krick, should have been at a public meeting voted on or brought up. D. Heiser, we did get the call about it we're all aware of it. Krick, I would make a point to know that in Pennsylvania we have a right to know that I mean sunshine law. You should have to come back in here and make a public vote and let it be known who you are buying it off of. How much it costs. Even negotiations and discussions concerning anything should be made in public before the vote. How much was the computer anyway? J. Kessler, \$700 came with two surge protectors. D. Heiser, it's not just a home computer you need more of a hard drive with quick books and more information stored you need a bigger hard drive.

Wade, what you get with Ann Murphy house? E. Burns, he was cited we are waiting hiring. Marquardt, he was cited and once the magistrate get's it she'll tell him exactly what to do. E. Burns, at this point we can't forcefully put him out of there. C. Riedlinger, if you condemned a building which prohibits the occupants from living there, the mayor is right you can't physically remove them all you can do is cite them.

E. Dougherty, Charlie the bills here, is this the list of bills from last month supposed to be this month? The bills from August? C. Marquardt, I have to get with Candice when she comes back because she has duplicates here. I don't know what happened here if it was a computer error or what I will get this straightened out before next meeting. I don't understand there are ones from last month here. I have to wait until Candice comes back to find out.

Motion to adjourn made by R. Miller, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** October 08th, 2015 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Charles Marquardt, Joseph Kessler, Rick Miller, Ann Soucheck, Ed Burns, and Attorney: Christopher Riedlinger.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting made by seconded by R. Miller seconded by A. Soucheck. Vote all. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report made by J. Kessler seconded by A. Soucheck. Vote all. Motion carried.

Tax Collector's report: Motion to accept the report and pay the tax collector made by R. Miller seconded by A. Soucheck. Vote all. Motion carried.

Mayor's report: Read by E. Burns. Motion to accept report as read made by R. Miller seconded by A. Soucheck. Vote all. Motion carried.

Permit Officer's report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by J. Kessler, seconded by R. Miller. Vote all. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by J. Kessler, seconded by A. Soucheck. Vote all. Motion carried.

Fire Chief's report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by R. Miller, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote all. Motion carried.

Recommendations from Fire Chief: Notify all rental property owners the buildings must be inspected within forty-eight hours prior to any occupancy in the future. This is an ongoing problem fines should be issued.

Additional Information: Fire Chief is assisting all Code Enforcement and QOF inspections and anything else he can do along with unit 78. Also Frank is still investigating a business about the outside exit for use of second floor.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Review and authorization to pay bills from September Meeting (due to duplicate of August bills printed by mistake.) Motion to approve September's bills paid made by A. Soucheck, seconded by R. Miller. Voted all. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Request to purchase thermostat valve. Motion to approve purchase of valve made by R. Miller, seconded by J. Kessler. Voted all. Motion carried.
- b. Letters of interest for permit officer submitted. C. Marquardt, sustained from making motion. Motion to appoint Jean Ann Parfitt made by J. Kessler, seconded by R. Miller. Voted all. Motion carried.
- c. From Annetta Whitecavage letter of resignation and Appoint approval for new GAMA member. Motion to accept resignation letter and appoint Joe Wayne made by R. Miller, seconded by A. Soucheck. Voted all. Motion Carried. *E. Burns is sorry Annetta Whitecavage had to leave GAMA board. E. Burns thanked Annetta for her services.
- d. Letter of resignation as Councilman and Assistant Code Enforcement Officer from Dan Heiser. Motion to accept D. Heiser resignation made by J. Kessler, seconded by R. Miller. Voted all. Motion carried. *C. Marquardt, sorry to see Danny go and hopes to see him back.
- e. Borough Council now has an opening must be filled within thirty days. Deadline to have letters of interest submitted Friday, October 23, 2015 by 3pm.
- f. Advertise and hold Special meeting to select and appoint Borough Councilmember Tuesday, October 27th, 2015. Motion to approve ad and meeting made by R. Miller, seconded by J. Kessler. Voted all. Motion carried.
- g. Hiring of Police Officer Motion to post pone until further notice made by J. Kessler, recommendation is against motion made by E. Burns. Motion to post pone seconded by A. Soucheck. Roll Call of Vote- Soucheck voted yes. Miller voted no. Kessler voted yes. Marquardt voted no. Vote was tied. E. Burns was the tiebreaker he voted no.

- h. Motion to hire police officer Christopher Hamilton from Pine Grove Area. Motion to hire Chris pending background check made by R. Miller, seconded by A. Soucheck. Voted. One voted no. Motion carried.
- i. Future hires in the borough all background checks must be done prior to coming into a meeting. Motion to have background checks complete made by A. Soucheck, seconded by R. Miller. Voted all. Motion carried.
- j. Advertise for one Per Diem worker. Motion to advertise made by A. Soucheck, seconded by R. Miller. Voted all. Motion carried.
- k. Purchase of Club Cadet Mower cost \$400.00. In place of the one borough had that blew up. Motion to approve riding mower made by R. Miller, seconded by J. Kessler. Voted all. Motion carried.
- l. Letter from Girardville Good Time Club to hold Annual Halloween parade Sunday, October 25th. Motion to approve Annual parade made by R. Miller, seconded by A. Soucheck. Voted all. Motion carried.
- m. Girardville Borough Trick or Treat Night will be held Saturday, October 31st from 6pm to 8pm. Motion to approve trick or treat night made by A. Soucheck, seconded by R. Miller. Voted all. Motion carried. *Seniors Edna Labie request anyone interested in donating candy or helping during trick or treat night drop off candy or come to Senior's room.
- n. New Application for Hiring of Police Officer is very extensive and will help better determine who to hire. Motion to approve application made by A. Soucheck, seconded by R. Miller. Voted all. Motion carried.
- o. Letter from County Commissioners for parcel 45-07-0117.000 approved for purchase.
- p. Candice, Joe, Rick, and Michelle from the County attended training in Harrisburg for CDBG Home CDBG-DR grantees. J. Kessler gave brief statement on training with displaced tenants and landlords with housing help.
- q. Motion to adopt Emergency Snow removal under Committees - Streets made by R. Miller, seconded by A. Soucheck. Voted all. Motion carried.

BILLS

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read was made by J. Kessler, seconded by A. Soucheck. Voted all. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

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- a. Letter of General Election for 2015 is November 3rd
 - b. Letter from Schuylkill County Boroughs' Association hosting Fall Dinner.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Street: *Ashes will be picked up starting in November on Mondays and Fridays. Ashes must be covered if it is raining. *Curb side recycling ends Dec 29th weather permitting and resume last Tuesdays starting April 26th 2016. *Emergency Snow removal 3 or more inches of snow the following streets will be in effect no parking on Lower Railroad St and Preston Ave on day of the storm. No parking on day one of the storm even sides of streets will be Seconded, B, A, and Ogden Street. On day two no parking odd side of Streets Seconded, B, A, and Ogden Street. Until completion these roads must be kept open. Vehicles that are not removed per stated will be cited. Anyone caught throwing snow into streets after being plowed will be cited. Private contractors need to remove the snow piles they make or will be cited.

Fall Clean Up: Borough had tremendous amount of TV's, computers, and the trailers filled up quick. Due to trailers in Philadelphia they could not get out with the Pope visiting which caused high volume of traffic and streets shut down. Another contractor had to come in. Marquardt has been in contact with the County. One man came to pull a trailer out and was not the guy for that trailer so he put it down at the end of town. The County is aware of it and is trying to get a hold of that trailer company. The pallets and cardboards came with their own trailer last time. This time the trailers did not come with pallets or cardboards and this year they had three different companies one for the trailers, one for pallets, and one for cardboards. The Clean up was a good success and Marquardt thanks the Municipalities participated and helped us out and everyone else. Hopefully we can do it again next year and get the snags out.

Finance: Budget will be in November meeting.

School Building: The doors were painted by Jim Evans and Ray Wayne Jar who was providing community service. The center lights weren't working waiting for the electrician.

Solicitor: September 22nd Riedlinger and Marquardt attended hearings before the Schuylkill County Tax Assessment Appeal Board regarding two parcels of land. Parcel #45-08-0090 and #45-09-0001 both are owned by the Diocese of Allentown. They were previously used as Church properties and they are currently not being used for that purpose. Riedlinger and Marquardt went to the hearing with the purpose to have their tax exemptions removed. The lawyer representing the Diocese stipulated that they are no longer being used for church purposes and as such their right to an exemption is no longer valid. We have not yet got a written decision from the appeal board but because the other lawyer stipulated they are no longer entitled to the exemption. Riedlinger feels the decision will be in the borough's favor. Diocese may file an appeal to challenge the valuation in the property. The valuation is currently set by the 1996 County Wide revaluation. They claim the property is higher. The value of the property on the tax roll is higher than it really is. They will probably have an appraisal done on the property and probably file an

appeal to have the valuation of the property change more in line to whatever their appraisal says. The Borough at the time will make the decision whether or not they're going to have an appraisal of their own done to challenge such an appeal done by the Diocese. Marquardt, one parcel is the vacant lot old school and the other is The Rectory of Church. M. Dougherty asked what about St. Vincent's? Marquardt, I was down with Mr. Reilly and the lawyer. It looks like Father Bambrick will be coming out to St. Vincent's to be stationed here at the rectory. That's what he said it's not a commitment. Dougherty, the bulletin had said it was going to sale. Marquardt, it's interesting because we questioned that down there and the lawyer quickly jumped on me saying I couldn't bring up the rectory at St. Vincent's at this particular appeal because I didn't have it on the docket. I questioned it as to what was the status of it. Mr. Reilly said looks like Father Bambrick will be taking up residency in that rectory. Marquardt, if he doesn't and it is sitting empty next time around we try to get it appealed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Clarke- Medical Center? Marquardt, I will definitely have an answer next Council Meeting. I believe I am serving on the board in place of Joe Chiaretti the Council member before.

Burns, the CEO for Geisinger resigned and they needed to appoint another CEO and that's what happened.

Annetta Whitecavage-did Danny Heiser give any reason for his resignation for this time? Marquardt, I read off exactly what he had on the letter. That was it.

Wade Richards- Ann Murphy property the guy that was supposed to be kicked out. J. Wilson I cited the landlord. They will be recited both landlord and tenant.

Dan O'Connell- thanked the two seniors who ran the car wash for the Ambulance group for the radios.

D. O'Connell-Did anyone look at 508-510 E Mahanoy Ave? The roof is coming down and has asbestos. J. Wilson, I was up there and I don't know if it's on the repository list or not. O'Connell it is. Wilson, if it is there's not a whole lot we can do about it. We can try to cite the original owner. Marquardt, Jeff can you Rick and Frank look at that? Wilson, sure.

D. O'Connell, did anyone attend the Blight meeting at the court house? Marquardt, I know I did not. D. O'Connell, my point is the guy from Ashland he went and he said what they did. This guy bought a house in Ashland for 650 I think I'm not sure. Anyway they have been fining him and now the fine has gone up about 600 dollars. I mean this guy is paying the fine but that's what I think we have to start doing.

M. O'Connell- the letter from Commissioners office what is the address for that parcel? Marquardt, it says the parcel #45-7-0117 address is 0 E. Main street owner was Walter Shall and the bidder on property was Ed Burns it was next to Ed's price was \$200.00.

M. O'Connell- did you guys look into getting the properties over on Ogden? Any temps made to get it? Marquardt, no reason we didn't know it we would have the funding available to put up our share to tear those down, we don't believe anyone is going to purchase them. We still believe we can go in and get the properties. There is concern when we tear the two down what to do with the third one because there are people in it.

M. O'Connell- what about the one on Ogden Street? (136 and 138 Ogden Street) Marquardt, the lady lives in England (Sarah Kinsett and Raymond Wolfgang) I believe the other

owner lives down the Valley. J. Wilson, it's one house two separate properties two addresses. Every time I send a letter I get nothing back from anyone. It is on repository and has been for years. M. O'Connell, that is the cheapest on the list. Marquardt, what would it cost to tear Whitley's down? Michelle O'Connell, right now we are getting estimates in for houses standing alone. We did one in Foster Township for \$7,500 and we did one in Frailey for \$8,500.00. I had that list made at one time and said it was the cheapest for demolition. Marquardt, what we need to do is get a price on what it would cost to tear that one and what it would cost to tear Churby's down and see what the figures come in at and what our 25% would be.

M. O'Connell, do we have a total cost for basketball courts repairs? Marquardt, I don't have the exact cost here. E. Burns, it was 600 and sum dollars for the black top and sealer was 56. M. O'Connell, so it was 250 to repair the sealer. Marquardt, yes. O'Connell, is there a fundraiser for the other repairs. Lights for the gym need to be replaced. M. O'Connell, here is my argument why do we have to have fundraisers for nonsense repairs that don't benefit the town. Ann and Jenna had a fundraiser TNR to help control the cat population then the Ambulance fundraiser. Why can't we have a fundraiser like Minersville has and put up flags the Main Street for Veteran's or something? Instead of having fundraisers for mistakes. Benefit the town. E. Burns, Crime Watch has the fundraisers for police department. O'Connell, yeah and that's benefit. E. Burns, fundraisers work if you get enough of people to help. O'Connell, but for mistakes. Dougherty, well quite honestly fundraisers, if you budget properly and spent money properly you shouldn't be coming back to the public asking for more money besides the tax funds.

Patricia, land bank? Marquardt, Danny Rick Joe attended those meetings. R. Miller, the hold is due to the School District. Marquardt, the school district is trying to conduct their own I believe. Miller, that's the understanding I got when we attended the meeting. Patricia, would it benefit the borough? A. Soucheck, if North Schuylkill doesn't get in it Girardville Borough won't get anything out of it. If North Schuylkill does join and they didn't include us it would be social suicide on their part to exclude us. The Borough goes in and they are not it wouldn't benefit us it would be a waste of our money.

J. Catizone, Code enforcement report is that this months and last months? Miller, no. Sandy Wilson, I was here last week because Jeff could not make it. Tuesday before the meeting I went in personally and handed in envelope right. What happen Thursday I went to the meeting he didn't make it. They said Code officers report there isn't any. Miller, I didn't have it when I came in here. S. Wilson, why didn't you have it I came up Tuesday Joe, Annie, Mike where there when I came in as my witness. Miller, I didn't have it. S. Wilson, why didn't you, I did hand it in Tuesday last month and you were supposed to make a copy. You make it look like he isn't doing anything. J. Catizone, can I just get last month report is there numbers from last month. S. Wilson, everybody wants to be the boss up there. You got rid of Danny who else is going to go. E. Burns, we did not get rid of anyone they quit. D. O'Connell, because nobody was working with them. That's why they quit.

Rob Krick, last month or month before Miller said there was a hiring concerning a building on Line St. I followed up on it I found out the citation was withdrawn. Miller, because they sold the property. Krick, it was withdrawn 11/14/14 that was a year ago. Miller, no it wasn't even written a year ago. Krick, it was written 8/12/14. Miller, I'll read it but I'm telling ya. I wouldn't withdrawn nothing. Krick, it was withdrawn last year. Miller, I don't know how it was withdrawn last year I'm going to have to find out. Krick, I looked for any other citation issued to this guy. Dougherty, Ashland is going after them home owner and new owner not only civilly

but criminally. Cite them put some pressure on these people oh my god. Marquardt, are we going to cite these people? Miller, yeah I'll talk to Frank he was the one who talked to her. Dougherty, Frank is doing his civic duty here it's you guys that should be doing it. Frankie is just helping. Marquardt, will you guys cite the ones on Line St. Can you cite the owner of that property? Jeff Wilson, yes we can. Marquardt, will you please do that. J. Wilson, sure. Marquardt, Jeff will cite that person up there. Also 508-510 Cite those maybe need Chris's help let see what we can do about them.

Dave, I represent the Mahanoy Creek Water Association and on their behalf they want use of the Borough hall October 14, 2015 @ 7 O'clock there is a public meeting and is in reference to the property the water shed recently purchased directly across from the Borough Hall 28 Acre Parcel the nature trail is currently under construction and it will shed some light on that at the public meeting and also the future plans we would like to see take place on that parcel. The public is invited and again we thank you for the use of the building and also for storing some of our construction equipment while we are in the process. Marquardt, anything we can do let us know.

Janet Zangari, you mention about snow removal with PennDot on the main street, we had a lot of trouble last year with a car parked in front of our home never once was it moved all winter long with snow coming down. As soon as the snow melted we got accused of breaking a light with moving our snow. Maybe you should do with PennDot see about doing something with that Avenue up there. Because we own three properties we don't have one property to put our snow not a one. A. Soucheck, Charlie it is that entire block up there. Marquardt, it was also discussed with the one from Main St that section was talked about. J. Zangari, we need more than talk. Marquardt, the problem becomes over there again the cooperation of the neighbors the cooperation of everybody. So when you move cars those people will have to go to the back then when you do the other side those people would have to come over or go to the back side so they could do the other side. There's no way you can move both sets of cars on Mahanoy Ave in one shot because there is nowhere to go with them. There's probably going to be complications on the Main St because we just don't have the room. J. Zangari, alright we had one spot with the snow that's in front of Kelly's house and we got in trouble because the snow was blocking his access for his coal delivery. Ron, but we had a car sitting there for three months that didn't move and snow piled on it 25ft high. Marquardt, did anybody call and report it was the car legal? Janet, yes and the car was not legal. We did report it nothing was done. Marquardt, talked to whom? Ron Zangari, we talked to Mel about it. Marquardt, so there were no citations issued. Ron, we were told by Mel you can't have snow anywhere you want it. The car was sitting across the street for three months not being moved. Marquardt, was the owner of the property a neighbor of yours up there? The problem is their over there in Labie's old place and they have three cars and they park them anywhere they like some of them aren't inspected some aren't insured and whatever else they just park there. Marquardt, are there ones over there now just like that? Ron, yes. A. Soucheck, and there is nowhere to go across the street with the snow they have no place to go. Janet, they say no parking across the street on all those buildings where you can't get on the side walk and he does park his one car over there to. Marquardt, will you please give that information to the Mayor so he can follow through with the Police Officer. Janet, well why wasn't that my husband who is pretty much unable to shovel snow had to get out in the snow because they decided all of a sudden it was blocking his coal thing. Marquardt, who decided? Burns, the Kelly's. Marquardt, who made you move it. Janet, the Police Officer. Marquardt, so see it was a situation where it never came before Council we had no idea what happened. Marquardt, so you

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put your pile of snow on Kelly's access to get Coal into his house. Janet, no not at all he would have got his truck in front of the snow pile and put his shoot right to his hole, but he went and yelling we got camera's we know you put the snow there. So something has to be done with that snow.

Annetta, when are they going to start filling in potholes. Marquardt, as soon as they can. Annetta, and are they going to do all of the town? Marquardt, whatever the funding we have to do that's what we're going to do. We will take the best approach and do the best we can. Right now they have a couple of other things just got done with the fall clean up, do the courts down there so yes they will be going after potholes when they can. Annetta, remind them I don't live in Butler township, Marquardt, yes. Annetta, like most people think that block down there is still the borough. I was told one time before I don't live in the borough. Which is not true.

Motion to adjourn made by R. Miller, seconded by A. Soucheck. Voted all. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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SPECIAL MEETING

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** October 27, 2015 **TIME:** 7:00 PM

OPEN MEETING

Open – Pledge lead by Joseph Kessler.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Ann Soucheck, Rick Miller, Joseph Kessler, and Mayor Edward Burns.
Members absent: Charles Marquardt and Attorney: Christopher Riedlinger.

PURPOSE OF MEETING

Purpose is to appoint council member on vacant seat.

BUSINESS

Two letters of interest were Barbra Wilkinson and Dan O'Connell.

Nomination to fill the vacant council seat called for by J. Kessler.

*Motion to appoint Barbra Wilkinson as Council member made by R. Miller, seconded by A. Soucheck. Vote all. Motion carried.

Barbara Wilkinson was duly sworn in by Mayor Edward Burns.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments.

Motion to adjourn made by R. Miller, seconded by A. Soucheck. Vote all. Motion carried.

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** November 12, 2015 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Barbra Wilkinson, Ann Soucheck, Rick Miller, Joseph Kessler, Charles Marquardt, and Attorney Christopher Riedlinger.

Members absent: Edward Burns.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting made by A. Soucheck, seconded by R. Miller. Vote all. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report made by J. Kessler, seconded by R. Miller. Vote all. Motion carried.

Mayor's report: Read by C. Marquardt. Motion to accept report as read made by R. Miller, seconded by A. Soucheck. Vote all. Motion carried.

Permit Officer's report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by R. Miller, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote all. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by J. Kessler, seconded by B. Wilkinson. Vote all. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

*North Schuylkill Seniors Noah Richard and Ethan Shewmaker made the announcement that they volunteered their time to repaint the courts for Girardville Borough. Council Thanked the Seniors for their services.

- a. Approval of actual solicitors in town permits. Tabled until next meeting.
- b. Approval of Power Hand tools from Sears at cost of \$254.77 reimbursement to Mike Soucheck. Motion to approve reimbursement made by R. Miller, seconded by J. Kessler. Voted all. Motion carried.
- c. The Girardville Good Time Club asking permission to hang Christmas decorations. Motion to approve decorations made by B. Wilkinson, seconded by A. Soucheck. Vote all. Motion carried.
- d. Local group request to hold vaccine clinic for animals to have rabies shots \$10/shot. Motion to approve clinic for shots made by A. Soucheck, seconded by R. Miller. Voted all. Motion carried.
- e. Approval to have announcement of snow removal routes (T102 and Service Electric). Motion to approve announcement made by J. Kessler, seconded by R. Miller. Voted all. Motion carried.
- f. C. Marquardt and Council thanked the LAOH for the \$50.00 donation they gave for use of room during their meetings in 2015.
- g. C. Marquardt and Council thanked The Girardville Seniors for their donation of \$300.00 for Girardville Borough
- h. Notice of Final Determination and order from Board of Assessment Appeals read by C. Marquardt.
- i. MRM Trust certificate of Participation read by C. Marquardt.
- j. No Parking in Alley off C Street known as Pine Street 200 Block, Fire Lane. Motion to make C St. No Parking for Fire Lane made by A. Soucheck, seconded by J. Kessler. Voted all. Motion carried.
- k. Christopher Riedlinger, Diocese of Allentown had appraisal done value of property \$79,000 There will be a hearing in January about the lift exemption and Value.

BILLS

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read was made by R. Miller, seconded by A. Soucheck. Vote all. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

C. Marquardt, announced the Church on Seconded St. (St. Vincent now St. Charles Barromeo) will no longer have parking in yard for insurance purpose when snow removal is in effect.

- a. Bridge Signs now have lower weight limit on Richards Street was 30 tons, 34 tons except combinations. Lowered Weight limit to 24 tons, except combinations 31 tons.
- b. Letter from Northern Schuylkill Meeting Notice held November 18th 2015.

- c. Magazines and Annual report 2015 Flyer from NEPA.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: Chief Mel Tomeo introduced new officer Christopher Hamilton.

Street: Request for Handicap spot Council will act on request when the other handicaps are reviewed for the New Year. Nature trail from Watershed, Frank working on dry fire hydrant system in place. 2,000 gallons of water per minute. C. Marquardt, thanked Dave and Frank for helping get the dry fire hydrant.

School Building: None

Finance: Annual Budget for 2016- Income \$447,200.00 and Liquid Fuels \$42,006.00. Motion to display budget and to take action on it next meeting made by J. Kessler, seconded by R. Miller. Voted all. Motion carried.

Personnel: None

Code/QofL: None

Blight: Three properties 23, 25, 27 S. Line Street being demolished by Mike Kitsock. Owner hopefully will be able to use space for two town houses.

R. Miller, Going to court for Preston Ave Property November 17th tear down of house owned by Mr. Zellon. Chris Riedlinger possible move court date.

C. Marquardt, Rough cost estimate for demolition of Churby's property low end \$30,000.00 which does not include estimate of \$2,500.00 for plywood and installation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kevin McCloy, the gym on A St. Tuesday night a car was blocking my drive way 304 A St. I'm disabled I suggest the police be present on days of events at the school. D. Heiser, we posted and sent letters home with the kids. Mon, Tues, Wed are the younger kids and I will give the schedule to Officer Tomeo. A. Soucheck, Tuesday was a high volume in the gym because it was picture day it shouldn't be that bad on a normal night. Angie Butler, get them to park on Ogden behind the school and have the residents not park there only for basketball. A. Soucheck, most people on that block do have more than one car and there simply isn't enough of room or anywhere else to park for the residents.

Tom Clark, how many tax exemptions are there? Can the borough find out what's on record? C. Marquardt, we can look into that.

Tom Clark, parcel locator the church across from the Gym is still exempt? C. Marquardt, we can check into it see what can be done. C. Riedlinger, to file for it to be on the taxes would have to be done by August 2015 for the 2016 tax year but we would be able to file for the 2017 tax year.

Edna Labie, was able to get 175 Bags of Candy for Trick or Treat night. She thanked everyone who bought candy to help the seniors hand out bags for the children.

Michelle O'Connell, 46 and 48 Main St did anyone look into? Frank Zangari, I called ask about renting and he hung up on me. Since September to now file complaints and had four evictions.

Marybeth Dougherty, Bernie Adams 149 Main St. on the St. Joseph's side. You need to enforce these people. Frank Zangari, wanted to make the announcement to call the borough hall to file your complaints, Rick has to issue letters as Code Enforcement. Ogden looks like checker board, follow up on violations. J. Kessler, power was removed on Line Street. Marybeth, this is the fifth time I'm complaining and the first time I'm hearing to call it in. That should be in public record. Kessler's house is also falling down on Line St. C. Riedlinger, the new law is in effect two fines for same violation after that the third can be criminal. F. Zangari, please don't stop us in the street call the borough hall with the complaints so it can be documented. C. Marquardt, every complaint Jeff got unfortunately he is in the hospital, and this is the seconded time he got hurt.

Frank Zangari, said to Rick Miller go down and cite on Line Street 149 and 150 Main Street tomorrow.

C. Marquardt, Bernie Adams is using lot as parking and made announcement he is blocking others around him.

Frank read off list of housing that power is being cut off. Safety of the firefighters and the next action is to cite the owners.

Angie Butler, October 9th, the call to the Comp Center to take a complaint and there was an appt made with Mel Tomeo at 8pm and Officer Tomeo never showed. M. Tomeo, you should have called me then. A. Butler, the appt was made I shouldn't have to call you. C. Marquardt, this is a police matter can this be discussed after the meeting with Mr. Tomeo? Angie, yes.

Christopher Riedlinger, Millage rate of 19.7 Mills for 2016 December Meeting.

Jim Connors, split properties for taxes at churches? Riedlinger, January 19th at 9:30am will be tax appeal hearing.

Motion to adjourn made by R. Miller, seconded by B. Wilkinson. Vote all. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Candice Squires
Secretary/Treasurer

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PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** December 10, 2015 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Barbra Wilkinson, Ann Soucheck, Joseph Kessler, Edward Burns, Charles Marquardt, and Attorney: Christopher Riedlinger.

Members absent: Rick Miller

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Minutes: Motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting made by J. Kessler, seconded by A. Soucheck. Vote all. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report made by A. Soucheck, seconded by B. Wilkinson. Vote all. Motion carried.

Mayor's report: Read by E. Burns and re-introduced Officer Christopher Hamilton. Motion to accept report as read made by J. Kessler, seconded by A. Soucheck. Vote all. Motion carried.

Permit Officer's report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by A. Soucheck, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote all. Motion carried.

Tax Collector's report: Motion to accept the report and pay the tax collector made by B. Wilkinson, seconded by A. Soucheck. Vote all. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by J. Kessler, seconded by B. Wilkinson. Vote all. Motion carried.

Fire Chief's Annual Agreement at \$1.00 per day paid Quarterly: Motion to accept the annual agreement for 2015 submitted made by J. Kessler, seconded by A. Soucheck. Vote all. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Actual Permits for in town Solicitation- Tabled
- b. Snow Removal announcement posted and residents received one, Notification is in for T102 and Service Electric.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Annual Budget Report for 2016 revenues \$447,200 and Expenditures \$447,000 no tax increase. Motion to adopt budget made by J. Kessler, seconded by A. Soucheck. Voted all. Motion carried.
- b. 2015-1 Tax Ordinance at 19.7 Mills. Motion to approve ordinance made by A. Soucheck, seconded by J. Kessler. Voted all. Motion carried.
- c. 2015-7 Resolution Tax anticipation Loan rate 2.75% tax rate loan up to \$50,000 thru Miners Bank. Motion to approve tax resolution made by J. Kessler, seconded by A. Soucheck. Voted all. Motion carried.
- d. Code Enforcement request to raise Occupancy permit from \$50.00 to \$60.00. Motion to raise Occupancy permit to \$60.00 made by A. Soucheck, seconded by J. Kessler. Voted all. Motion carried.
- e. Letter from Good Time Club to have decoration removal in January. Motion to approve decoration removal made by B. Wilkinson, seconded by A. Soucheck. Voted all. Motion carried.
- f. C. Marquardt, asked Rosalie Kuzma to host a Christmas show at the borough December 13, @ 2.30pm and Santa will be appearing around 4pm. Rosalie will have a puppet show for the kids in the borough featuring Dominic the Donkey, Sophia, and Giovanni. *Council/Secretary, Thanked Rosalie Kuzma for her services, Christmas donations and party favors, and the gifts given to Council and Secretary. Rosalie thanked Council for serving our community.
- g. Boyer's Food Market in Ashland dominated a \$25.00 gift card to purchase drinks, straws, and snacks for the children's Christmas show.
- h. Barbra Wilkinson looked into getting an appraisal done by the borough for the Churches which would cost \$500.00, it would probably be worth getting it done due to the large gap in actual appraisal at \$260,000.00 and the value from Diocese appraisal at \$79,000.00. C. Riedlinger and B. Wilkinson submitted letters to County and School District see if they are willing to help with the cost of borough \$500 appraisal. -Jim Connors, who makes the final decision one of the Judges at the County? Riedlinger, yes the hearing is scheduled before Judge Miller.
*Motion to approve appraisal if the other two Taxing identities will offset the cost/if not we will pay the \$500 appraisal. Motion to approve appraisal for Churches made by A. Soucheck, seconded by J. Kessler. Voted all. Motion carried.
- i. Request to hold Girardville Crime Watch monthly meeting every third Wednesday of each month. Motion to approve Crime Watch meeting at Borough hall made by J. Kessler, seconded by A. Soucheck. Voted all. Motion carried.

BILLS

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read was made by J. Kessler, seconded by A. Soucheck Vote all. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Invitation to have Lunch from Building Inspection Underwriters Christmas party.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: Nothing

Street: Nothing

School Building: Nothing

Finance: Nothing

Personnel: Nothing

Code/QofL: Nothing

Solicitor:

PUBLIC COMMENT

*Dan Heiser Presented two checks at \$350.00 each a donation from Girardville Biddy Basketball for the School Building.

M. O'Connell, Article in the paper Sunday about budget the municipal building going to have improvements for handicap entrance \$100,000 grant where is that money coming from? C. Marquardt, when we talked to the Engineer we put back in for that project for next year and hope it comes thru and I do not know how with the paper it got worded the way it did but that money went back. We did not have the money to do it. We put back into CBDG through Don Cuff from Entech Engineering at possibly redo handicap accessibility out front. M. O'Connell, you have to reapply for 2016 then? So it's just preparation for the application. Marquardt, yes. Don is also looking at another Project the drainage situation over on Line and Beech St by Mrs. Minnich property. So we might have two projects. One for 2016 and drainage for 2017.

D. O'Connell, 508-510 E Mahanoy Ave what is the story? Marquardt, I can't answer that the guys aren't here. Jeff Wilson, there was letters sent out they came back we can't find them. O'Connell, you guys should go after these guys like you did the church. Every month I come in and every month you guys step in and say zero tolerance. Marquardt, Frank and Rick are not here what I can do is take your information just to present that address and I'll give it to Frank and Rick tomorrow and let them contact you and they can let you know where they stand with it.

O'Connell, I know Frankie said last month they were over but now here a month later there is nothing. Marquardt, I don't know did they post it prior to going over. O'Connell, there is posting on it yeah. Marquardt, the next step probably going to be if there is any power involved that will be disconnected, boarding up situation could take place also, I don't know where they are with that and I apologize I just don't know where they are at with this and I will ask both of them to contact you tomorrow. I'd would think they probably did get a hold of the owner because they. O'Connell, it's been a month later now. Marquardt, you have a legitimate question. I just don't have the answer. We're on them I just don't have the list of address. There were nine violations letters sent that could be the procedure they could have sent a violation letter to them.

Annetta Whitecavage, what is the situation with the pot holes in town is it put on hold for the spring? Marquardt, they are actually pursuing with cold patch because hot stuff is done and we are going to try to get back out and patch again. They were to go and get two ton today I don't know if Mike and them made it down but tomorrow for sure I believe. Yes they are still going around to do patch work. I have contact the County today in response to the William St Bridge because they had come before and did patch work there. It is bad there again so I called and talked to Commissioner. They are checking into that with Lisa who is in charge and I have not yet heard back yet what is going to take place there.

Tom Clark, Fines issued for Blight are they the maximum they can issue or can they bump them up? C. Riedlinger, if you are talking about the property maintenance code the Borough doesn't issue the fines. The Borough has to file citation which the correct procedure to leave the fine line blank because the magistrate sets the fine. The fine ranges are \$100 to \$1,000 and I can personally guarantee you the magistrate don't impose the maximum fine unless it's somebody who is back in there many many many times. But that is up to the magistrate. The maintenance code has a section in there that says the fine could be as low as \$100 or as much as a \$1,000. If you are talking about the Quality of Life Ordinance I think there are specific fines set for specific violations like a first offense I think is \$25.00, seconded offense is \$50.00 but these of course are for the QOL violations. You're not going to be going after someone with a dilapidated building for a QOL violation that's going to be under the maintenance code. For the QOL there are specific fines for specific number of offense that it is and there set by the ordinance. That's not for a citation that's for tickets being handed out directly by ourselves. T. Clark, Blight cost money is there any way to raise the \$100 minimum? Riedlinger, I know that the case but were going to end up having someone who otherwise house is in immaculate condition but has a crack in their window who has to pay a \$1,000 fine and they you'll see that home owner come in and say how fair is this that every fine is \$1,000.00. I know what you are saying but the reality of the situation is your looking at the most egregious violator but there are people who are not the most egregious violator and if every fine is \$1,000 then everyone is going to be paying the same fine even if their property is just a slight thing wrong with it. T. Clark, Can we raise them up it cost money every time you go to a hearing. C. Riedlinger, we I don't usually go to those hearing but I know what you're saying I do. The borough Council could vote to amend the ordinance and change the fine section if they wanted to but I want to caution them verbally the same way I'm cautioning the public right now if you have a fine section it would be like if the legislative set, every crime can't be murder, life in prison can't be the punishment for every crime there has to be some allowance for thirty days probation. Otherwise, everyone convicted of the most minor violations is going to face the same penalty as the most egregious violator. Could you change the fines if they wanted to yes they could and if the Council wants me to do it I'll draft it and we will do it. The problem with that is then person who has one minor

little thing wrong with their property is going to pay the \$1,000.00 the same as the person whose house is falling over. T. Clark, well right now the person with the house falling down is paying the same as the person with the window crack. C. Riedlinger, all I can tell you is that is why you have to leave it to the discretion of the district justice. You can't devise a one size fits all fine because not all the violations are the same size you just can't do that. T. Clark, can we raise that? C. Riedling, yes you could.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Kessler, seconded by B. Wilkinson. Vote all. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
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