

BOROUGH OF GIRARDVILLE

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** January 12, 2017 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Robert Krick, Dan Heiser, Mike Huss, Mayor Joseph Catizone Jr., Charles Marquardt, Christopher Riedlinger.

Members absent: Joseph Kessler

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA

Michelle O'Connell, Appointing Assistant Code Enforcement Officer was that advertised? C. Marquardt, it will be tonight and the same procedure will follow before.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report made by M. Huss, seconded by R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried. R. Krick, the reimbursement for snow removal has that been gotten yet? C. Marquardt, yes. R. Krick, that's not in this paperwork. C. Squires, not in Decembers report.

Mayor's report: Read by Joseph Catizone Jr. Motion to accept report as read made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Code Enforcement report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by M. Huss, seconded by R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried. George Atiyeh 115 N.

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Seconded Street. The property in the back needs to be repaired Judge gave him ten days to put a plan together which he had the first day. He has sixty days to complete. He can ask Council for an extension. Atiyeh's letter was signed and dated the 10th of January 2017. *Motion to accept agreement made by R. Krick, seconded by M. Huss. Voted all. Motion carried.

Fire Chief's report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by R. Krick, seconded by D. Heiser. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. GAMA Butler Representative. C. Marquardt, did anyone look to see if there was anything in the minutes. R. Krick, I'll look in the next week.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Christmas tree curbside pick up, last day to put trees out is January 30th.
- b. Annual agreement for Fire Chief Frank Zangari. \$1.00 per day. Motion to accept agreement made by R. Krick, seconded by M. Huss. Voted all. Motion carried.
- c. Resignation of Officer Earl Johnson. Motion to accept resignation made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Voted all. Motion carried.
- d. Motion to have interviews for applicants for the Assisting Code Enforcement Officer by Tuesday's Work Session in February. Motion to approve interviews made by M. Huss, seconded by D. Heiser. Voted all. Motion carried.

BILLS

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read was made by M. Huss seconded by D. Heiser. Voted all. Motion carried. J. Catizone Jr. Officer's uniforms were approved for \$400.00 Mayor is asking to approve the additional \$234.93. Total \$634.93 it was two winter coats purchased for the Officer's. Motion to approve additional cost made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Voted all. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: None

Street: None

Blight: R. Krick, I want to have a meeting next week sometime. If they Committee meet and decide what houses are priorities I would like a motion to authorize us to contact Chris about maybe acquiring the buildings. * Motion to allow the Blight Committee listing their building to have permission to address with Chris Riedlinger and go after those buildings to purchase motion made by D. Heiser, seconded by R. Krick. Voted all. Motion carried.

D. Heiser, The land bank has been in touch with the resident in town for a property on Preston Ave they are trying to get a deal with her to rehab it. The lot next to it is on the Repository list. They think they can get it. It's still in the works if I hear anything more about it. The land bank wants to do more in Girardville they are hoping on grant.

School Building: D. Heiser, we received funding and waiting on Wes for a price of installation and when we could do it. If he calls tomorrow and says this weekend we are probably going to do it this weekend. We want to get them ASAP. LED will be going into the gym at no cost to the Borough after we receive word that we are getting the funding it might be no cost to the Basketball.

Finance: D. Heiser, who authorizes to move money around in the count? C. Marquardt, normally the way it used to be the Council President and Vice President made the approvals to do it. I don't think we did anything lately. Unless I'm missed informed. D. Heiser, \$8,000 in PLGIT account that wasn't there. It was two and another \$6,000 added. C. Marquardt, That was the \$7,000 Permit from Aqua which we put in the PLGIT account. D. Heiser, That's my question is that something the Finance Committee can authorize or Council. C. Marquardt, I thought it was ok for President or Vice President. Joe Kessler on the Finance Committee and he authorized it also. D. Heiser, I'm just asking is that the way it's done. C. Marquardt, Is there a problem with the way we are doing it? R. Krick, I think the transfers should be voted on even after the fact that you'd have to transfer money to pay bills they should be noted on. C. Squires they are on the bill list and treasurers.

Personnel: None

Code/QofL: None

Recreation: None

Recycling: None

Solicitor: I have the land bank list they are looking at a home in Girardville 247 Preston Ave and trying to get Williams Street property.

The Assistant District Attorney that was handling the Atiyeh matter called me that morning to attend. Basically to assume the prosecution as the Municipal Solicitor but I was not available with short notice. The District Attorney's Office frowns upon taking those cases if there is a Municipal Solicitor to do them. I think it is a good idea to tell me I can go to the Common Plea Court for any Summary appeals hearings on these Municipal violations to act as the Solicitor there for the Borough and put the case on for the Borough before the Common Plea Court. Not for Hale's Office. I think it is a good idea to have me go to those. *Motion for Chris to attend all Plea Courts made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Voted all. Motion carried.

Chris Riedlinger, Last month you asked me to look at this letter you got from Attorney William Schwab and Associates they are filing a bankruptcy and 227 North Seconded St Girardville which happens to be owned also by Mr. Atiyeh. I called to find out what the property statues was and whether or not the bankruptcy trustee would take any repairs or authorize to pay any repairs to fix up to code. I was informed by Mr. Schwab the only reason why we got this letter because he sends these out to all Municipalities on cases where he is about to abandon the property as trustee. To give us the opportunity to acquire the property cheaply if we want to. On January 23rd of this year There is going to be a filing at he bankruptcy's court where this will be on a list he prepared that he intends to abandon as property that he has no reasonable expectation on selling to part of the bankruptcy and when he abandons it. It will go back to Mr. Atiyeh's control right now it is in his control. He would be willing to sell it to the Municipality for \$200.00 which is the filing fee he has to pay to approve the sale. You don't have to buy it but he is giving the Municipality the opportunity to acquire a property he is about to abandon before it goes back to the owners control. 227 North Seconded Street. C. Marquardt, the back end is torn off. R. Krick, we will take it in consideration. I wouldn't purchase it unless we had a guarantee of demo. It's a nightmare and can assume a lot of liability.

Landfill: None

OTHER BUSINESS

C. Marquardt, Concerning the housing project on the West Main Street rental development project the bids were significantly higher than anticipated. SCA believes State Prevailing wage rates issued to the project which were Commercial rates past due construction projects developed by SCA were issued under residential wage rates which has since been eliminated by the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry in order to address the short falling financing SCA is developing and submitting additional applications for funding. There is also inquiring under way to determine if the Federal Davis Bacon wages residential rates can be used for this project. That's the hold up.

R. Krick, did the 2015 Audit come back. C. Marquardt, yes.

Letter of resignation from Elizabeth Dougherty as Girardville Tax Collector. Round of applause from Council and Public. Motion to accept made by R. Krick, seconded by M. Huss. Voted all. Motion carried.

Application for Tax collector will be accepted until February 7th. Motion to advertise in the paper for Assistant Code Enforcement Office and Tax Collector made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Voted all. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Edna Labie, is there a light up there on top a Seconded Street I see a PP&L bill here for Passive Park. C. Marquardt, it's a Street light.

Julia Rutko 124 A Street roof is going to fall off. C. Marquardt, he was cited.

Michelle O'Connell, the water on William Street hill is not draining and turning into a sheet of ice. Can we get that repaired? D. Heiser, I called Mike about that storm box. C. Marquardt, probably get the Engineer up to look at it. I'll look into with Mr. Cuff. J. Catizone Jr there is three on that street actually.

Motion to adjourn made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Candice Squires
Secretary/Treasurer

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OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Charles Marquardt

ROLL CALL

Members present: Robert Krick, Mike Huss, Daniel Heiser, Joseph Kessler, Joseph Catizone, Jr, Charles Marquardt, and Christopher Riedlinger.

Members absent: Candice Squires

Resolution 2017-1 appoints Jean Ann Parfitt as Assistant Secretary for February 09, 2017 Meeting in absents of Candice Squires who is out with the flu. Motion to approve resolution 2017-1 made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Voted all. Motion carried.

Public Comment on Agenda:

No Comment

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. GAMA Board Representative for Butler. Motion to appoint Kate Jones made by D. Heiser, seconded by R. Krick. On the question. R. Krick, the question why it was held up was whether or not someone from Butler Township can serve on the board without being in the service area and the Sewer Authority requires that they be in the service area. Vote all. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Letter from Joseph Wayne request re-appoint to GAMA Board. Motion to advertise in the paper seeking someone for the GAMA Board made by D. Heiser, seconded by R. Krick. Vote all. Motion carried.
- b. Letter from Mayor Joseph Catizone, Jr request Fire Police for parade. Motion to accept request for Fire Police made by R. Krick, seconded by D. Heiser. Vote all. Motion carried.
- c. Letter from Rangers Hose Company request donation for Snow Emergency in 2016. Motion to make \$500 donation for use of equipment and tools made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. On the question D. Heiser we did get \$12, 000 almost \$13,000but when we submitted that bill we had to show receipt of everything we spent, and time cards. We received 75% of what we spent for the Snow Removal. We did not profit from it. In the future the Fire Companies can submit that to. We can pay the people but gas or another expense. Instead of giving a donation we can give what we received for that. Vote all. Motion carried.
- d. Appoint Tax Collector. Motion to appoint Annetta Whitecavage made by D. Heiser, seconded by J. Kessler. Voted all. Motion carried. C. Marquardt welcomed Annetta.
- e. Appoint Assistant Code Enforcement Officer. D. Heiser, we feel we need to discuss the description and salary. Motion to table until they have a description made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Vote all Motion carried. D. Heiser will set up a meeting this week.
- f. Mayor Joe Catizone Jr, the bill for the taser battery was not submitted that was purchased two months ago amount \$50.00. We are not able to program the taser to the battery. I am requesting a new taser X26C Taser at \$450.00. The Borough did not pay for the battery I won't submit that it will be a donation from myself to purchase a new Taser instead. Motion to purchase new Taser for the Police Department and thank Joe for the donation Made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Vote all. Motion carried.

BILLS

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Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read was made by M. Huss, seconded by D. Heiser. Vote all. Motion carried. On the question, R. Krick there was discussion about paying on the Tax Anticipation Loan \$10,000 is reasonable. Motion to pay an additional \$10,000 to next month's bill made by R. Krick, seconded by M. Huss. Voted all. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

a. Flyers and magazines

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: None

Street: D. Heiser purchase an industrial weed wacker. Mike Soucheck was using his own. I would like permission to get a heavy duty weed wacker one with plastic blades not the wire one. I will get prices for next meeting.

C. Marquardt, Danny tried several times yesterday to get T102. If they are calling for three inches or more for snow please don't park on the sides for the first set of snow fall so the guys can plow and then move to the opposite side of the street. I understand there were a lot of cars here and there. Then people finally got out and moved. The guys have been doing the best they could. If anyone sees another person throwing it on the street if you want you can contact the police department to file a complaint and they'll pursue it.

School Building: None

Finance: None

Personnel: None

Code/QofL: None

Recreation: None

Recycling: C. Marquardt, they are taking bins out fixing them and bringing them back. D. Heiser, the boxes found lying are Mahanoy City Shenandoah they are being cited.

Solicitor: None

Landfill: None

Blight: R. Krick wants a meeting on Sunday at 5pm for issues about properties. D. Heiser, properties on Ogden St. 136 and 138 we are trying to acquire them for demolition program at \$1.00 per property plus fees would be \$103 each. Another is 1 Ogden St Churby's. We don't want to acquire any properties unless we know we can get them torn

down. We made a motion for five properties so it's ok if Don Cuff says he believes to take it down. We can start the process of purchasing it just like the other two. Your Engineer (talking to Michelle O'Connell) will come out to look at it and charge you not us. M. O'Connell, it would be our Engineer would come out to see how the rehabilitation would go of the attached side that what you don't get charged for but for you guys to acquire the property would be on your dime for the Engineer to look at it before you purchase it. D. Heiser, instead of using yours it would be ours which is Entech. It would be cheaper for us to do it that way. As of right now that's the fight for those three properties. I heard there is another property on Seconded Street by McDonald's to acquire. Betty Ann Bernosky, who decided those properties Dan? D. Heiser, there was a motion at a meeting on those properties. B. Bernosky, no there was not. Heath Ressler, there was no motion on the properties no addresses given at last meeting. D. Heiser, there was a list of five properties if we can get them for a \$1.00 we were going after them. H. Ressler, there was no motion made to go after them. R. Krick, I made a motion to I don't know if the addresses were included. I made the motion to authorize the solicitor if we needed him to go about acquiring those properties. That was last month I think. B. Bernosky, last month I thought you made a motion if the Code Enforcement Committee got together and decided what properties to take down. D. Heiser, additional properties we had said. R. Krick, I want to have a meeting. It's still the Borough's fault I want to caution people. At this point its kind of a rush. D. Heiser, I know there was a motion we sat here and Mary Beth they said about this million dollar grant that we knew about before it was made public. We said we want to get these properties on this list. It was those three properties a property up by Nick's house and on John Street by Oakum's. B. Bernosky, I don't remember at a Council meeting. You gave those addresses at the Code Enforcement Meeting the last one we had. It was not at a Council meeting you gave those three addresses. D. Heiser, I'm almost positive. Heath Ressler, how did those properties get prioritized? D. Heiser, because they can make the list. R. Krick, because you got to do it quick I understand where people are coming from. We have to get the properties that are absolutely getting torn down. H. Ressler, three properties one on the corner from me. One on Main St. One on Seconded St. that are attached to somebody that lives with health and safety issue. R. Krick, the property on Seconded St which one is that? H. Ressler, the one next to Kudrick that already collapsed. R. Krick, that's the one on the paper. H. Ressler, my neighbor came and asked you guy's years ago and asked you guys that when demolition funds become available, you said you would be first on the list. Now you have a list. She's no where on the list. You should see how she has to live. D. Heiser, I do. I live down the Street from her she showed me. We can choose what houses get demolished. County does. H. Ressler, does the County know what kind of filth and stuff the lady lives. D. Heiser, it's on Repository. If the County is not going to tear that down because they are not going to pay that much money. If we acquire that property we're responsible for that then. H. Ressler, years ago you told her demolition money becomes available Council said we'll take care of it. Now money is available your going it's the County's fault. D. Heiser, look at Churby's too. Look at it. C. Marquardt, Michelle you can clarify this real simple. When we get a demolition program and we go through CBG through County it's 100% we pay 25%. This money we got here through the Senators Office there is no 25%. The County is funding it 100% the County calls the shots. I want you to understand this is separate from the one where we put the 25% up. Betty Ann Bernosky, wouldn't it make more sense to get the County to decide the house next door. So the Borough wouldn't have to pay for that. M. O'Connell, we do. C. Marquardt, isn't to my understanding that there is no citing involved it's just black paper. M. O'Connell, if the deed. On the Avenue that got cited because it was requested next to

Long's. Do you remember that? That was a request it's fixed it has black paper. I want to clarify something right now the property list is not. We don't go out and say you take this house down. It's cooperation between Council and County Not County. D. Heiser, we have to own the property for you to take it down. M. O'Connell, correct. C. Marquardt, if the County doesn't want to take it down and we take ownership we're responsible for the property. It's to the best knowledge they got a list. Which again if we get a list together and it's approved by Council to tear the properties down and the County agrees to tear them down then we purchase the properties. Because we're not going to purchase any properties until we make sure that we make that list. M. O'Connell, My best advice that I been telling the Municipalities look at the Repository List that is the cheapest way to go. These other houses that are falling down might not be cheap to get for the Borough. Yes you do want them down but. H. Ressler the property on Preston is on the Repository list. I see what this lady deals with and I feel bad more that there is no remedy to cite. The thing is I understand you have to pick and choose. I look at it this way. Three years down the road I see at least five more houses that someone is going to be living in is going to be in the same boat. C. Riedlinger, how does the County decide which from the lists get torn down. M. O'Connell, right now we have first come first serve. I think 2 weeks we'll have a meeting about it for Municipalities to come. Then we are going to see how we are going to go about it. R. Krick, Neal Goodman said they are looking for the biggest bang for their buck. I think Mahanoy City applied for five houses in a row. Something like that is a big bang you can do it. The impression I got they are trying to get as many houses down for the least amount of money. The one on Seconded St is an ideal project it has two people in it. Is the County going to want to invest the money to take it down when it might be able to take three other properties for the same cost. I think that's the pitch we are going to get hit. D. Heiser, she would probably have to be relocated while they take that house down. So if the County picked that house they would have to foot the bill to have her relocated. H. Ressler, here you have an elderly woman when in a year or two her house will be beyond saving. What are you guys going to tell her? Her quality of life is crap. C. Riedlinger, correct me if I'm wrong but the houses on the Repository list which are the easiest ones to acquire fast and prioritize in general but as far as which houses are picked by the County are still up in the air on how that is being decided. B. Bernosky, the Borough has to buy the property first right? D. Heiser, yes. B. Bernosky, you buy five properties and the County only picks three then your going to be responsible for those other two. D. Heiser, exactly. H. Ressler, someone should explain to the County this is what we got. D. Heiser, their aware of it. The Land bank meet and is trying to buy these places and rehabilitate them. We have two they are looking at there both close to you. Down where the school used to be and down the other block. C. Riedlinger, they might be looking to demolish they just don't rehabilitate. M. O'Connell, I have a feeling we can get a lot done in Girardville. Most of the bids I got are low. D. Heiser, we can look at Judy Bonomo's again I don't know if it's savable now. We'll address it to the County. It would be wrong if we get ownership of it and County don't tear it down. We own it and all of us are going to pay to get it torn down. Pay to get hers fixed. R. Krick, that house has come up for discussion. H. Ressler, I'm looking at quality of life for this person and its crap. R. Krick, it's a tuff call to make, if we could go by impact on people and that meant something. I don't know if it means something with the finance situation. D. Heiser, I'll call Barry tomorrow and ask if there is any play in the thing of it. R. Krick, there is a meeting tomorrow with Don Cuff and I'm not sure we added exactly what building we are going to look at. That might be something to do. C. Marquardt, you guys are having a meeting at 5 O'clock Sunday at the Borough Hall open meeting anyone is welcome to come to voice their concerns. D. Heiser, I will inquire tomorrow with

Michelle's boss Gary Bender about. If that would be a factor for them. Would they maybe spend more to help someone out?

PUBLIC COMMENT

Heath Ressler, about the assistant code enforcement officer at last meeting. I got the impression when I left the last meeting that there is something not right. Your not to happy with our code enforcement or something is not right. Would you tell us what the problem is with our code enforcement? I wasn't the only one that got that impression at the last meeting. D. Heiser, last meeting we advertised the position like we do for other positions. H. Ressler, I understand that but this is my issue you have someone who volunteers to help with Code Enforcement twenty years ago you could get someone to do that volunteer. Who doesn't get paid, very little, or gets next to nothing. Now your spending money to advertising, you got to put together a job description, got to pay them. What's the deal? You had someone with thirty some years experience in enforcement and codes. That was volunteering to give him a hand in case he was unable to perform his duties he could step in. I don't understand what your problem is. You could have appointed him that night no questions asked and you could have still advertised and say hay we want someone else yet. I don't understand what your problem is with Code Enforcement. D. Heiser, we couldn't have appointed him then advertise. H. Ressler, you could of. You could have hired resistance as volunteer. What I don't understand is you had the opportunity then you passed it. You spent \$260 \$270 to advertise now you table it. What are you doing as Officials as our Borough? You had someone volunteer with no pay.

D. Heiser, no we didn't. M. Huss, Frankie submitted a request for what he wants to get paid. That's not a volunteer. If I come to your house and say I'm going to mow your grass pay me fifty dollars. I'm not volunteering. H. Ressler, that's not what I understood at the last meeting. I thought volunteer. M. Huss, That's what you're not understanding. H. Ressler, well I didn't know that you said bring it up he asked for a salary. Did he ask for a salary? Was it brought up at the meeting? J. Zangari, did he ask for a salary? D. Heiser, I have the paper right here from Frank Zangari requesting the pay he wants. H. Ressler, what's the date on that letter? M. Huss, there's no date on it. H. Ressler, how do I know it's valid if there is no date? M. Huss, because it's signed by Frank. H. Ressler, What's it say? Read it out. M. Huss, \$25.00 for inspection, this is an increase of \$5.00 from the \$20.00 currently being received. So that's not volunteer. H. Ressler, that's not a salary either. M. Zangari, that's not a salary or benefits. M. Huss, that's a per diem pay yes. H. Ressler, I don't understand what the problem is. J. Zangari, the inspections are \$70.00. M. Zangari, the money comes out of the inspection fee not out of the Borough's pocket. M. Huss, you wanted the position appointed but then you wanted us to advertise the position. That's redundant. H. Ressler, you already did. M. Huss, that's redundant why would we appoint someone then advertise for it. H. Ressler, why not. 20 years ago you couldn't get anybody to do the job. M. Huss, 20 years ago you could get a pack of cigarettes for two dollars. What does that have to do with anything? H. Ressler, I've been coming to this meeting over 20 years and I see how these things work. They asked me to do it. There's no way. You had somebody volunteer \$25 an inspection I would have jumped at the chance to get another person to do the work. You

seem to have a problem somewhere that you don't like. I think we have a right to know. M. Huss, no what was the exact thing that he said. H. Ressler, he's doing the job, he's already helping, and assisting Rick in the Fire Chief capacity. J. Zangari, for nothing. H. Ressler, so appoint him it's already in his contract to do it. If you don't like him then you advertise for an interview. You say Frank we're taking this guy now. D. Heiser, we had four applications we talked about them and haven't decided about it. H. Ressler, and you tabled it for thirty days. D. Heiser, and we have as long as we want to do it. H. Ressler, I understand that. To me you guys have some kind of problem. D. Heiser, are problem is we want to know exactly what we are getting. We have a person now who we pay \$100 a week plus we pay him \$25.00 to go to court. He writes a citation he goes to court Frank goes with him. So now the question is if Frank goes to court Rick goes to court is it going to cost \$40.00 for the thing. We need to sit down as a Borough what the duties are for an Assistant Code Enforcement is. H. Ressler, how many of you guys grew up in town and everybody knows Frank. You know exactly what you are going to get at that rate. He is the straightest shooter I ever meet he is straight up with you guys. You know what you're getting. I don't know what you guys are doing or why you are doing it. I think it's time to move on. J. Zangari, if you notice Code Enforcement what they done already in this town so why would you table things and have it go backwards. You see a lot getting done in this town people are fixing up their properties. We're getting properties torn down. That needs to be torn down. D. Heiser, nobody has a problem with that. Nobody has a problem with the aggressiveness. The problem is are we creating a position for someone. If it was up to me Frank would \$100 be a full time Code Enforcement Officer. I think everybody on Council wouldn't have a problem with that. The problem is that's what your talking about are we hiring Frank to do the Code Enforcement job why do we need two. H. Ressler, why not. J. Zangari, is the job getting done now? H. Ressler, if you're paying per diem it doesn't cost you if he doesn't do anything. J. Zangari, it comes out of inspections. D. Heiser, if it's getting done now why do we have to appoint somebody. H. Ressler, why not then you have somebody legal able to go to court besides Mr. Miller. I don't understand the logic behind this I truly don't. I might be dumber than a box of rocks but the logic here doesn't make sense. M. Zangari, what did you do for the last thirty days? You advertised it. At the last meeting you're going to advertised it. So you're telling me you spent \$260 some dollars to advertise the position you have no job description for it no salary no nothing. You accepted letters and applications and then at the next meeting you said ok good we're not ready. D. Heiser, we accepted them right up to the day of the work session. J. Zangari, correct so you had a work session. M. Zangari, so you had thirty days. D. Heiser, yeah that's when we got the applications. J. Zangari, why wouldn't you do that in thirty days? D. Heiser, so we should not interview anybody we should just hire. H. Ressler, you're still missing the point Danny. You had thirty days to come up with a job description, benefits, salary, and the whole nine yards. What their going to get. You didn't do anything for thirty days! Then all of a sudden you're going to table it, come on. M. Zangari, what's going to happen at the interview when the person being interviewed asks what's the pay going to be? What are the hours? How can you conduct an interview with out that information? D. Heiser, right. M. Zangari, so why wouldn't you have it done? H. Ressler, the job description should be done and available. D. Heiser, we didn't have that done. We're going to go that. What more to say it didn't get done. Can we change that no. It didn't get done it will get done. H. Ressler, someone volunteered to hire someone else I think Frank would be happy to turn it over to someone else. I honestly don't know I'm just trying to figure out. D. Heiser, that's not what we want to do. I don't think I don't speak for everyone else.

H. Ressler, the Medical Center what is the story? C. Riedlinger, they agreed to turn it back over to us. They provided me with recent minutes from a meeting where they approved to turn it back over. They authorized Joe Wayne to sign the deed to turning it back over. Since last meeting I mailed Candice a copy of the Deed the original Deed for Mr. Wayne's signature of it and notarization of it. I'm not sure if it's been sign or not, Candice is not here. It's just a matter of Mr. Wayne coming to the office to sign it and getting notarized. Maybe done already I don't know. H. Ressler, who pays your fees for this transfer? Is it this Council or Joe Wayne? C. Riedlinger, I believe. I don't remember this specifically. I'm sure I probably on my time for preparing the Deed put it on the bill to this Council. H. Ressler, we want reimbursement from Joe Wayne for his costs. Annetta Whitecavage, I thought agreement with the town that they would cover the costs to turn it back over. So they should reimburse Council for your fees. C. Marquardt, I believe they wanted a bill from Chris and they were going to review the bill and probably pay it I'm not 100% sure on that but we do need to bill and once that's all processed and when Chris is done with it. C. Riedlinger, there's still the matter of recording the deed once it's signed so I'm not technically done yet. C. Marquardt, they wanted to see Chris's bill to see what the cost was. So I'm assuming they are paying the bill.

H. Ressler, what kind of Police Coverage are we getting now? Can you explain are we getting nights days Sundays? I happen to be by the Borough Hall Sunday and the Police car idling out here for 45 minutes with no one around. Why do we have an Officer on a Sunday afternoon? Or don't we have a choice? What kind of coverage are we getting with the Officers we have? J. Catizone, coverage been, we try to work coverage out so that it's not constant all the time on certain days. So that everyone knows we have a cop on this day this day this day. We tried to rotate it with the three Officers we have on board now as best we can. Unfortunately we are down three Officers. Weekend coverage has been pretty adequate for the nights. The 45 minutes idling I have no idea I will look into that for you. We tried to work in some day coverage's and some night coverage. To try and coverage as much as we possibly can with the 48 hours Police coverage schedule we have and with the three Officers available. I wish I can give you more but. H. Ressler, its fine. I just want to now where we're at. J. Catizone, there's one other think that played into that Heath. Over the last couple of months. H. Ressler, I was just curious I kind of forgot now what Officers we had. J. Catizone, It honestly hasn't gone down at all. Some of the Officers picked up additional shifts for us. Jason has worked a couple of shifts here and there. Officer Lenar has picked up a few more shifts for us since we had lost an Officer a month and half ago. The other thing with that we're looking to somehow someway potentially partner up with Ashland to work with both Borough's for jurisdiction to have better Police coverage. Unfortunately, they don't seem to be getting anywhere with it. With the contract they have for their Officers. What we wanted to work out potentially they would respond to call from our Borough if we didn't have an Officer on. They are dragging their feet on that. Councilmen Krick, I, and Chris had gone to their work sessions a few of them to discuss things like that. They're not getting anywhere with it. As sad as it is because it would really benefit both Communities pretty well. Considering the response time from the top of Ashland to the bottom of Girardville here would be three four minutes tops. It would be nice to have potential 24 hour coverage but unfortunately like I said they're kind of dragging their feet though that. They had reached out to us a few months ago to talk about joining and different things like that. As sad as that is they dragged their feet to the point where we really aren't in discussion at this point anymore about it. Yet they managed to find more coverage for their Officers. Basically pushing their Police Chief to add more coverage for their Borough. They kind

of used the escape goat to say to their Chief we need more coverage end of story. We we're having trouble with getting another Officer in to the MOPEC system. I've been working on that hard over the last week since Councilmen Kessler and I sat down with the Officer discuss some things. Hopefully next week middle of next week we potentially have our fourth Officer Jody Long on board also. Betty Ann Bernosky, if we have one on during the day would it be possible for them to come down by St. Joe's when the bus comes at like 3:30. There are a lot of cars flipping around the corner. J. Catizone, that's one of the things I don't want to say I kind of got back flash for but that was one of the reasons why I did want to put some Officers on daytime because of kids going school the bus stops different things like that. I love to be able to say we can have an Officer on Monday to Friday like Ashland does full time. That's why we try to rotate it I don't want a cop on every single Wednesday morning where speeders violators would know Girardville has a cop on. We tried to do our best to rotate it through to catch people off guard and keep them honest god for bid something would happen at a school bus with children. B. Bernosky, the trucks are really flying though in the morning.

Betty Ann Bernosky, I want to thank Council for your donation, thank you very much.

Michelle O'Connell, yeah what is up with Line Street? R. Miller, she paid her five thousand dollars. That's the last thing I know. D. Heiser, is she still getting cited? R. Miller, no. Michelle and Annetta Whitecavage, why? R. Miller, went to court, the County is dealing with her now. They have her it went to criminal court. That is a different citation filed by the District Magistrate. They are all involved. J. Kessler, so it's out of our hands and in the County hands. R. Miller, the Magistrate's hands I mean the District Attorney's hands. Just like they did with 201 over here. D. Heiser, so just like that could happen down over here with your hearing on Wed for Schultz if it's criminal they. R. Miller, We talked to him this is our fine. Criminal case would be later on that would be with the D.A. D. Heiser, if he is found guilty that's the same thing in their world. R. Miller, right now I can keep fining him every day. M. O'Connell, so Line St is getting fined every day no. B. Bernosky, the County is doing it. It's criminal court. C. Riedlinger, sounds to me like what Rick is saying that's one of the properties or maybe the only one I don't know if there is more. That's the property the District Attorney has decided to file misdemeanor criminal charges against as opposed to just a summary citation being filed by our people. C. Marquardt, that's probably going to happen to Schultz am I right Rick? R. Miller, yea it's already been filed. There is a hiring. We do have a hiring this week. He's over seventy five thousand dollars in fines right now. C. Riedlinger, the penalties are harsher with misdemeanor charges the more likely hood that something would get done about the property if criminal misdemeanor charges are pending against a person. R. Miller, they told Hoban to get it cleaned up at court or they are going to throw her in jail. I don't remember if it was sixty or ninety days they gave her. They gave her a time period. C. Marquardt, I know Mike moved in with his equipment when he was done with Seconded St. right before the hearing she had up there because she tried to plead that thing in she said no. She has to come up with the rest of the money to take that or she's going to jail. Mike is communicating with her every other day because his machine is still sitting there. He took quite a few loads out. He wants to take more out but he is just waiting to see because she got him for quite a bit of money in Ashland.

Mike Zangari, the parade I believe is March 25th what is the plan for Seconded St. the road still closed who is responsible to secure that property so no intoxicated

celebrator winds up on it. C. Marquardt, if it's still standing at that time I would say Council would have to make a decision whether to fence it off with the orange fencing along with the horses post it and anybody caught in there will be arrested or cited. I'm sure we'll have to have I'm sure they are going to cut through there. There's really nothing we can do at this stage in the game unless the thing falls down and we can get it off the street. M. Zangari, I'm assuming if our Engineer says that street has to stay closed that it's not going to be open for the day of the parade because there is a parade. I just want to make sure. C. Marquardt, that street will be closed. A.O.H. is aware of that and is making adjustments just in case. Hopefully it's gone but I don't know.

Motion to adjourn made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Vote all. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. DATE: March 09, 2017 TIME: 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Robert Krick, Dan Heiser, Mike Huss, Joseph Kessler, Joseph Catizone Jr., Charles Marquardt, and Christopher Riedlinger.

Members absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA: No Comment.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

Julie Zangari, question on the minutes for last meeting. I have a copy of the paper given that Frank Zangari did not want salary. He asked for an increase of \$5.00 of the \$20.00 he currently receives. I'd like to know what the minutes reflect. I believe it was Councilman Mike Huss did not want to read this letter at the last meeting. M. Huss, it says right here what I said at the time what Frank said he wanted to get paid. That's not a volunteer and the payment that he requested. J. Zangari, with no salary correct. The minutes reflect that. M. Huss, yes that he does not require salary. J. Zangari, ok because you did not say that at all at the last meeting. M. Huss, it was brought up at the meeting then it says did he ask for a salary. I have the paper right here requesting the pay that he wants which is the paper right here. J. Zangari, right which is no salary. He wanted \$20.00 for a Court case so even if he has three Court cases in one day it would be \$20.00 for his travel and time. Out of \$70.00 for inspections he was asking for \$25.00 and Mr. Miller would get \$25 and the Borough would get \$20. M. Huss, ok I'm not understanding your question clearly. J. Zangari, what you said at the meeting if I heard it correctly was not what was on this paper. M. Huss, I said it was a per diem pay. H. Ressler, no you did not. M. Huss, it's right here in the minutes. H. Ressler, I don't care what the minutes say at the last meeting you said asked for salary. Nobody knows I knew what was in the letter before you said it. You said he asked for a salary it states in the letter that we have a copy tonight that there is no salary. Now you just lied to us again your credibility with us is going down the crapper because you lied. R. Krick, there doesn't need to be a debate here. H.

Ressler, It's not a debate it's the truth. R. Krick, wait the minutes are the minutes to reflect what he said. Not what the letter said the minutes reflect what he said. He missed spoke or what the corrected problem with the letter said that would be reflected here. To question the minutes. The minutes are only what he said. I mean if that's accurate then the minutes are accurate. Whether what he said is accurate is another issue. I think maybe your threading at the wrong part. J. Zangari, that's what I am questioning. I know what he was saying but I know what the letter said. R. Krick, I understand. I think for us to accept the minutes are exact from what he said. J. Zangari, I just don't want the minutes accepted and it was not accurate. R. Krick, what he said. What he said in the minutes are accurate. Do you understand what I'm saying. What he said at the meeting even though you consider not accurate the fact that this reflects what he said makes the minutes accurate. Doesn't make his, whether or not. C. Riedlinger, his characterization of the letter might not be accurate but it's accurate to what he actually said. R. Krick, I think that's the deal with the minutes. You can disagree what he said. J. Zangari, this letter in your minutes be accepted. R. Krick, the minutes would be accepted because that's what he said. J. Zangari, Is this letter a part of your minutes. R. Krick, I mean you have the right to question or not whether somebody said at the meeting is accurate or not accurate but to accept the minutes you accept the minutes for what was said and if that is accurate. Would you agree that is accurate? M. Huss, I never mentioned anything about a salary as far as I can see. J. Zangari, we questioned you about that. You kept saying that there is nothing on this letter about a salary and it definitely is here saying no salary. I guess that is what I want corrected. Because if you missed interpreted no salary on a typed piece of paper you know that's what your minutes will reflect. I just think there should be an addendum that is not accurate. C. Riedlinger, that wouldn't be appropriate to amend the minutes in that respect. This whole conversation will appear in this set of minutes. So this in effect will shed further light on the topic sort of speak. Once again Councilman Mr. Krick is right whether or not. If what was said at the last meeting was accurate or not is not the issue. Relaying what was actually said is the issue. Not whether it was accurate or not. J. Zangari, well but he lied during that. C. Riedlinger, just because somebody said something not accurate doesn't mean they lie. M. Huss, my question is what are you interrupting is a lie? J. Zangari, because you said there was nothing about a salary right here. C. Riedlinger, if one of the Councilmen members sat up here tonight and said the sky is red next month's minutes should say Councilmen so and so said the sky is red. Whether or not it's really red or blue. It should say it's red in the minutes because that's what they said at the meeting. That's what Councilmen Krick is saying and I agree with him. J. Zangari, ok but if a Councilmen said this is what I'm reading off a letter that's not correct what was on the letter. Then that is not correct. C. Riedlinger, the minutes are just supposed to reflect what was said not what was said is accurate. Edna Labie, can a copy of the letter be attached to the minutes? C. Marquardt, what we should do then is take a copy of that letter that Julie has and attach it to this months meeting minutes. H. Ressler, you already have a copy of that letter it was submitted to Borough Council last month you should already have that on record. C. Marquardt, correct. We should attach that letter to tonight's minutes of the meeting. Is that ok Julie? J. Zangari, yes thank you very much. Mary Beth Dougherty, is that going to be a new policy in the Borough every piece of correspondence read will be attached to the minutes of the meeting? C. Marquardt, no. C. Riedlinger, I don't think that should be the policy of the Borough. This particular case it's caused obviously such an issue just to attach it. R. Krick, I would just say if your disagreeing with somebody that there inaccurate I think there is other places in the meeting you can confront them if you consider what they said inaccurate. I think the minutes aren't the place to do that. The minutes are purely to reflect what was said and if they are accurate from what was said I think the minutes should be the minutes but if somebody thinks somebody was inaccurate in saying what they said I think you can challenge that later in the meeting when that discussion comes up or if you want to bring it up in the discussion when it's open to the public floor.

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

Mayor's report: Read by J. Catizone Jr. 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 D. Heiser, seconded by R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by J. Kessler, seconded by D. Heiser. Michelle O'Connell, is there any quality of Life violations? R. Miller, no. C. Marquardt, we need a copy of the report. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Appoint GAMA Board member motion to Appoint Mary Beth Dougherty made by R. Krick, seconded by D. Heiser. Motion to appoint Joe Wayne made by J. Kessler, seconded by C. Marquardt. Roll call vote for Mary Beth Dougherty, Rob Krick-yes, Dan Heiser-yes, Mike Huss-yes. Joe Kessler-no, Charles Marquardt-no. Voted. Motion Carried.
- b. Appoint Assistant Code Enforcement Officer **Motion** to appoint Frank Zangari made by J. Kessler. R. Krick what is the stipulations on it? J. Kessler stipulations as far as? R. Krick, as far as how is this going to set up? Exactly this isn't the discussion we had at the work session. J. Kessler, what discussion did you think have? R. Krick, we had a discussion appointing a Co-Code Enforcement Officer. J. Kessler, I'm reading it off the Agenda it says Assistant so if you want me to call Co-Code Enforcement Officer so be it I still make the motion. R. Krick, ok. C. Marquardt, since I was not at the work session I think you guys should elaborate the Co-Code Enforcement and exactly what it entails and how it's going to be said up. R. Krick, the motion was well the discussion was from my understanding I made the suggestion that it be Co-Code Enforcement split down the middle. Both have pays both have the ability to write citations. At that time we were talking \$20.00 for inspections but I realized one of the people were paid \$25.00 so I would amend that be \$25.00 each for inspections. Whoever writes citations gets paid for the testimony at the Magistrates that can be varied too but that was basically the proposal. C. Marquardt, so in other words Rick is the Code Enforcement Officer his salary would be cut in half. R. Krick, yes. C. Marquardt, and they both would split the Code Officers duties. Rick Miller, do you guys have any idea what this job entails how many hours a week this is. I remember once Dan you said to me you wouldn't do this job for the money we make. I mean this is crazy then you want us to go to \$50.00 a week that's nuts. We spend more than that on one complaint. I don't know if you know what it entails to take to do this job the list is unbelievable. If you go to a complaint you got to walk, make phone calls, then go and investigate, take photos, then you got to get them developed, then you got to send out letter of violation, then you have to go do a reinvestigate, then write citations, then go to

court yet. This is just a complaint that's not even going to an inspection. That's not doing that. Any thing else we did we do stuff on our own time. Attending a seminar down in Harrisburg on our own time. We went down to a presentation in Pine Grove on our own time and we did not ask for nothing for that. We don't ask for gas money we don't ask for anything. We're going out here doing the job for the little money we get. Now you want to take half of it from us. That's crazy. Public gives applause. C. Marquardt, so in other words Rick. R. Miller, we've taken eight building down already with no cost to the Borough. Public applause again. R. Miller, We got 36 W. Main that is being negotiated to come down that's the old KFC building. That's coming down this summer. Right now Weikel this week got their dumpsters to take their place down. So we're going to be ten places down at no cost to the Borough not a dime. Mary Beth Dougherty, Charlie the only thing I want to say is we have two people doing the job that was designed for one person. I think that need to be taken into consideration as well. I think it's somewhat fair that you know Girardville people going the job one person you should take a look at them seriously. Why do we need two people doing the job? Tom Clark, do to the volume of complaints. Mary Beth Dougherty, but the thing though Tom is they're investigating the same complaints how are you going to tell me that they're investigating more complaints with two people? They go to the same hearings, they investigate at the same time, and they do the same inspections. So how is that helping? Holy shit. How's it helping? I'm sorry but its Borough Tax money if it takes two people then there is a problem. Mahanoy City has one person now granted it is full-time. Frank Zangari, Mary Beth is clueless if she thinks one person can do this job. M. Dougherty, no I'm not clueless. No I'm not. I resent that Frank. F. Zangari, I apologize. M. Dougherty, I resent it yeah you said it so. F. Zangari, I said it because you got to understand what Code Office does. M. Dougherty, I understand it trust me I do. F. Zangari, if there is a problem with performance in the Code Office then meet with the Code Officers and tells us. If you have a problem with how we are performing our duties. I tried to have meetings with the Council for a while and I want to compliment our Mayor who at least jump into the fire and said we should try to meet. I understand people have different schedules. What is it you want the Code Office to do? What does Council want? We have been doing this since September 2015. Prior to that there was not a citation wrote in this community not one. I trained your last three Code Officers. Me, Jeff, and Rick what do you want from us. We answer the calls. He gets paid \$100.00 a week and I work for free. I asked for \$20 to cover me going to court spending hours. Sometimes I have to testify sometimes I don't. Mary Beth is correct on the comment sometimes we don't need two people. There are times you do. We have not lost a court case. There are court cases that can be dropped we don't need to go to court is Council even aware of that? You pay for it, are you aware? We don't have to pay for it if it's dropped 48 hour notice to the magistrate to drop the case. We gotten direction for Chris the Codes change constantly you go to stay on top of them. Tell us what you want the man is barely walking. If you don't want him to do the job tell him you don't want him to do the

job. If you don't want an Assistant just tell us. Don't lose what we started as a community from September 2015. Public applause. F. Zangari, there is no finger pointing at the same respect from all at the table as I do for the people in the audience we need to fight to keep the community going in the right direction and we can you seen if happen. D. Heiser, in defense from this table up here no one. It was never on any one of our radar about. He stood up at the last meeting said if something is working then why change it because we were asked to change it. We were never sitting as a Council and say well Rick is really overwhelmed we should hire an Assistant. I was hopeful when anybody asked me on Council out of Council to hire an Assistant I just didn't think. I suggested from the beginning it was to make you full-time Code Enforcement. F. Zangari, which also Danny I don't want to do that full time I'm retired. D. Heiser, we found out today talking to the County and we understand that issue now. But the thing is this happened and this majority of the group started screaming at us we have to do something we have to do something now. When this was brought to us, it was working and we agree with that and then it's why aren't you fixing it? Well if it's working you asked us to fix it and then your say why are you fixing something that's working. We didn't have time we had discussion about it and we did ask and sit down. Your right we did want to talk to both of you before tonight's meeting and we couldn't do it. Nobody wants to ruin what you guys are doing or started. But yet we're being blamed for doing that just because we wanted to make sure we're doing the right think. F. Zangari, I'm standing out to tell you this no one person gets the blame. C. Marquardt, so in other words Rick gets \$100 a week that's what we agreed too when we put it into our budget. You're asking for \$25.00 increase of \$5.00 am I correct? Frank Zangari, I submitted it in writing to Council last meeting. C. Marquardt, yes you did. F. Zangari, that said Rick gets. For our inspections its \$10.00 application fee Rick gets \$25, I get \$20.00, and the Borough gets \$25.00. I said make it \$25.00 for me \$25.00 for Rick and the Borough still gets \$20.00. The Borough doesn't do anything for inspections, nothing. We're out there and there is no inspection as a one time inspection none. That means you go out, you inspect, you tell them what is wrong, and you got to go back. If they don't comply you got to go back again. Then you got to force them to meet Code before somebody moves in and we're talking rental properties so there is no mistake it's somebody that is buying a home that we still inspect. So that's three trips that's a lot of time. I asked for the \$5.00 difference I also asked for \$20 to go to court hearings not every hearing. For Court hearings I spent four hours in Court for the last hearings the magistrate doesn't run on time. It's not your fault it's not their fault it's not my fault if you get there and she is tied up in a hearing you could be in the Magistrates office for three four hours. If it gets postponed for another thirty days we don't have a say. All I know is we're ready we're ready and we're winning. And Winning as a Municipality with the leaders and the Municipality and the people that complained every day you walk in this town. Every day somebody stops me and says. I walked today at 3 O'clock and three people stopped me for issues today. What do you do? You don't ignore them. This has been thrown out of

proportion to a point where it's ridiculous. I'm actually ready to pull my name out. I don't know how else to settle this so it don't argue every month. What do you want? C. Marquardt, it's going to be settled tonight because we are pushing this. F. Zangari, I want to clear while I stand here there is no one person to blame and if there was finger pointing last meeting. It was a disgruntle of getting it solved and getting it moved on I think that was the conversation with the Mayor. If you want to change something. This we lack leadership I told you that since September 2015 when some gentlemen weren't even on Council. If you want Code Office to run tell him what you want him to do. Set the priorities have him report to you. I put a quarterly Fire Chief report in how come there is never any questions? I'm asking all of Council. D. Heiser, that is something that has been discussed in great length about the reporting of Code Enforcement and I don't want to throw Rick under the bus but to me the quality of Code Enforcement. We report to you so you have to set that criteria for us to do that. If you want us to put down a spreadsheet you give us the spreadsheet you say this is what has to be filled out and reported to Council. D. Heiser, and we get that but its something we can't do over night. We got to all work together. F. Zangari, you're right absolutely that's where we need to go with this. M. Huss, that's where one of the meetings was to discuss the criteria on what we wanted, what we expect, the expectations of Code Enforcement Officer to do. That's when we came with the idea to table the last one because we didn't have all the ducks in the row to get exactly what we wanted. That's what we are trying to do. It's not that we're trying to delay it or holding it off we're trying to make sure we have everything right so we don't run into this again. J. Zangari, thirty days went by and nobody meet with the Code Enforcement from Council is that correct? Another thirty days went by well thirty days from the last meeting when they had no job description. F. Zangari, Joey tried to coordinate a meeting and I spoke to Robbie and Joe Kessler today via phone and Charlie Marquardt. We can meet set your criteria tell us what you want to do. If your employees or per diem people aren't meeting what you want then it's no different from any other job whether we're volunteering or not but we got to come to some settlement. The best interest of our community is to settle this to agree and settle this. We got to work things out behind the doors next week or tomorrow then we have to do that. This can not go on. I am exhausted walking through the Community listening to people complain about who is at fault for something that really not wrong. We just have to address this. This started when the Judge said Frank you should go back to the Municipality and get them to agree to give you the Oath of Office and I asked them why and they said if something happens to that man you need to testify. I can not testify with out you approving the Oath of Office and that has to come from you. I don't have the authority. That has to come from the municipality in writing to the Magistrate. So that is part of what has to happen. If that man goes out in an Ambulance and I'm sitting there. The other thing we should be aware of is ask the solicitor for the legal backing in this. All these cases that we're involved in we don't want to drop these. We don't want somebody walking out and saying I quit. We got all these houses

pending we have the KFC we almost have signing an agreement to come down. You don't want to lose were we come from two years. We can't afford for people to get pissed off and quit. Edna Labie, wasn't there a group of citizens to do a walk through town and report to Code Enforcement? F. Zangari, they do that. We have some people who call constantly on the phone. They're positive calls. E. Labie, I know they had said the names of the people who volunteer who all they were but they were going to do some of the leg work for you to walk through town report to things to the Code Enforcement Officers. I don't know who they all were anymore the names. They were going to do some of the leg work for you. F. Zangari, does anybody in the Borough have any questions while I'm at the podium? J. Engle, I don't have a question. I say put this to rest and let the Tax Payers decide. We'll tell you leave it the way it is. Susan Gomosky, I lived in this town for so many years and it has become terrible. We have buildings falling down next to houses that people have struggled to maintain. We need somebody that is willing like Frankie and what you call him to come and help us. We're the tax payers your there because of us. D. Heiser, we agree. S. Gomosky, then get off your asses and get together and do something. Public applause. S. Gomosky, have a meeting with them. R. Krick, everything was fine we didn't change it. We were asked to change things. No body went to Code Enforcement or Frank and said anything had to change. We were approached about it being changed. Danny is right nobody went to Frank and said either you get appointed Assistant Code Enforcement Office or you're done. You came to us and said that. Let's be straight about this you came to Council and said unless you appoint me by the beginning of the year I'm out of here. That's what you said Frank. F. Zangari, now wait a minute. Hold it. Joe did you not sign permission for me to take the Oath of Office it went to the Magistrates Office. R. Krick, But he's not to authorized this. F. Zangari, that is correct. You stopped it. I didn't know that and I agree with you and we stopped that. So it was stopped. That's when it started. R. Krick, it was on the way to the Magistrate before it was stopped. Nobody else on Council knew it. Not any other person on this Council was aware other than Joe Kessler and Charlie Marquardt. That he signed a paper to appoint you Assisting Code Officer. F. Zangari, he didn't sign that the paper was for the Oath of Office. It was not for Assistant Code Officer. R. Krick, as what? F. Zangari, first of all have you recognized me as your Assistant Code Officer? Cause I can pull paper articles. I can pull all kinds of minutes out here. You been recognizing me as your Assistant Code Enforcement Officer since 2015 September 2015. Have you not; is there somebody that says different? Did every email that comes out tell Frank and Rick? C. Marquardt, yep. F. Zangari, tell the Code Office Frank and Rick. I have. I brought everything along. I'm not up here to fight with Council because Councils not wrong. I'm up here to clarify what you want us to do? Just tell me. Yes I want the \$5.00 I don't think it's asking for a lot there's a lot of money to do inspections. If you think I'm car pooling Rick to Council to do legal things then you need to deal with that. Not me it's not my problem. It's your problem. You set the guidelines we apply the guideline that's it. D. Heiser, well it seems that to me if we do the Co-Code Enforcement

that we had talked about and most of us were in agreement with having Co-Code Enforcement splitting it right down the middle. I think the only problem is basically now is the Salary. You want to wave the Salary and Rick doesn't want his Salary cut. It's Council job then to. One's performing and one's not. One needs to be replaced and one doesn't. Both are performing. That's our job to either keep one, keep two, and get rid of one or to hire another. H. Ressler, I have one thing to say from years past. The previous Code Enforcement Officer got \$400.00 a month to do nothing. Now you guys are arguing over peanuts? This is an embarrassment to this Borough this town as a whole. You are nickeling and diming over stupidity that's what it is. Four hundred dollars a month this guy got for what four years in. You got more done in 16 months than you got in four years. Your nickeling and diming over crap. We as a community are fed up with your crap. We want you to move on. Appoint him get them back to work and move the community forward. Not sideways not backwards. This has been going on 20 years I can tell you that because I've been coming for at least 20 years. I had been arguing with you about for 20 years how you guys manage this community. Its time to move forward if you guys can't see that there's something wrong. It's time we move forward. That's what I have to say. Some applause from public. H. Ressler, where is my follow up. D. Heiser, where are we now than before Heath? H. Ressler, we're not this is three months four months into the clock, Code Enforcement move on, Forward. D. Heiser, we're not UGH. You are not the ones that wanted to move on and first of all if you're going to get any respect out of any of us you should change your tone because you're not going to stand back there and scream at us. H. Ressler, do you want me to come up there and talk to you? I'll come up there and talk to you. D. Heiser, stand there and talk but talk I mean be civil. H. Ressler, you don't understand. D. Heiser, we do understand. H. Ressler, no you don't. D. Heiser, we don't understand your way that is the problem. H. Ressler, what's the way? D. Heiser, your way or no way. For 20 years you stand up doing this and if we don't do it Heath isn't happy. J. Kessler, I have a question. H. Ressler, how many other people in this community are not happy? D. Heiser, a lot of them are. C. Marquardt, alright let's move on. H. Ressler, raise your hand if you're not happy. C. Marquardt, hold it hold it. H. Ressler, There you go. J. Kessler, a statement as been made and we were approached to make changes as far as Code Enforcement. Who was it that approached us? D. Heiser, Frank. J. Kessler, when he told you by January 31st if he wasn't appointed as a Code Enforcement Officer he would not be able to testify at a hearing is that the change. F. Zangari, it's in writing guys I can not continue to do it. J. Kessler, what was the issue with the Borough? C. Marquardt, the bottom line is you'll continue to be the Fire Chief for the Borough. F. Zangari, I can't continue to do it. I am not stopped doing it. I just do not go to Court. I have not missed an inspection. I have not missed a phone call. If I come in and Rick says we have five phone calls we still go around. I still drive him. I still do the same thing we're doing. The pay is still the same, the inspections are still the same, and I just did Ogden Street five times we were down there just to get one couple in. In an inspection. We haven't missed a beat. I'm

going back to Danny's statement if your dealing with performance and Mary Beth commented about make somebody do their job. Whether it's Rick or I that's your problem. You need to sit down with the Code Office and say this is our expectation. I think it's a shame I brought this up to each and everyone of you at different times. There has to be accountability. If you're not holding people accountable that's why we're in the mess that we're in. There has to be. How many calls did you take? Did you follow up? C. Marquardt, I think if there wasn't accountability there. There would have been things said Frank. You said stated it yourself we haven't lost a case. You guys did a wonderful job both of you in the capacity. So the accountability is there. It's not that you didn't. I understand what you're saying about the Council I do. I understand what the people in the town say to. They want us to move forward and that's what we need to do tonight. I don't think what you're asking for is a heck of a lot and I agree with Danny we should appoint. Do what we agreed we're going to appoint. Rick's the Code Officer and you're the Assistant and let the Council make the decision based on job performance. Am I correct guys? Salary would move forward with the way it was. Rick is the Code Enforcement Officer. Frank is asking to be the Assisting Code Enforcement Officer which we acknowledge him so all this time as that. All he is asking for is some additional increases. He is not asking for half of a salary. He is asking for an additional \$5 to go to all the hearings he has in one day. It's only \$25.00 so if he has five hearings he is only getting \$25.00. F. Zangari, no its \$20. J. Kessler, no it's only \$20.

***Motion** to make Frank as Co-Code Enforcement Officer made by D. Heiser, the money that we had discussed for the \$5.00 extra all that. I'm fine with all of that, but the title is Co-Code Enforcement Officer. Council should meet real soon and come up with expectations of Co-Code Enforcement Officer's and if we're not happy with one. Not happy with both. Happy with two then we'll address that when it arrives. J. Kessler, we already have a job description for Code Enforcement. They would apply to Frank as much as they would apply to Rick. D. Heiser, ergo motion. J. Kessler, They are doing the same job. D. Heiser, so it's Co-Code Enforcement. J. Kessler, what are we coming up with? D. Heiser, I just said what we came up with. Everything is going to stay the same. Franks new title is Co-Code Enforcement. C. Marquardt, there is a motion on the floor to have two Code Enforcement. M. Huss, there's also a motion for him to be an Assistant. C. Marquardt, I understand. J. Kessler, well Code play on words. R. Krick, I think so we understand that would give Frank the ability to write citations right? C. Marquardt, correct. So in other words Joe you can rescind your motion to make a motion or Danny which ever one of you wants to make the motion and seconded it. That we hire the two of them as Co-Code Enforcement Officers. We are continuing with the salaries the way they are. D. Heiser, and you are going to sit here and say it's a play on words Joe. Co-Code Enforcement or Assistant Code should we have someone who is more qualified to be the Code Enforcement Officer be the Assistant? That's the Co-Code Enforcement part behind it. (Some one in the public did not say name commented "you're starting to discuss a personnel problem in front of us. I don't think that's appropriate") D. Heiser, like I said that's the reason behind it. (Person in public, well it's not appropriate)

***Motion** to hire Frank as Co-Code Enforcement no salary, \$20.00 a hearing, \$25.00 inspection, and Rick will continue to get what Rick has been getting. \$100 a week, \$20 a hearing, and \$25 for inspection and we just move on with this. J. Kessler, so that is your motion you're putting on the table? D. Heiser, that is my motion. J. Kessler, then I rescind my motion. Seconded current motion made by J. Kessler. Voted all. Motion carried. Public applause.

- c. Prices for Weed wacker, D. Heiser, they are working on prices I don't have that. C. Marquardt, then we'll hold off on that.

NEW BUSINESS

Speaker Jeff Feeser from Schuylkill Community Action. We have been involved in quite a few Community rehabilitation projects in your Borough. I guess we demolished about eleven structures in partnership with the County. Build five single family homes for sale and also a three unit rental. The last three years we have been working on a project at 106, 118 West Main Street where a fire I guess in 2012 I want to say quite a few structures there. In the three years time a lot of work has been involved. We unmasked the eight adjoining structures. That's one of the reasons I am here tonight to ask approval from Council to resolve to transfer the Deed as a Deed to us so that we can begin development. We opened bids. The first bid went out from Watkins architect was opened up on December 09th. It came in much higher than the amount of construction funds we had. It actually came in the base bid of 1.154 Million dollars for the six units. People were not familiar with it. There are four town house apartments on Main Street and then from the back access of the back Street there will be two handicap accessible units underneath for a total of six units. Because of our construction estimate was and the amount of funds we had to do the project. We had to offer the project for re-bid. We opened bids on December 27th. The low bid is Uhrig Construction out of Reading. Their base bid was 1.223 Billion dollars. We have since December 09th had scurried to secure procure additional funding to cover this construction gap. We have verbal commitments the gap was over between 3 and 4 hundred thousand dollars. We have verbal commitments for that amount of money. We are venting the contractor at this time. We hope to sign construction contracts but this may be a little aggressive. We hope to sign construction contracts within the next two weeks giving the contractor thirty days to start construction. It will be probably an eight to nine month construction period. We're hoping to lease up by the end of the year. If anyone knows of anyone interested in leasing one of these new apartments. Right now we're just establishing a list of interested parties. We are taking names, telephone numbers, and addresses things like that. As it gets closer to time for lease up we will be notifying everybody to see if they are still interested. At that point and time we will establish a waiting list. Part of the money that we have procured, The Department of Community and Economic Development. The funding right now is Federal and State funding. Federal home funds are coming through DCED which is Department of Community and Economic Development. Five hundred thousand is coming through as Federal funds and there is also Five hundred thousand dollars Keystone Community's money which is State appropriated money. In our scurrying to put some additional funds together we went to DCED and talked to them. They will be granting an additional three hundred sixty one thousand dollars on top of the five hundred thousand dollars to close the construction gap. SCA has also put in an additional fifty thousand dollars of their money into the project in case we have to address change of orders or continuously things like that. So I want to make the Borough aware. The Borough had entered into a contract with SCA and also the County for Schuylkill for this project. The

home grant is in the name of the Borough of Girardville. The County is the administrative agent for the Federal home funds. So there should be a letter there is a little bit of revision of the architectural plans on the accessibility units having to do with clearances in the kitchen area and the bathrooms. That is being taken care of right now. There is an additional form I have to fill out of the State and with that they will be sending out a letter to the Borough. The letter stating that they will be amending the contract and adding an additional \$361,195.00 to the contract. If anyone has any questions. F. Zangari, Jeff those will be sprinkler buildings correct. J. Feeser, correct. F. Zangari, the water company today started the laterals two inch water laterals for them. J. Feeser, I talked to a Harry Staller. F. Zangari, yeah and the fire truck in that lot should be out within the next two days. I contacted the owner today so it should be out of there. J. Feeser, ok thank you for that. How it will affect Girardville. The mileages are set high for Girardville as you are aware of but the assessed value is low on properties. What happens is this property will be coming in as a highly assessed property and then added the high mileage to that creates rather nice tax base. SCA pays the taxes, we are owner, developer, we maintain it, lease it, and manage it. Susan Gomosky, do you screen people you rent to? J. Feeser, just like anybody else would its fair. S. Gomosky, oh god. J. Feeser, I guess you don't know our record. We own fifteen units that we are very proud of. Over half of them are new construction. S. Gomosky, what I'm saying is the quality of people coming into this town is. Are you screening who you're renting to? J. Feeser, just like any other landlord would. S. Gomosky, that's why I said oh God because nobody screens. J. Feeser, we have application process where they fill out an application. We pull credit reports. We check references. It's fair housing everybody can apply for the housing. We vet our tenants. S. Gomosky must of the people in town move in at night. We have not a good quality of people in our town right now. We don't need anymore. J. Feeser, you're not talking about Schuylkill Community Action, your talking about a private landlord. We have a process. We have a tenant policy that has to be approved by HUD. Is it possible to get a bad tenant in there absolutely but we try to minimize our mistakes by vetting people properly. C. Marquardt, so Jeff what are you asking us to do? J. Feeser, I'm asking for the transfer the property to SCA so we can enter into and title insurance will be secured for the settlement. To make sure that everything is free and clear and we'll be entering in construction contract in the next few weeks. C. Riedlinger, a few months ago I prepared a deed the County already approved it. Tonight I have a resolution prepared for the Council to approve. To Authorize you execute all the documents including the deed to effectuate the transfer. Right now the Borough owns the parcels and you would be transferring ownership to Schuylkill Community Action.

***Motion** to transfer the properties on Main St. over to Schuylkill Community Action by Resolution 2017-10 made by J. Kessler, seconded by M. Huss. Voted all Motion carried.

***Motion** to authorize Charles Marquardt to sign the documents to effectuate the transfer on behalf of the Borough made by M. Huss, seconded by D. Heiser. Voted all Motion carried.

Annetta Whitecavage, thanked Schuylkill Community Action has come to Girardville and builds these beautiful homes. Upgrade our area and bring these people into town. Creates a good tax base and helps the Sewer Authority also. J. Feeser, thank you for that. I appreciated it. Public applause.

- a. Approval Resolutions 2017-2 thru 2017-9 County demolition made by R. Krick, seconded by J. Kessler. C. Marquardt, 136, 138 W. Ogden St 1 W. Ogden St. 25 S. John St. Julia St the trailer behind Durinko. 13 W. Ogden St. 124 A St. 105 W. Preston Ave. 227 N. Seconded St. D. Heiser, 227 N. Seconded St was not on the Repository List but there was

recently at a Council meeting we were offered to buy the bankruptcy lawyer the County will fund it approve the purchase of it. They are all with exception of 136-138 which was in the paper they are already approved. Am I correct Michelle? 136-138 and 1. Michelle O'Connell, 136-138 and 1. D. Heiser, that's the Whitley property and Churby's property. They are approved for the new round of funding. We did submit the paperwork to purchase those. M. O'Connell, and 25 S. John. D. Heiser, and 25 S. John. Betty Ann Bernosky, that wasn't in the paper 25 S. John. C. Marquardt, all the properties that we have listed including the one that came up at the last Council meeting myself, the Borough Engineer, and Rob have toured them all. Including the one you brought up Heath at the last Council meeting. We were up to see Mrs. Bonomo. H. Ressler, I have a question about the Repository do you know that Girardville is listed delinquent tax payer on East Mahanoy Avenue? F. Zangari, that's a vacant lot that we took down two three years ago. That next to Mike Long and Kleeman's. H. Ressler, 2016 comes up as delinquent is that a clerical error? C. Riedlinger, I'll have to look into it. I almost sure I recall talking to someone in the tax office about that property one time before a couple of years ago. C. Marquardt, it might be the School Taxes. Our portion is paid. I guess Chris and them are checking into to see what that belongs to.

- Motion to between Council meeting the County contacts us and tell us that anyone of those properties be funded for demolition that we can start the purchase process from Repository list or from Bankruptcy whichever. If we get more if we don't but if we do instead of waiting until next meeting and holding it up made by D. Heiser, Seconded by R. Krick. Voted all motion carried.
- b. Handicap parking new prices for newel and applications.
- c. Mike Zangari, Rangers Hose Co and Girardville Little League would like to host Easter Egg Hunt Saturday, April 15th for our kids in the Borough of course we cant keep it to Girardville Kids but it would be nice. We'd like to utilize the Ball Field here and the B St. Park age range from as young as we can get in the Ball Field sectioned of and the older kids in the park kind of make it a little more challenging. Problem is we like to close off the park for the hour, hour and half consist of. We received generous donations 2 bikes lots of eggs and candy from President of Council and Missy they got two bikes with training wheels. We are asking for donations extra candy eggs and helpers for that day. We like to bring the Fire apparatus. We are asking for Councils approval. Motion all allow Easter egg hunt April 15 for the Little League Field and B St park, to also block a section of that road way off just for safety sake for the kids made by R. Krick, seconded by M. Huss. Voted all motion carried. M. Zangari, thank you on behalf of both organizations.
- d. M. Zangari, there is a lot of positive things for the Borough from people planting flowers to Easter Egg Hunt what have you but you really don't hear about it unless you are in the Borough. We try to get people at least from the Fire Department side to bring people from other communities to support us. Unless they see it in the paper or Facebook it doesn't really happen. I approach a couple Council members from last meeting about it. I strongly

feel the Borough should have an Official Facebook page and I did offer to set it up. It would work with an administrator have a password. It will allow everyone on Council to edit post their Street block off and say that it's quick. If you're doing Snow removal and if the guys are one A Street this is where we are at. It will get information out quick. We also have a social media policy I attached with that protects everything. So if someone went on posted something bad or anything that should not be a public page. It's something to consider and help with getting messages out like snow removal. R. Krick, there is a standing page that is the Borough I think Mary other member might of started it. J. Kessler, there's nothing on it. R. Krick, if you look at Facebook and go to Girardville Pennsylvania there is one that is the Borough's page I think the last post on it might be eight years old. M. Zangari, everyone is familiar you go on make a like page. You got a lot of organizations in town that have them. R. Krick, it's probably good to post meetings thing like that. We should sit down and decide who is the one to edit it. Do we allow public to post. M. Zangari, we designed an administrator that person has access to the password and who can edit and who can post that can change anytime. In my opinion the Councilmen would have access to it. If someone gets off or quits they can be removed with a click of button. If they left disgruntle you can band them from the page. You can have public post or have them do it privately. Should have some guidelines to it. If you're the admin you can see what is posted.

- e. D. Heiser, I think the Borough should do something to recognize what Jack Travis has done for this community for many years. The tournament is John "Jack" Travis memorial. Have something in the gym to recognize as the Borough what that man done for the youth for this town for many years. P. Kowalick, there will be a 4 X 8 banner on the wall next week in the gym for Jack Travis and Mrs. Travis will be attending. Centioles pizza will be sold at the tournament. Motion to declare March 17 John "Jack" Travis Day in the Borough made by D. Heiser, seconded by J. Kessler. Date Changed to March 18th every year to declare John "Jack" Travis Day in the Borough Motion made by Resolution 2017-11 D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss.
- f. C. Marquardt, Special Police Officer employed by the borough for one day during the St. Patty's Day Parade March 25th 2017 only. C. Riedlinger, the Police committee will put together the list before March 25th and the list finalized by the Police committee will be hired as Special Police Officers for one day March 25th 2017. Motion to approve Special Police Officers for March 25th 2017 made by D. Heiser, seconded by J. Kessler. Voted all motion carried.
- g. J. Catizone, Jr solicitation permits this year. The Borough solicitation fees are still \$100.00 all vendors reporting in for Parade day are asked to report to the Borough Hall 6am to 10am Parade day morning to get there permits. All local organizations are required to have a solicitation permit the fee of \$100.00 will be collected also. Exceptions that we would look at would be local business and local Fire Companies soliciting inside their own building do not need permit. Any other local organization absolutely needs a permit. They

will be given special tags; special decorum to denote that they have the permit for the Borough if not they will be subject to fine. Frank Zangari, Mayor we are going to need three special permits for four-wheelers that day. J. Catizone, Jr I have no problem with that what so ever. I will gladly write those for any Emergency services anything like that. I have been contacted by a few people asking about waving fees for Solicitation permits. I'm not going to wave any fees for organizations because it puts me in a bad position where I'm discriminating against one group and giving these guys a deal or not. All organizations are expected to show up pay the \$100.00 if then Council deems it fair to give donate the money back because of it being a local organization then that is up to Council it's self and I have no issues with that but it's everything this year. The solicitation permits are supposed to be here 6am to 10am. I will be down Borough Hall getting permits ready for any vendors that potentially come in. Tom Balsavage, the bars and restaurants they don't? J. Catizone, Jr you guys are exempt. Local organizations on your own sidewalk there is no issue with that. T. Balsavage, we are inside. J. Catizone Jr, and inside also I think that covers it right Robbie to be fair. R. Krick, yeah I think that. J. Catizone Jr, rain and you wanted to do something inside we wouldn't require you to get a permit. We're trying to get the guys coming in from out of town trying to make a buck. Make it profitable for us. We are trying to do like what we are trying to do with the Police Officers. We are trying to get the Police Officers on our own liability for instances that could potentially come up in the Parade. The solicitor has talked to us before the meeting also saying we are extremely lucky that no one got injured over the course of fourteen years for this parade. I apologize. We were fortunate multiple times. We need to try and get this corrected so that we can get these guys on our liability coverage which is what the resolution was for one day hiring in case something where to happen to an Officer. C. Riedlinger, and those people are going to be treated as employees in sense as how they are paid as well. They are going to be issued W-2's.

- h. Girardville Basketball Association requesting a letter for CACL that the Borough Hall address at 201 is recognized as our address headquarters. Motion to provide letter to the Girardville Basketball Association for Borough Hall address made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Voted all motion carried.
- i. Rangers Hose Company will host a certified four wheeler class Sunday March 12th across from the Borough Hall in the lot. F. Zangari, it's the first in the Commonwealth. We got it for free. Bucks County Community College is paying for it. We have 28 students, utvs and atvs it's based on driving safety. There are 14 people from Girardville on it and the rest are from other communities. Most of them will be tailored in. We'll use the dirt lot and make sure no one is disrupted at the recycling center. The insurance issue with Bucks County sponsored the class all class liability is under them. I told the Mayor class begins at 8 o'clock with 20 minute intervals with somebody running the course and we should be done by 3 o'clock. C. Marquardt, also with that request they are asking to utilize the

Borough Hall bathrooms. Motion to approve class and use of restrooms made by M. Huss, seconded by D. Heiser. Voted all motion carried.

- j. Motion to sign off 136, 138, and 1 W. Ogden to approve sale made by D. Heiser, seconded by R. Krick. Voted all motion carried.
- k. 25 S. John street motion to approve sale made by D. Heiser, seconded by R. Krick. Voted all motion carried.
- l. Seconded Street lot owners Benjamin and Melanie Victor bidder Sarah Benjamin purchase price \$500.00. Approve or disapprove list reason if disapproved it. D. Heiser, motion to table it until we look into the owner to see if owner has any other delinquent properties anywhere before we make a decision. Rick and Frank look into it.

BILLS

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read was made by R. Krick. Motion to accept the bills D. Heiser, yes.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Flyers and magazines
- b. Thank you card from Rangers Hose Company.
- c. Northern Schuylkill Council of Governments 2017 dues \$100.00.
- d. Meeting notice for Wednesday, March 22nd 2017 Northern Schuylkill Council of Governments meeting hosted by Ashland Borough. D. Heiser will be attending the meeting. Candice can draft the check and Danny can take it with him.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: None

Street: D. Heiser, we are still looking at prices for industrial weed wackers. R. Krick, suggestion for the Street Committee someone should go look at the storm drain on the corner of East Mahanoy Ave and Seconded Street on the north sides are pretty much collapsed and it is blocked solid. Right next to Mickey Yesalavage's house. I think the storm drain right up here total block on A Street. M. O'Connell, and William Street Hill. R. Krick, the one that never works. C. Marquardt, and the one on top of Fourth Street. D. Heiser, it's getting warm and when it is warm enough they'll be getting out.

School Building: LED lights at the Gym was completed today. Should see over 50% cost savings. Once we seen the way the lights lit up we opted to get two more by the stage. The whole inside of the gym is lit by LED's and it's unbelievable. We are having a tournament next week and we wanted it done for the tournament and we order the lights Girardville Basketball did not have an account with Fromm. I spoke with every Councilman and they agreed Girardville Borough does have an account with Fromm and

agreed. Motion to Allow Biddy Basketball to use Girardville Borough account with Fromm to purchase LED lights/installation Girardville Basketball will reimburse the full amount for cost of the lights made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Voted all motion carried.

Paul Kowalick, I was assured today we will have the money with in seven days. We want to thank from Girardville Basketball Council for going out on the limb for that or else we would have that this year. It would have taken two to three years to fundraise that money. We have a loan approved from CACL credit union one of our sponsors for whatever the amount is. We did not have the account and we took the aggressive approach to put the lights in with the help of Council. We could have never done it with out them and also the Borough workers helped us put the scaffolding up and helped us with having the contractor come they didn't have to come and do that themselves. The actually savings to the Borough will be 55% of savings per year. The man came today with the gauge and said our old candle power was 31 candle power using 400 watts per ordainments. Now we're going to have 64 candle power we're only going to use 210 watts per ordainments that's up there. It's going to be a huge savings for the Borough and big plus for the children and for the organization. We can guarantee that bill we be paid to you within seven to ten days.

Finance: None

Personnel: None

Code/QofL: R. Krick, Joe and I are supposed to talk about having a meeting.

Recreation: None

Recycling: C. Marquardt, they were in and repaired most of the bins and walk ways over there. Everything is completed now hopefully. I instructed the guys to keep it maintained over there. I hope that we can continue. The prisoners do come time to time to clean up over there. Tom Clark, you talked about a camera co-op at one time. C. Marquardt, we are trying to get cameras to do but we need one both day and night. The amount of distance away. We discussed this several times we just haven't made any attempts yet. We did cite quite a few people from Mahanoy City and stuff. We had found stuff. Mike and them found stuff over there and it was turned into the Police and the Police did file citations. There were two from Mahanoy City and I believe one from Shenandoah and there were one or two other ones. I mean people are throwing stuff over there leaving there names on it. Whether they put it there or not if it's on the ground their being cited. Annetta Whitecavage, they don't even tear stuff up and leave it on top of the bins. Empty bins and the stuff is still on top.

Solicitor: None

Landfill: None

Blight: None

OTHER BUSINESS: C. Marquardt, we are going to talk about the Tax Collector issue. C. Riedlinger, I understand that we've been receiving phone calls from people that were looking for perhaps receipts of payments of Taxes from prior Tax years 2016. I think Candice has been accessing the County web site to

print what are infect receipts that money has been paid for people that want to do that. I think that's the appropriate way to keep doing it. I know we are waiting on the records from our old Tax Collector to be brought to us. We should get those they are Borough property and should be kept here at the Borough building. Our new Tax Collector obviously can't be issuing receipts for payments made in prior tax years. I think Candice can do that as long as the County website showing that those amounts have been paid. C. Marquardt, I have talked to Betty and Betty will be coming over because she has stuff to clean out of her desk and stuff. She will be over shortly and she will take care of that. C. Marquardt, just so everybody understands that Candice is filling in currently doing that because of Betty's absents now she resigned. Moving forward Annetta can only do 2017 forward. C. Riedlinger, there is no point in contacting Annetta if your looking for a receipt for 2016 she's not going to be able to give it to you.

Frank Zangari, update on the water company the Ronka project. The John Street Bridge there is a hydrant about six feet from the John Street Bridge. Its still there it's still live but the new hydrant will not be placed there. It will be place at John and Oak. That's hydrant we could never get to anyway that bridge has been closed for twenty plus years. The William Street Bridge has a hydrant on we actually can not connect to; it's been cemented that high it's almost covering the connection. That one will be moved on Oak Street. The one behind Mr. Kilker's house on Oak Street will be moved up on the same Street to Reed Street. Were we do not have a hydrant. We currently have two hydrants on Vine and Oak they are both live. So that should be an entertaining with two hydrants turned on. It will eventually be only one. The tie in projects for the stops they are right now in the back of the Legion. They have Third Street all the way down done. There have been numerous complaints that I have addressed on dirty, water lack of water. Girard Towers did rip the new sprinkler system out last week. It's hard and they are trying their best. This is a lot of complaints about dirty water. The Municipality should know when they get their new stop to flush their water line. They are going to have some amount of dirt. If their not sure then they should boil their water. Water Company, contractor is not posting doors, knocking on doors. The five and dime is eight apartments and only two people were notified. So that was the problem on that block. Did not install a stop and water line at 236 W Main Street which is the KFC building and hopefully we should have that contract to be torn down by the owner at no cost to the Borough.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Edna Labie, Charlie you missed under new business address the handicap. C. Marquardt, we are not addressing it tonight's meeting the Street committee asked to put it on hold temporarily. It is being discussed. D. Heiser, the reason behind it is we are tossing around the permit how it runs from January to December. With the new signs and need brake away no one is going to be digging in January. We are looking to change it in May or end of April. We are discussing the cost of brake away the cost now is \$50. It is costing us with paint and labor for the guys to go out and do it we are in the neighborhood of about \$147 roughly just to pull one sign. So that is something we want to discuss a little more about.

Kevin McCloy, what's going on with the Police Department? I called twice back in the Fall I called about a complaint no answer. Two weeks ago same deal. These kids down there at the park. They're down there 11, 12, 1 o'clock in the morning. There's no cop on, you call the State Police they refuse don't want to be bothered. They are damaging my property by climbing over the fence. They tore down my no trespassing sign. They tore down my Beware of dog sign. I have two German Sheppard's one 100 pound female and one 130 pound male if those dogs get one of these kids my dogs will not be held responsible. Make no mistake in that. These little kids are out of control down there at that

playground. Also I would like to thank the people from the Little League for cleaning up the mess down at the playground. It looked like something out of Philadelphia when we had that warm spell in February. There is no effing excuse for that. These kids should be supervised by their parents. Now back to the Police Department issue. It is my understanding when a complaint is filed a call is made, the Police must respond whether it is in person or by telephone. Now I'm sure you correct me if I'm wrong but it's not happening. J. Catizone, Jr, do you remember the specific dates that you called? I've try to get as much information out of you as I can. K. Mc Cloy, no I'm sorry I don't. J. Catizone, Jr, that's ok. K. Mc Cloy, I don't have the kid's name that my old lady caught climbing over the fence. She hollered at him and after he climbed back over the fence he proceeded to curse her out and very colorful language. If I had known about it I would have shoot the littler person in the butt with my BB gun and laughed at him as he ran home to his mommy. J. Catizone, Jr., I just spoke to your neighbor a few days ago. Exact same incident that he's saying so I'm assuming they are connected. K. Mc Cloy, yeah well he sees more than I do. I'm going to remedy that issue I'm putting cameras up. J. Catizone, Jr., that's where I was going to go next. When we had talked to him about what his cameras get things like that he wasn't willing to give that much. K. Mc Cloy, as soon as my son comes up there are getting added on my house. The weather breaks a little bit there will be one in the garage. I'll gladly turn over the footage to the Borough. J. Catizone, Jr., I know we been here late do you mind if I talk to you afterwards about this. I appreciate you sitting here waiting this entire time to talk to me about it.

Tom Balsavage, any statues on the Street how long will it last. C. Marquardt, Jean Ann do you want to speak on behalf Mr. Schultz and what took place so far to date. Jean Ann Parfitt, he is waiting to get insurance and still hasn't gotten insurance as of yet. Rick is still citing him everyday. C. Marquardt, citations have been filed. We're doing everything we can Tom but there is nothing more we can do Borough wise. Except cite him and continue to go after him to do something. We made several suggestions to him. He came to the work session the other night from what I understand. R. Krick, all he basically said he was going to hire security for the parade. J. Catizone, Jr., he'll have a guy sitting down there shooing kids away for the parade. R. Krick, he said I am trying to get insurance policy. C. Marquardt, Frank just said the D.A. Office has a warrant out for his arrest. D. Heiser, he failed to show for his seconded criminal case so. F. Zangari, we had two hearings on the same day a criminal one and the one he is getting fined a \$1,000.00 a day. He failed to show up at both. T. Balsavage, why was Mike able to take on building down? Once he took that down and made it unsafe we're right back to blockade again right back to square one. We should have held those two buildings there while it was safe and kept the street open. Who made the decision to let one of them come down? And make that unsafe and block the road again. That doesn't make sense to me. R. Krick, I wasn't involved but I don't think that was our call. To be honest with you. Your citing a guy and your citing him criminally and he's willing to get rid of a nuisance what do you say don't do it? T. Balsavage, no why wouldn't you put the money in Escrow until you have both of them. R. Krick, we weren't in on it. They had a separate contract with a contractor to take the building down. We didn't have anything to do with the contract. C. Riedlinger, the money didn't come through the Borough he hired someone to take the building down. T. Balsavage, so now this guy is just jerking you around and that Street is going to stay closed. R. Krick, I'm not going to disagree with you. After the meeting on Tuesday night I wouldn't beat he does anything. To be quite straight up with you. I didn't see any movement arise about getting insurance to tear it down. T. Balsavage, Robbie it's his property right he isn't denying that. Why isn't he liable? Why can't we move the barriers back and he's liable if anybody gets hurt? C. Riedlinger, I don't think the Borough barricade the roads for concerns about liability. I think they barricade the roads about safety. I think the Borough doesn't want to see anybody get hurt. T. Balsavage, nobody does. He's the one responsible. You are causing him a really good crutch by blocking off the road. He feels like he doesn't have to do shit there's no pressure on him.

Keep fining him that don't mean dick that's paperwork. It might as well be five hundred thousand dollars worth of fines because he isn't going to pay for it. R. Krick, I agree. T. Balsavage, you can't leave that road closed. That's ridiculous move the barriers back and anybody gets hurt he's the one that's going to be reliable. It's his building. Susan Gomosky, yeah but what if a child gets hurt? T. Balsavage, a child can get hurt right now those barriers don't do keep a child out of there. It doesn't keep children out of there. Their in there all the time. Go down and look at it. C. Marquardt, Rob I believe at the request of our Engineer that's why it is the way it is. R. Krick, the Engineer was the one who made the call whether the Street had to close. D. Heiser, does anybody know what was the bid to tear that down? F. Zangari, \$20,000.00. The contractor agreed to go down to \$15,000 he stood there and took about an hour of pictures while they were taken the first building down and the guy that ran the operated crane the piece of equipment for the first building did not touch his building. In fact we have over 140 some pictures we took to make sure his building was not touched. He has not complied with anything. He has been absolutely ignorant to Code Office. He testified in Court that the Fire in the first building caused all the damage to that building. We testified against him saying we trenched cut that roof July 02, 1998 and nothing was down to that building in fact it was on fire afterwards. He lost that testimony and was fined \$2,000 he is currently paying on that \$2,000. By the way non criminal citations the Municipality gets all of the money. So the Courts take their money and the rest goes to the Municipality so you understand the Court process. They get paid for that. C. Riedlinger, and are you said the District Attorney has also filed criminal misdemeanor charges against this particular person. F. Zangari, now yes so we have a whole other realm of cost involved. C. Riedlinger, that opens up the possibility of penalties beyond just fines that are probably not going to be paid. I'm not saying that's going to be the answer but at least it's something more. F. Zangari, and the process of criminal have to go through the Court the right way. The D. A's. Office is in the process of issuing a warrant for his arrest. C. Riedlinger, if he didn't show up for the, which you are describing sounds like criminal preliminary hearing. F. Zangari, that is correct. C. Riedlinger, if he didn't show up for that the District Justice probably issued a warrant for his arrest already. Once again I'm going to just tell you the practical reality right now in Schuylkill County I think there's about 900 outstanding bench warrants for people's arrests. Of course the prison is already overcrowded at two hundred and seventy some people. Do the math and you can see how diligent they are going out gathering up people on warrants. T. Balsavage, Charlie that won't be open on parade day? C. Marquardt, no and if the building for some reason would fall at anytime today or tomorrow. We will then push everything back and open that Street. We talked to the Engineer myself Robbie. We had been with the Engineer on it. Our safety and the communities' safety that's why it is the way it is. We are diligent pushing this guy and we know what's going to happen here. I don't think anybody really knows what's going to happen. This guy is going to walk away from this. The fines are still going to be there. He's going to walk away from it and down the road we're going to get stuck tearing this building down. He's just not going to pay the taxes on it and stuff. Even though he has the fines. Am I correct? C. Riedlinger, is he will to give us the property and you can put it in the demolition program. C. Marquardt, that's what I'm saying he's not going to walk away from the fines but if he don't pay the taxes on it. He still pays the fines but how does he? You know what I mean. F. Zangari, it's worth the fight. I don't think we ought to stop it. C. Marquardt, I know. I agree. F. Zangari, the lady up on Line Street from NJ she's waiting for the same thing. We need to keep fighting. C. Marquardt. I know I agree with you. T. Balsavage, to make it safe to open the street again. There's no emergency funding to make it safe again to pull that back a little bit into a pile? R. Krick, the County won't do anything unless you own the property. T. Balsavage, even if it's a hazard to the public that the Street has to be closed. R. Krick, I don't know what that argument means during the day. I know that unless you own the property they aren't going to do anything. It's up to the funding gods. Edna, wouldn't that be similar to the one up on East Main when that one was falling

down into the Street? I forget how that one worked out that time. D. Heiser, once that collapsed I believe then they got the authority to. Edna Labie, so in other words if this one collapsed down then they get some help. Somebody should go push it down.

Karyl Moser, I was here a few meetings ago my husband and I from St. Joseph's Church. We just wanted to let everybody know that we have received Occupancy. We are investigating and are in contact with a church organization right now. We will be opening a church. I'm just letting the Community know that we are having bi-weekly meetings to keep everybody abreast what actually is going on and what date. Still taking suggestions from the Community other things they'd like to see happen in relation to building and what we're able to do for the Community. The next meeting is this coming Tuesday night the 14th at 6:30 at the Church. Even if you want to come and see what it looks like everybody is welcomed we loved to have you stop by.

Darlene Boyer, I have a question concerning with you don't pay your sewer they pass a thing were you get your water shut off. I have talked to you before about it. Aqua shut the water off. Up from in Butler Township their house was posted that is was inhabitable. But Girardville's never got posted. I was told that the solicitor said, am I right that you can't post the house. C. Riedlinger, that was probably the solicitor from the sewer authority. D. Boyer, did you ever get that straightened out? C. Marquardt, that probably was the solicitor for the sewer authority since it's the sewer authority that would post the house. D. Boyer, is that who you talked to. C. Marquardt, I didn't. I talked to was the Chairmen of the authority and asked him Eddie was up there to check it out. I think both places because the one up on the end they had dug it up and cut it off. Am I understanding am I correct on that. Was there a backhoe up there? D. Boyer, all I saw was the Aqua was up there. C. Marquardt, ok maybe that was who it was Aqua was up there that cut it off and I know Shenandoah Municipal was up there too. F. Zangari, we went to write the citation then they turned it back on. Is it back off again now? D. Boyer, my question is why wasn't the Girardville Borough house posted? Like the Butler Township house immediately that Butler Code was up there and they posted it inhabitable. Girardville's never got done. I talked to Rick about it and he said the solicitor said I can't post it. C. Riedlinger, oh I see what you're saying you're talking about posting a house because there is no water. D. Boyer, exactly. A. Whitecavage, the sewer authority can't post it. C. Riedlinger, yeah I do kind of remember the conversation that was a while ago. F. Zangari, March of 2016 we were told we can not do that at a meeting. If somebody wants to live with out water that's their right. They can carry a gallon jug back. In fact there was an entire group of us that March miracle. If that home owner does not want water that's their business. It's different rental property. That's the instructions we were given. D. Boyer, theses are home owners and there is Butler right around the corner and immediately posts it's inhabitable. It's the law. F. Zangari, and we did talk to this person and the water was turned back on. Is that turned off again? D. Boyer, I'm not sure. F. Zangari, because we did drive up there, knocked on his door, and he came out in his underwear. I'm telling you how it was. In fact he wanted to borrow forty dollars. The water was turned back on he went to the bank or something to pay his bill. D. Boyer, there is a lot of people with delinquent sewers my concern is if your not doing anything to them then it's going to cost us more. C. Riedlinger, there is difference between a delinquent sewer payer and somebody who doesn't have water in there house. I don't know what you're asking. A. Whitecavage, she's saying in other words. D. Boyer, the water shut off nothing is being done and it's going to cost us more from the sewer when people in the town aren't paying it and nothing is being done. If they do shut their water off let it off until their bill is paid or whatever. It's only going to cost us more. C. Riedlinger, well that's the sewer authorities job not ours. C. Marquardt, what it is though that's the sewer authority that's GAMA's. GAMA is their own identity we just appoint members. Mary Beth just got on GAMA so she is listening to what you're saying so she can address it to other board members because obviously it's the GAMA that has to go after. When they have a delinquent sewer bill they have the agreement with the

water company to shut the water off at those properties and they can't get it turned back on until they contact Candice because she works for both authority and the borough to turn the water back on. R. Krick, I think and I'm not positive you'll have to check. I think there is a Borough Ordinance that was adopted when the sewer project was built. I think that Ordinance stated a house with out water and sewer is considered uninhabitable. I think that's part of the sewer package. I'm not going to swear to it. But if I remember that's how that whole thing came about shutting the water off and everything. Then the building should be uninhabitable. The State or Feds require water. D. Boyer, Butler Township did it right away and aren't left back in. then you have other people that are left go in the Borough. That's my complaint like get going here so it doesn't cost us more. Because what are you going to do to these people. That's my complaint. C. Marquardt, ok thank you.

Motion to adjourn made by D. Heiser, Seconded by M. Huss. Voted all. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
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Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** April 13, 2017 **TIME:** 7:30 pm

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Robert Krick, Dan Heiser, Michael Huss, Joseph Kessler, Charles Marquardt, and Christopher Riedlinger.

Members absent: Mayor Joseph Catizone, Jr was somewhere in or around the building but not present at the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA: No Comment.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Handicap parking C. Riedlinger, I was asked to research a couple issues surrounding some issues around the handicap parking ordinance I was asked prior to the meeting. I need the month between now and next meeting to look into them. So I'll have some answer next meeting and maybe you can move ahead on that then.
- b. Prices for Weed wacker D. Heiser, weedwacker from Watkins it's a combo \$189 for the motor and the initial shaft. \$70 for the trimmer regular cable and there is also an attachment for \$100 that is similar circular saw blade for the heavy trees and brush. There is an attachment for \$200 chainsaw for trees hanging out over. Total for those pieces would be \$559.00. There also heavy duty just a regular weed wacker for \$200 these are prices just out at Watkins. We talked at the work session. Robbie had seen a commercial from Stihl. Mike is getting a book from Stihl. It's something we need. Mike has been using his personal weed wacker the past two summers. Ones we have are pretty much shot. We should get a heavy duty not one regular that you use around your house.
 - Motion to purchase from Watkins or from Stihl with the same set up which ever one is cheapest made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. On the question R. Krick, set a maximum cost of \$559.00. D. Heiser, seconded weed wacker one that is interchangeable and one that is straight heavy duty. Total would be not to exceed total \$759.00 if we do it that way. To buy them individual would be a lot more. Up by Michelle and up on the Rail Road tracks where her parents live that bamboo stuff you can't get that with a regular weed wacker and if you use the plastic blades they just snap off. This one is a circular saw blade. *
 - Change of Motion to purchase at cheaper place but not to exceed \$759.00 for both made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Voted All. Motion carried.
- c. Seconded Street lot owners Benjamin and Melanie Victor bidder Sarah Benjamin purchase price \$500.00. C. Marquardt, we received a complaint back from Planning and Zoning they received issues concerning that lot purchase and they have ten days to respond it's concerning the Junk yard on Seconded Street. Once Planning and Zoning get back they are following those complaints right now.
- d. D. Heiser, the Deeds for the three properties on Ogden Street and one on John Street have been turned over to the Borough. I believe from talking to Michelle the bids will be going out pretty soon. Michelle O'Connell, I am going to get permission to advertise at the Commissioners meeting Wednesday not this coming the following Wednesday because we signed the contract today with DEP asepsis reporting so I gave them all the address I received application from already to go. I would say two weeks on the Agenda and then advertise it. I would say probably next month to start demolition a month and a half. C. Marquardt, thank you for all your help on this Michelle. We have this thing here tonight to approve and you're going to take it with you correct? M. O'Connell, Cooperation agreement. C. Marquardt, we will do that under New business.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. D. Heiser, I have two things. Dillon Harnish and his friend this other Senior asked if they can repaint the lines on the basketball courts, put up new nets, and paint the little league dug outs. They would need a letter from the Borough giving them permission to do that so they can turn it in to their Supervisor. Motion to allow the two gentlemen to do their senior project and Borough letter made by D. Heiser, seconded by R. Krick. Voted All. Motion carried.
- b. D. Heiser, I don't know if everyone got one I got one at home. Senator Argall sent all PA County Commissioners to assess \$50.00 fee on deeds and mortgages to be recorded at the Court house. That money would go back to the County for demolition. Based on the reviews from the five towns who done it they are projecting the County can generate \$130,000 per year towards County demolitions. We can send our Commissioner a letter that our Borough is interested in supporting this. C. Marquardt, can we have a copy? D. Heiser, sure Motion to send a letter to the Commissioner saying we are supporting Senator Argall's and like Schuylkill County to get in on that program made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Voted All. Motion carried.
- c. West Main Street Rental Development Project settlement was held to transfer the deed to SCA from the Borough. Six new town house projects expected to be completed November 2017.
- d. Code Enforcement demolition at the KFC building 36 W. Main owners will be taken it down themselves hired a contractor agreement start date is May 1st 2017 time period to complete sixty days June 29th 2017 building completely demolished and debris will be hauled away clean back fill used to level lot. Home owner is responsible for all costs and fully responsible for all cost for surrounding buildings request for extension of time must be in writing ten days in advance. Security fence minimum of three foot maximum of six foot must be erected on Main St aside of the property. She signed off, Code Enforcement, and Fire Chief signed off on this. President of Council C. Marquardt asking permission from Council to sign off this tonight. Motion to allow C. Marquardt to sign agreement made by M. Huss, seconded by D. Heiser. Voted All. Motion carried.
- e. Cooperation agreement for demolition projects with the County in the Borough on 25 S. John St. 1 West Ogden St. 136, 138 West Ogden St. Motion to allow C. Marquardt to sign and give to Michelle made by R. Krick, seconded by D. Heiser. Voted All. Motion carried.
- f. Revise Special Police Officers to April 8th for Parade day made by M. Huss, seconded by J. Kessler. Voted All. Motion carried.
- g. Curbside recycling last Tuesday of every month starting April 25th
- h. Ashes will be picked up only on Fridays starting April 28th.
- i. D. Heiser, two years ago we applied for low volume and dirt road grant. DCNR we got the two alleys between Mahanoy Ave and C Street we applied for a bunch and only got those two. Last year we applied for the remainder and didn't get any. It's back out again this year. Motion to keep applying for certain Streets in town that we may get lucky to win. Mike Soucheck has been a big help in that prices for black top and everything. We have to draw the maps up and have Candice submit the paperwork she did the last two years. It's worth a shot. *Motion to apply for move Streets through that grant made by D. Heiser, 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 D. Heiser. Voted All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

Flyers and magazines

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: J. Kessler, Motion to eliminate the position of Officer In Charge (OIC) in the Police Department seconded by M. Huss. Voted All. Motion carried.

Street: D. Heiser, weather breaking they'll get around and do repairs to pot holes as many as they can.

Blight: R. Krick, we want to set a date to meet every month I am open to suggestions about what day. Third Wednesday of every month at 6pm.

School Building: R. Krick, I talked to the Engineer concerning the leak in the roof at the gym. He is willing to get a contractor to see where that leak is. At no cost to review and take a look at it. I would like Council permission to do that and see if we can figure out what is going on there before it damage's and costs us more money. C. Marquardt, and Council is ok with it. D. Heiser, I'm sure everyone is tired of hearing about these 'ights. I have to email the information to Candice I'm not sure if it's \$28 or \$38 per light from PP&L switching from older to newer technology 14 lights but it is free money.

Finance: None

Personnel: None

Code/QofL: None

Recreation: None

Recycling: None

Solicitor: None

Landfill: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Clark, on the bill list you paid why two lawyers now? C. Riedlinger, that was a matter the insurance company handled and that was the deductible towards the deductible.

Alex Gregis, during the parade I moved my car in the back alley on Friday and then at quarter to ten the day of the parade I hear slamming outside. I look out my window and four people pulled the wrong way up on

the Street where I park and left the cars there and walked away. The cops and nobody did a thing about it. Here I am limping back from my car and then four people left it then during the parade and everything. Because I looked out the window to make sure. Nobody said a word about it. Needless to say I'm a little pissed off about it. Next year when the parade comes Aj's Jeep is going to be sitting there because I ain't moving it no more. Let's see how they go around that during the parade. I don't even want the damn thing. You know change the route already.

Mike Zangari, Reminder we have the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday. We have over 100 kids signed up for fingers crossed the weather holds out. We are asking for permission if it does rain or looks like it's going to could we utilize the Borough Hall so we can still have it. We don't really have anywhere else to go that is close would that be ok? D. Heiser, would the gym be better? M. Zangari, we are looking for somewhere close the Rangers is a little far. D. Heiser, if you want this or the gym which ever you prefer. M. Zangari, they're coming here and parking here. D. Heiser, ok. C. Marquardt, yeah that's no problem Mike. M. Zangari, I did a skip clean up two three years ago in town. We are looking to do another one. I am asking permission to contact SKIP to hold it. Usually they provide the gloves, trash bags, and things like that. The other thing was we have to take the stuff away as a Borough. We can do it for free but the Borough assumes the costs of the guys, use of the trucks taking it to Pine Grove. Before I even call to see if we can have it hopefully in May. Then the kids in High School that need community service hours. Would the council be ok with assuming that cost for the trucks to go to Pine Grove. They give them an ID number and they go down give the ID number and can dump the stuff for free. It's just we pay the fuel to go down. R. Krick, how much stuff do you accumulate do you know? M. Zangari, well my thought was take a section and work with that because if we did the town these guys will be hauling for days. R. Krick, the reason for the question is because if its one truck load it may be better for us to go and pay the \$50.00. M. Zangari, I can tell you this we did across the Street from the Rangers and the back of the lot we did the three hundred block of C Street and they have three truck loads. That was hour and a half two hours. My hope is kids from North Schuylkill who are procrastinators that need community service hours will come and we can get it on their announcements. My thought was the walking trail. There is a lot of garbage that has accumulated sadly it is what it is. R. Krick, if you do that let me know. I'm sure the Water Shed will provide some people to come out and help with the clean up. M. Zangari, is it ok for me to contact SKIP. C. Marquardt, question if we get a dumpster would they take the dumpster for free down there. M. Zangari, I can ask. We'd probably have to pay for the dumpster. The landfill takes it for free. I can ask. R. Krick, if you could contact me when you know when you're thinking. The Water Shed has done a bunch of clean up along side the road. I talked to people on the Water Shed Association and I personally wasn't involved. Occasionally I was involved in getting the dumpster but they used to get free dumpster for clean up. I can try to find out if you're going to do anything along the water. M. Zangari, a gentlemen called the house didn't give a name rambled on and all he said was I heard your doing a clean up. Who are you? So then I said I can ask at the next Council meeting and then that's the only reason that came up was because I got the whole 15 minute spiel how we need a clean up. The only thing is we'll have to have a date picked before the next Council meeting. C. Marquardt, we can make the approval before next Council meeting.

Jim Connors, is there any information about or any connection with the Borough Council about the new quote unquote Girardville Community Center? In the old St. Joe's Church. Any body can tell us about the new situation there? Is that affiliated with Council at all? D. Heiser, they came and talked about things they would like to have. C. Marquardt, they are still holding meetings there Jim. She puts it outside on the thing they hold meetings. Betty Ann you were at one. Betty Ann Bernosky, yeah. J. Connors, I'm curious to see what the people in the community what they want to get the thoughts to them. I was just wondering are they planning to have dances in there? I didn't know if the Borough Council had any information concerning the place at all. Whether they planned to have something or not. C. Marquardt, they didn't say anything to us yet about anything like that. But they do keep us in mind and they do have monthly meetings or something like that. And their asking for thoughts and suggestions what to do. D. Heiser, it's a working progress. Edna Labie, Charlie they are having something this Tuesday Bible study for the kids 6:30-8. Bible stories for the young children 6:30-8 on

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Tuesday. They don't know what kind of turn out they'll have but they'll try. C. Marquardt, if we here anything Jim we'll let the public know.

Frank Zangari, Charlie when we start our demolition of the houses especially Ogden Street we need to make sure we coordinate traffic control especially Emergency Services. We can't have stuff blocked on Ogden Street the Water Company on one end and Seconded Street blocked. We have to meet with them and coordinate a job conference. M. O'Connell, the house at Whitley's property is there cars there that would have to be towed? F. Zangari, yes I just had the red car removed because if you look at the telephone pole in front of Whitley's there is a major switch there for PP&L will shut the service off instead of shutting the town off. They can pull that lever and shut that fuse off right there so that being blocked by a Jeep with the windows out for the longest time. M. O'Connell, I was taking a walk the other day I noticed a couple of cars to be towed out of the way. F. Zangari, just a reminder that we can meet as a group before demolition. 259 W. Main and 132 W. Main if you haven't read the papers are obviously our sales have went up sky high. There is a cult of people buying homes in Girardville; going down to the Court house saying this is what I paid for the house. \$25,000 and \$20,000 and Rick and I prosecuted the first round that guy was fined \$1,000. He now sold it to this cult there is no better way to say it. There is no way they paid \$25 and \$20,000 for those houses but there is no way for me to prove that. What they are going to do now is advertise those houses and sell them again for \$10,000 and \$15,000 and turn them over. This group is out of NJ I did get the contact information. Mike Manbeck called me on Sunday I talked to him. Neither one of those houses are able to be occupied and the garage in the back of 259 has been following down for years. I don't know how to address this issue because the County doesn't ask. They go down and say this is what the value is. So if you pull up a parcel on these two houses right now one is worth \$25,000 and one is worth \$20,000. So they will sell it to somebody who doesn't look at the houses for \$10 or \$15,000. We will be going through the same process again we will be citing both the same property owner. Both properties and when we get to the Magistrate. Annetta Whitecavage, is this Heckards? F. Zangari, yes. If your real old it was Heckards and if your not it was a town house. A. Whitecavage, thank you. They have been buying properties though out the County if you noticed. F. Zangari, there's six of them in a cult one woman and five men. If cult is the wrong term I apologize. Each one will have their chance at the arraignment. A. Whitecavage, when they first bought it, it was like \$3,000.00 and the same day she bought it. One guy buys it and the same day they transfer it for a higher amount of money. They did the same thing in Shenandoah two three or four businesses. There mostly old businesses that they buy. I noticed that in the paper when they bought it. M. Huss, What they were doing is purchasing properties then turning around reselling them it was actually a group of people that were reselling them to each other. They would buy a property list it that they bought it for \$10,000.00 then sell it to someone else for a \$1,000.00. What they were most likely doing from who I talked to is they were gaming and inputting down they took a \$9,000.00 loss on the property so they can get their tax dollars back. F. Zangari, now both these properties they weren't worth a dollar. Both of them are valued now for \$25,000 and \$20,000.00 so what ever way the attorney. M. Huss, the other thing they could be trying to do possibly would be taking Equity out on the property as ok I own fifteen rental properties at \$20,000 a piece unless somebody really looks into it they maybe just gaming it for credit. F. Zangari, I just researched a property on Seconded Street we are in the middle of working on this one. The garage, the roof is collapsing in the back of the property and it is between row houses. That property I believe the owners are from NY I think they keep that property so they can keep their Pennsylvania driver license and insurance in Pennsylvania. So you need to understand from the Code Enforcement side. Prosecuting these people is getting even harder. Their gain is a head of us on how they are working these properties. We can issue citations we get them to court. Their selling them to somebody else before we can even get them there. The other thing you should be aware of is there's an issue with Preston Avenue there is a garage. I asked him to. I'm tired of dealing with him. I don't know if you got something in writing to give him an amount of time to take the garage down. C. Marquardt, is this the letter we received from him, this Bernie Adams? F. Zangari, that's right. C. Marquardt, I have a letter here. We all got a copy of this letter. I Bernie Adams am requesting sixty days to distillate the clean up efforts of the garage that recently collapsed on my property at 139 W. Main Street Girardville. I had the Code Officer Frank at the property on the 27th of March to show him the damages. I need time to remove all debris from the garage as well as continue to rip off the rest of the roof that is still hanging in the air. Thank you in advance for

your corporation in this matter. Bernie M. Adams. F. Zangari, the last time we worked with him on the 59th day he got a piece of equipment to start fixing the property. First I suggest sixty days we do not extend. Sixty days is plenty of time to clean that property up. Front wall which is the South wall and North walls are still in good shape. The interior of the building is a mess. Not only with garbage and dirty magazines and other things. It needs to be cleaned up and at some point we got to stand our grounds. This is getting ridiculous. C. Marquardt, do we actually have you guys as part of the Code Enforcement just like we did with the demolition. Do we have him sign some kind of paper and give him a date? F. Zangari, if we do a violation of that structure today. We get into. First of all it goes to the Magistrate's Office in Frackville. She has to waive it to Kilker because apparently she has dealt with him as a lawyer. That's sixty days that goes by. Then we get into Kilker's Office and Kilker looks down at us and says you didn't get enough time. Mom was sick, dog was sick, the snow was there, and then they give him more time. That doesn't work in some cases when you do the notice of violation. This is enough is enough. This guy jerks you around all year. Sixty days Council gives it to him that's it. Sixty days if he doesn't meet that criteria we cite him. Now you walk into the Magistrate and we say Council already gave him sixty days. He requested sixty days. C. Marquardt, so as of tonight we should grant him the sixty days from the 27th of March? F. Zangari, you have to grant for tonight. He didn't do anything because he didn't have permission. You have to start the sixty days from when you approve it. C. Marquardt, so we need to put a motion on the floor here and vote on it tonight. Grant him the sixty days effective this date until the sixty days which ever the date comes out. F. Zangari, and that's incompleteness and in that letter that has to say must be approved by Code Officer. C. Marquardt, based on your knowledge how much work does he have to do there? How long would it take him? F. Zangari, if you're talking to him, it will take him the full sixty days. If you go down there with two guys you'll clean it up in a week. C. Marquardt, a week? Then why don't we give him thirty days and put the pressure on him. F. Zangari, that's your call. Mary Beth Dougherty, and what exactly is it that he is expected to do? F. Zangari, he has to clean the entire inside out. It's dilapidated. D. Heiser, the roof collapsed the floor collapsed. Its two stories, the floor first, the roof collapsed. M. Dougherty, I understand but get them to be very specific. Because he is such a slimy thing I know from experience years ago. I dealt with him before. C. Marquardt, we'll draft a letter and get the letter to him. The thing is does he have to take the property down. That what we are asking him to do. F. Zangari, we can't force him to take the front and back wall down. They are structurally sound and here is his issue. If he takes the front and back wall down. Now he falls under the UCC Codes. First of all under Zoning he's going to lose three feet on each side to rebuild. So he's not going to want to do that. He can build off the front and back wall but it still requires UCC approval and a plan. So part of our letter should be here you got sixty days to take it down and we want a plan as to what you are going to do with that front and back wall at the end of that sixty days. So if he comes back and says I'm not going to do anything. Let's make him take it down. M. Huss, per his letter for sixty days. Can we agree. You said thirty days. How about in thirty days we re-inspect to make sure something is being done at that point of the sixty days. So that he has to show what is being done and plan that has going forward. So that should give him enough time to at least clean it and get the idea of ok I'm doing this. That gives him a chance to get his ducks in a row and then he has another thirty days to comply with the following stuff. C. Marquardt, but that's the problem Mike the problem is the more time you give him the more he takes advantage of you. M. Huss, that's what I'm saying if he has thirty days to have something done and then he has another thirty days to have it completed but on the thirty days. We send Frank out to look at it and if he has nothing done at the point then the sixty days is a wash and he gets cited as of the thirty days. D. Heiser, I make a motion he has thirty days to clean it up or tear it down and he don't have a thirty first day. Clean it up or tear it down in thirty days from today and there is no thirty first day. Here is my reason why. Finally someone is taking action on this. Because three years ago I complained that the roof is sagging. Nothing was done. Last year I complained and sent pictures that there was a hole in the roof. And Margaret had told me that the floor collapsed on the inside from the water going down in. I sent pictures nothing was done. And now here it is actually had to collapse for something to get done. I know you're just being able to do this. But for three years Code Enforcement before you did nothing. I think the very first time three years ago when I complained and sent the pictures if that roof had been reinforced there wouldn't have been no hole and there would have been no collapse and I think that building there was a failure of our Code Enforcement previous Code Enforcement I'll say. Because that myself and Margaret Haley we have complained about that property. I have complained to him and got in arguments

with him. Actually I think Jeff was the original one I complained too. It's been that way. I agree 100% he spins you right around in a circle. F. Zangari, I'm going to be honest with Council I don't have time to spend two hours discussion a property and its cut dry. You can do a violation letter and I explained this to Joe Kessler yesterday. I have no problems doing a violation letters. But don't expect any actions for 90 days. This guy knows the system. Thirty days up to the Magistrate in Frackville. Thirty more days until it goes through the Courts and Kilker now you're sitting at Kilker's Office. The first thing he is going to say I don't have enough time I need thirty days. Now we're up to ninety days. C. Marquardt, I think Council should grant thirty days to take the property down or remove it or whatever and at the thirty first day if it isn't we cite him and take it right to the Magistrate and end it right then and there. Because if he wants to come back on the thirty first day if he does have it down. Then he needs to give us a plan of what he is going to do with it. We need to vote on it whether or not to allow. D. Heiser, he did all that. When he came the last time with the hole. Jean Ann meet with him he wanted permits. He had Frank Filiziani out to look at it. Frank Filiziani looked at it he wanted to build four posts and put a roof over the roof that was falling down. Frank Filiziani told him no and he is still beating us around the bush. Thirty days brought up to Code or he's fined. C. Marquardt, that's what I'm saying.

*Motion to have a letter sent to Bernie Adams telling him he has thirty days to clean that property up period. If he wants to put a letter in he wants to do something after so be it. Thirty days to take the property down, clean it up or bring it up to satisfactory Code made by D. Heiser, seconded by Mike Huss. Voted all. Motion carried.

Frank Zangari, last thing I have is 23-25-27 Line Street the final prosecution is April 25th for this woman. You can see today started some more action to clean the property up. I want to know Council is on base that if this is not complete by the 25th when we testify that we are going to go and prosecute her criminally are you all in favor of that. Council, yes. F. Zangari, we waited for this woman for two years that's long enough. Thank you.

C. Marquardt, one other thing I have here a letter from Mary Beth for COG. Mahanoy City Borough is working to put together training session on how to properly use the paver that the COG owns. Held one day next week in Mahanoy City the specific date is depending on the weather. I will let everyone know when plans have been finalized. There is a five hundred dollar fee for this training session which Mahanoy City is going to pay. However, if you decide to send staff from your Municipality it would be appropriate to share the cost with them. I will be in touch once the exact date, time, and location has been nailed down. On behalf of COG thank you and Mahanoy City for offering this opportunity to everyone. Does Council want to send any of our guys up to it? R. Krick and D. Heiser, yes. C. Marquardt, send both guys and what do we want to contribute to the cost. Mary Beth Dougherty, wait and see how many are involved Mahanoy City said they are paying for it no matter what. C. Marquardt, if that's ok will do it at the next meeting.

*Motion to send the two guys from the Borough made by M. Huss, seconded by D. Heiser. Voted all. Motion carried.

R. Krick, ask the Solicitor did we ever get the Deed to the park back? C. Riedlinger, I just asked Candice tonight if Joe came in and signed the Deed yet. The answer is no. C. Marquardt, so he needs to come in sign it and get it notarized. C. Squires, I will call him again tomorrow. R. Krick, do we need to send him a letter telling him he has to sign the Deed. C. Riedlinger, Candice is the one in contact with him. She has a better flavor for whether if he is coming in voluntary or not. C. Marquardt, I'll call him tomorrow Rob for a day to come over and sign it. If we don't have him on that day we'll send a letter to him explaining we need it signed before next Council meeting.

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

Respectfully submitted,
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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** May 11, 2017 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Robert Krick, Dan Heiser, Mike Huss, Joseph Kessler, Joseph Catizone, Charles Marquardt, and Christopher Riedlinger.

Members absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA: No Comment.

C. Marquardt, before we start I'd like to again ask the people if you have anything to report at the beginning on the Comment or anything at the end of the meeting please come up to the podium state your name so everything can be put right on the record. I also ask if someone is talking for other people not to be talking when they are talking so we can understand what is going on. I would appreciate that.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

Code Enforcement report: C. Marquardt, there is no report. Rick is in the hospital. He should be coming out this week. Frank left today. There is still some open Agenda's that he is currently working on we don't have a report at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Handicap parking D. Heiser, we discussed that at the work session we will continue with the Ordinance that we have. C. Riedlinger, I think the one you have is sufficient. D. Heiser, we should maybe go June 1st all Handicap Spots in the Borough will be reviewed and determination will be reviewed based on our current Ordinance. C. Marquardt, we need to send letters out to all of them. D. Heiser, yes.
- b. Medical Center Deed signed over to Girardville Borough. C. Riedlinger, if I have the time to file it tomorrow if not I will do it early next week.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Summer Food Program starts Tuesday, June 13th 2017.
- b. Letter from Michelle O'Connell concerning fence on Main Street. C. Marquardt, we will be taking that fence from Main St. they are putting their own Construction fence around the property. When they take it down and the top rail they will let us know so our guys can pick it up then. So they are going to be fencing off the pavement and also the back area with a set of gates in the back with a set of locks on it. M. O'Connell, ok for the park B St Park.
- c. Letter of resignation from GAMA Board from Helen T. Paige. C. Marquardt, we need to put an ad in the paper looking for inquires anyone interested. D. Heiser, not to cut you off. I think in the ad should say that the applicants must be in the coverage area of GAMA. Annetta Whitecavage, we cover Butler Township it would have to be a Girardville resident. C. Marquardt, hopefully in the paper next week if we can get it in. We can say all applications request should be submitted May 26th at 12pm on Friday.
- d. J. Catizone Jr, would like to request hire Officer Jennifer Dempsey. Motion to hire Jennifer Dempsey made by J. Kessler, seconded by M. Huss. Voted all. Motion carried.
- e. Schuylkill Community Action Banking. C. Marquardt, we have paper work to fill out and get back to SCA concerning when the checks come in for the project how there going to be distributed to us and the money coming in we will be putting into our PLIGIT account and then either

electronically filing it back to Jeff or check which ever Jeff's going to do. We need to put our Bank name and our account information. Then get that back to Jeff Feeser at Schuylkill Community Action.

- f. Northern Schuylkill Council of Governments Meeting Notice for Wednesday, May 24th at 7pm. Hosted by Mahanoy Township.
- g. J. Catizone Jr., a few days ago I was contacted into looking into the Home Town Hero's Program for Girardville. Scott Quin is here from the American Legion the Commander of the American Legion he wanted us to take a look into that. What I'm going to ask if anybody would be interested in potentially forming a committee and looking at the logistics and financials of get a Home Town Hero's Program started for the Girardville Borough. I appreciate you guys coming to see me after the meeting. I'm sure a lot of people would be excited for something like that. We want to look at where to purchase them and how we are going to get them. C. Marquardt, I have a letter a letter and I will give it to you. I reached out to Peg Garrity and they are doing that in Frackville. She gave me information. Basically I believe that the people that are giving them banners, poles, and bracket things are the same people we deal with through the Good Time Club for lights and decorations stuff like that. I believe it's the same outfit. She can actually come down if you wanted her to for a meeting. To help you get started. Give you an idea of costs what they are and what they contributed so far. The only thing we have to see if the brackets would line up with the ones we have from Upper Schuylkill that might not be a bad idea. If they don't then when ever we put them on the poles we'd have to make sure that when we take them off for the decorations. J. Catizone, Jr., so anyone interested in that please reach out to me. Michelle O'Connell, I been researching this actually today. There's a majority of Municipal Counties doing it. With these banners I'm finding them ranging between \$100 to \$200. I believe two or three Municipalities are using a company out of Allentown seems to be the cheapest. J. Catizone, Jr., Scott and I have been looking into it. I'd like to get a group of people together to look at the easiest way of getting these things. M. O'Connell, I did contact a councilwoman from Frackville today but she was trying to find us some info. I was going to call over to Pottsville someone at City Hall tomorrow morning.

BILLS

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Schuylkill County Veterans. Looking for donations to help take Veterans to Washington D. C. 2017 trip. Scott Quinn would like to take it to the Legion. Candice will make copies of Flyers and will be on the counter for anyone to take.
- b. Letter from Matt Cartwright inviting from PA 2017 Mayors Conference Northeast PA Lehigh Valley Saturday May 20th 9-1pm.
- c. Letter from Court House CDBG Program to all Municipalities. Application process will start in May with an October due date. Needs to be done soon as possible with applications and surveys. Michelle O'Connell, will mail out applications tomorrow. Charles Marquardt, we have to get with our Engineer to do the surveys.
- d. C. Marquardt, they are starting the Housing project on Main St. They want to start on Monday and will be putting their own fencing up. Sub contractor will be doing the digging. Contractor is Uhrig Construction. Jeff Feeser sent letter for Girardville Rental Project settlement was held in April to transfer the properties. Pre Contraction Meeting held May 9th at Girardville Borough Hall and the construction site. Building permits are expected to be approved on May 12. Excavation is scheduled to begin May 15th. Uhrig Construction Incorporated has laid out and aggressive construction schedule barring any unexpected set backs. It is anticipated that the construction will be completed by the end of October 2017. SCA goal is to lease out six rental units in the month of November. Jeff Feeser Director of Housing Schuylkill Community Action thanked everyone involved. R. Krick the construction time will be from 7 in the morning until the afternoon, the excavator may be a little later. C. Marquardt, I think they are going to use coming in from the side of the bank and going out on Richard Street. So there is no congestion with the trucks coming in and out. Far as bringing stuff in and hauling dirt out whatever it is. So they'll enter in the side of bank down that way and turning going in. They'll have a fenced in gate a trail there and of course anything else that is there. We are getting that property cleaned out. Frank was in contact with them and that stuff should be out of there by this weekend. The fencing will be going up Monday.
- e. C. Marquardt, Aqua project we had a meeting with the Water Company concerning what they are going to pave and what they are going to do. We are pretty confident that we are going to get Oak Street end to end and side to side paved. Then going up the side streets they will be a little less in the ditch but the overall spread out will come out this way more so it won't just be a trench it will make a nice even road. Certain side streets that didn't have construction but will be in much better shape when their done. Their planning on paving their about two to three weeks out. They are going to do also is eliminate that block right there until the excavation is done so the big trucks aren't driving over it for the Housing project. So they will be jumping from side to side there. Coming down so far. R. Krick, I think they are going to Mill all the roads. There in pretty bad shape.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police:

Street: D. Heiser, Weed wackers are here that was purchased. C. Marquardt, Rob do you know the dump truck situation is? Did you have a chance to look at it? R. Krick, I looked at the box it's repairable. I didn't look at the front of it yet. I did check out the box though. The four wheel drive doesn't look good either I'm not sure what that is about but I'll check.

School Building: D. Heiser submitted two checks for \$500.00 each for Gym rental Basketball Association.

Finance: D. Heiser, we got back almost \$9,000 from our insurance company for not having any claims last year liability and workers comp.

Personnel: None

Code/QofL: None

Recreation: D. Heiser, we had a clean up last weekend. We were talking at the work session and Rob said do a clean up at the park. It is in pretty bad shape. We talked about taking some money having this week between Mike and myself look and see what kind of lumber we need, fence, mulch, and anything we can do to get the swings that need repair repaired. Hopefully in the next month or so that park will be respectable. C. Marquardt, you're getting prices and asking for the motion. D. Heiser, also under parks and recreation last month we include the two North Schuylkill students doing Senior project. One wants to repaint the lines on both basketball courts two coats each, two Saturdays. He wants to start not this coming Saturday but next Saturday. He wants to chip the park bench which I assume scrap the park bench under the pavilion and the poles at the pavilion and repaint the bench and poles at the pavilion. If there is enough material left over he wants to scrap and paint the bleachers at the little league field. He also asked me are we going to provide the paint, brushes, and rollers or is that something they need to provide themselves? C. Marquardt, I would imagine we provide that stuff. I mean if they want to paint them. If they have time and want to do little things at the park that's fine. We know what the same colors are. Courts are regular line paint we use on the road.

Recycling: None

Solicitor: None

Landfill: None

Blight: R. Krick, I would like to set a meeting. I thought we'd set a date and nobody showed. I don't know if anyone on the Blight Committee would like to give me a time

that they are available so somebody shows up. I'd like to finalize a list of priorities on the buildings. We had an inventory on the buildings that we thought were you know needs to be torn down and in really bad shape. I'd like to do that list and send it in and everybody agree on a priority what buildings are top of the priority and go down that list and see we do it that way. C. Marquardt, do you want to set up or want people to come and call you to set it up? R. Krick, let me talk to some people to set a meeting up and somehow get it out do post it or get everybody to call those people. If public would like to come. C. Marquardt, On the demolition Michelle they are out to bid right on the four projects. M. O'Connell, yeah. I think the bids are do June 7th so that middle week date I would assume probably a month after that. Depending on which contractor wins them. What takes a lot of time is getting their bonds. C. Marquardt, do we do off the ones we have are still submitted in the other ones we have submitted in also? Like if we can get additional demolition done. M. O'Connell, you can apply for more yeah you're welcomed too. C. Marquardt, so the ones that we put all in. the list in that we got approved before do we have to put in again? Or just go off the current list we gave you? D. Heiser, what he is saying is if we didn't get all the ones we submitted before we don't have to. We got these four we don't have to submit again and they'll stay in the pool if they get pick they get picked. M. O'Connell, yeah. D. Heiser, we can add to it to. M. O'Connell, yeah you can add. C. Marquardt, so in other words the ones we don't have that we gave you the list and can add more to the list ok but the other ones are in the realm. M. O'Connell, the one on Julia St. did you say something about needing vehicle permits is that why that's delayed. R. Krick, the trailer it is a possibility that trailers hold Titles. I don't know if that would cause any problems. I can try and find out. Sometimes they do come with a Title.

Solicitor: C. Riedlinger, Monday, May 22nd there is a hearing at the Court House in Pottsville on a Summary Appeal that Rick is involved and I plan on being there with him at. If by Wednesday or so of next week if he is not back to work yet. You might want to let me know because I might have to ask for a continuance if he is not going to be available for that hearing.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mary Beth Dougherty, I was in Harrisburg today talked to folks from Schuylkill County Land bank. We talked about projects done and some funding they got. They said to me boy you guys from Girardville missed a opportunity I said what what's going on? The property up on Williams Street up on the corner. That complimented Dan for bring it to their attention. The land bank is interested in it but they proceeded to tell me that the Code Enforcement Officer totally dropped the ball. The gentlemen working with the Land bank drove up here from Easton thinking he was doing to have access to the property got up here only to be told no no no we can't do it we can't get in. Ashland on the other hand was able to get them into the property and figured out a way to do it. Ray Jones figured out a way to do it. Ashland is included in the last round I don't know if its public or not yet but the land bank just got seventy five grand from the Pennsylvania Housing Finance Agency in fair money. Ashland is one of those projects. Girardville would have been one of those projects had it not been dropped. Now obviously can you

get in legally? Probably not but from what I understand Code Enforcement folks anytime they want to get into a property they call an odor investigation in. so I don't understand why this opportunity was missed with the land bank. I don't understand it's the property of the apartment building up behind the Ambulance. So I just you know I'm sorry I'm bringing it out here but I just found out about it this afternoon. I think it needs to be investigated and addressed because we are missing an opportunity. I think just about other Communities getting projects. Minersville has one. Ashland, Delano, Mahanoy City is involved in it. Their getting some demolition out of the land bank. I'm not sure about Shenandoah. They were interested in something in this Community and we lost an opportunity to have a property rehabbed. Was it going to be a rehab? D. Heiser, yes they were going to rehab the apartment building. Mary Beth Dougherty, and possibly get it back into reuse on the Tax roles. D. Heiser, to further what you are saying they were really hot on that and the reason they were because of the location with the new construction on the hill and new construction that will be going down by the bank. I had several conversations with Chris Gulotta between emails back and fourth and phone calls. The last I heard anything about it was the appointment was set for them to come up. Mary Beth Dougherty, and there was miss connect there and we were not included in the application and did not get funded for a rehab project in Girardville. So we missed an opportunity. So when I complain about you know why are we still paying somebody or it's because I hear stories like this. I did not solicit the story it was told to me. The other issue I'd like to address is some of the things in this town that just look awful the park. The B Street Park for one. Last Sunday I ran into Charlie at the recycling center. I took a slow drive by the park and I'm like you got to be kidding me. The grass and the weeds growing through the mulch. The playground equipment that needs to be painted. The fence it's an absolute discussing mess over there. I don't know what our employees are doing. I come in here in the morning and their sitting in the Borough Hall talking chit chatting with the Borough Secretary. There is tons of projects around here. The weeds around the trees up on Main Street. The chain link at the poles out front here. Everybody look when you are leaving it needs to be painted. The parking space lines on Main Street need to be painted. I mean you just talked about a project the high school kids are noticing the lines at the basketball court. Things need to be painted things need to be scrapped. I mean the high school kids are noticing this. So you know I think we need to take a serious look at some of the basic maintenance projects around this town being ignored. Especially that park is just an absolute disgrace for the funding that we got and the volunteer labor that was put into it back when it was upgraded. It's disturbing to see how bad that park looks today. So if you can take a look at that. Take a serious look at how your Street department guys are spending their time. Because there's a missing link here somewhere. So thanks. D. Heiser, the park is going to be addressed with in the next. Mary Beth Dougherty, You know. Like I said the thing is the high school kids are noticing it. You know and somebody said to me last night. You know the reason why some of these towns you know were none of us are happy some of the people that might be moving in and the condition of their properties. The reason their coming to places like this is because they look at our Main Street, they look at our park and think these people don't care so what the hell there you know is a easy place to come live. Nobody cares so we can get away with murder. So if we're not going to take pride in our community. You know how do we expect them to do it as well.

Rosalie Kuzma, in reference she's talking about parks in reference to the Main and Seconded Street passive park. As you know always looks nice with the flowers and all. All the planting again probably with in a week or so. There has been some vandalism up there towards the end of the summer going into the fall. There was fencing around and it was stapled in place. The kids just trampled that down and squashed all the flowers to crawl along the coal. Two weeks ago they had the cinderblocks that we had for cigarette butts took them empty the sand put them by the pear tree on each side to climb up on the pear tree. I guess when the bus came then the things were still there when I came up to get the bus. I saw them there. When I plant I usually take out of my Social Security as a gift to the Borough I donate it and I take anywhere from \$80 to \$100.00 for plants. Go down to Lowes bring them up on the bus three days in a row. Bring them up here plant them and I'm going to do that this year and I'm happy. I'm not complaining about donating the money I'm happy to do that. To watch kids stand to trample flowers or do vandalism in the park. School will be over in a week or two can the Borough contact North Schuylkill they have the whole summer let them relocate the High School and Elementary bus stop and get them out of there. Because there is plenty of places in town. All of a sudden your taking care of the park building it up and it was originally built not as a playground for children but as a place for the adults to go in town to sit. As a bus stop the kids have that excess energy in the morning naturally their running around climbing trees and every other thing. Then you have destruction. It was never built as a playground for children. Can you as the Borough tell North Schuylkill they have the whole summer to find another location for the bus stop? Because I will plant the flowers and they are trampled that's \$80-\$100 out of my Social Security check plus my energy I put in I just celebrated my 70th Birthday I'm not young anymore. To do all that and see you flowers trampled. Trashed thrown all around from the store candy wrappers. I'll do it this year but if there is damage I wash my hands of it then at that point. I will not waste my money I will not waste my energy. I love to do it I want to do it. The park looks beautiful when those flowers spread out. It really looks nice. If it's destroyed or anymore problems with destruction. I will not do the project anymore. C. Marquardt, what you're saying is the destruction is happening with the kids getting the bus there. R. Kuzma, I assume. I didn't witness it but who else is doing it the kids in the night are probably doing it also. It's bad enough we have them but the bus stop. They ripped the fencing out in the fall that the Borough workers had there. Trampling the flowers. I often go up and rack up the grass. It's disrespectful to me to do that. I get discouraged. D. Heiser, if we put up signs that if you're caught. R. Kuzma, they don't pay attention to signs. If you at least tell me if you will contact the school ask them to move the kids. Jenna Petusky, the parents that are sitting there at the bus stop or store put a sign that you can legally say you can not be playing in the flowers vers them being rude. R. Kuzma, the bus stop wasn't there to begin with for years and years all of a sudden. It can be moved. Annetta Whitecavage, if it's not the bus stop kids doing it and it's POSSIBLE I'm not blaming anybody. To move the bus stop and blame the bus stop and you don't know. C. Marquardt, there is no problem with moving the bus stop we can address it. I believe the reason why the bus stop was moved because the bus stop was on Seconded Street where the house that is falling down and we are in court with this guy. The other kids get the bus on the other side. So they moved one bus route on the top of the hill and the other was down at the Church across from Centioles they complained about it. So it was moved up to there. We'll call them again; I

just don't know where they are going to go with it next. Are they going to have a bus stop or are these kids going to have to find their own transportation to school. I don't know how North Schuylkill is going to handle it. I'll go up myself now for the simple fact that there should be parents there letting their kids destroy the park. If their High School kids then we should address it like Danny and them are saying. Regardless who is doing it morning noon or night we need to address the issue. I want you to understand why it was moved around so much. I can ask them again to see staring in the next School year see if we can go somewhere else. Granted I don't know if that's going to be good or bad either because they could move it I guess it's just a simple move but then we might get complaints wherever it goes to next. I'll talk to the school district at the end of season. R. Kuzma, with that I'm happy. Edna Labie, Charlie with the situation up there we did put an extra light up there remember that by the passive park is there possibility to put a video camera to catch this activity. C. Marquardt, I would imagine we could do something like that but I think the first thing we would have to put some kind of power source into there. We don't have that. We'd have to probably a pole put in and a power line run from the main line a service put in and coat it in steal before that's cut and pulled apart to I would imagine. E. Labie, it is true no matter where they move it I think most of them are on Main Street is that right? C. Marquardt, yes. The bus comes up Main and goes up Ogden they get the smaller kids by Dave Eye's there. I guess there is a lot of confusion. We got a lot of things going on like the water project lot of delays. The water line will be completed. E. Labie, any date for that to be completed. C. Marquardt, I would say by July 1st wouldn't you think Rob. R. Krick, yea they talked about that. E. Labie, they did fix our lot here a little bit I know that is appreciated. C. Marquardt, they have been very supportive to the Borough and they have given us some black top anything we needed they have been very helpful with the snow removal. Equipment wise they even offered their roller if we want to get more macadam to fill in some hole on Shrub hill. They gave dirt to anyone who wanted it. Several people wanted it the Teenier League got some for their field. They are working with the Housing project. It looks about three weeks out with their paving. They are moving along quickly. Edna Labie, that's good that's a big improvement.

Lisa Quinn, when I was in a different school district to get a bus there was one central bus stop. Why is it now it seems like every corner is a bus stop. I'm not complaining I just need to know. C. Marquardt, the School District sets that up. You put one central area somebody in that area is going to complain about the kids there's no question about it. They do pick up kids down at the former bank and that's up for auction. Who ever buys it could say they don't want the kids picked up there. I don't know where they could possibly go. The stop has been moved so may times because people complain. I haven't heard any complaints over on Mahanoy Ave.

Lenny Petusky, that bus stops twice on that same block (Mahanoy Ave). Linda Catizone, the reason for that is you can not make those kids walk on the highway.

Linda Catizone, Code Enforcement does there have to be individual courts for properties. Down from me there are four or five homes. There is garbage on three of those properties. Years back there was somebody up on a roof from bath salts well they went through the roof and that's ready to go. Do I have to make a report about that? Do I have to make a report about a couch on the Main Street? C. Marquardt, all you got to do is call into the number right here and Frankie sees those calls. L. Catizone, nobody ever

sees anything. Those properties on the end with the one of the ones with the roof ready to go that's going to be down soon. Everybody knows who the owners are don't wait until they are looking like Second St. go after the owner. I mean I just don't understand that. Do they pay the Taxes? R. Krick, had you made complaints on the one? L. Catizone, no I did not make a complaint is that what you have to do? Walk around town and look around and make a list. C. Marquardt, they get complaints all the time and they follow through with them. I'm sure they are calling the people who are making the complaints back. I assume they are. L. Catizone, the person making a complaint is their name told to that person? C. Marquardt, I don't know I wouldn't think so. I don't know how they are handling it. L. Catizone, can you give anonymous? C. Marquardt, yes. Linda Catizone, the other thing I have to say those people on Seconded St. the used car lot are these people licensed? State requires lot license. Is that a driveway are we doing a driveway permits? C. Marquardt, Linda we'll look into it with Code Enforcement. Talking to Joe here I assume they were looking into it based on the conversation that Code Enforcement, the Solicitor, and Mayor had. I don't have an answer for you. The cops can't enter the property. J. Catizone, cops can not enter the property its private Code Enforcement can. E. Labie, don't they have to get any kind of permits to do anything. C. Riedlinger, if he is running a business it may be a Zoning issue and he'd have to contact County and Zoning Officer. L. Catizone, it's still a license issue Department of Occupational Affairs to be licensed they have to be licensed.

Michelle O'Connell, have you guys thought about adopting the Rental Ordinance that Pottsville has? R. Krick, the one about if you don't have tax ability money you can't purchase properties. I thought we had talked about that. Mary Beth Dougherty, actually I gave Chris a copy of the Ordinance. J. Catizone, Pottsville has seen a very nice benefit. Is that correct? M. Dougherty, I was at a Blight Task Force last week and they said as a result of it. What they started doing is sending out letters to the Landlords and they did ten and in one day the Pottsville Sewer Authority took in over six thousand dollars in delinquent accounts. They said they had a line in the Tax Office at City Hall of people coming in to pay the Tax Bills. So they seen results already they are happy with it. M. O'Connell, I have a copy of it if you guys need it. R. Krick, do you have a copy Chris to review? C. Riedlinger, yes that Mary Beth gave me at last meeting or maybe it was two meetings ago. R. Krick, we should really take a look at before next meeting. Consider it. C. Marquardt, Chris is going to look at it and then get back to us. He is going to review it.

Jenna Petusky, you're talking about parks you're talking about B Street but what about the other major parks behind St. Joe's. Are you going to look into getting Mulch for just that park or work on two parks at one? D. Heiser, we're going to look at that. J. Petusky, because I know the swings over here when you swing the whole swing moves it's not safe. As far as if you can put a washer in there. Are you going to take a look at each individual equipment to make sure it's still safe or are you just going to put paint on it? D. Heiser, no we'll make sure.

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

Respectfully submitted,
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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** June 08, 2017 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Robert Krick, Dan Heiser, Mike Huss, Joseph Kessler, Charles Marquardt, and Christopher Riedlinger

Members absent: Mayor Joseph Catizone, Jr.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA: None

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

Tax Collector's report: Motion to accept the report and pay the tax collector made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor's report: Read by Council President C. Marquardt. Motion to accept report as read made by J. Kessler, seconded by M. Huss. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

Code Enforcement report: No Report submitted.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Appointing GAMA Board member. Motion to Appoint Julie Zangari made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Voted. All. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Girardville Little League is asking permission to have box at Borough Hall for donations and to hold Basket Auction September 15th and 16th 2017 at Borough Hall. Motion to approve donation box and use of Hall made by M. Huss, seconded by D. Heiser. Voted. All Motion carried.
- b. Letter from Girard Hose Co #1 to hold Annual Block Party August 11th and 12th 2017, Road closer 10th to 13th of August, and PALCB letter to allow alcohol beverages, parking restrictions on both side of East Main St. from Second St. to 3rd St. August 12th from 3pm thru 9pm. Mayor's permission for Girardville Fire Police requested. Request permission for additional Fire Police from out of town if there aren't enough personnel (a memo from the Borough is requires to request assistance from another Municipality) Motion to give permission on all requests submitted for Block Party in August 2017 made by D. Heiser, seconded by R. Krick. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- c. Letter from The Community Mission Christian Center read by Charles Marquardt. Requesting suggestions on a warehouse building with freezer and refrigeration for helping those in need. C. Marquardt, he is asking the Borough for space with refrigeration I guess if anybody has anything there is a phone number here he can be reached at. Contact us here at Borough Hall if you know about anything in town. The Borough it's self will look into it to see if we have anything. I don't think we do right now because the food pantry currently going up there has everything all tied up.

BILLS

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

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Flyers and magazines
- b. Planning and Zoning Office granted variance to Shawn and Pamela Barrett which is the people that bought Girardville Beverage.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: J. Kessler, I want to make the motion that Council appoints Matt Williams as OIC. *Motion to appoint Matt Williams as OIC (Officer In Charge) for the Borough of Girardville made by J. Kessler, seconded by D. Heiser. Voted. All. Motion carried. Audience applauds. J. Kessler, we are going to advertise for Police Officers. C. Marquardt, we get the ad in the paper by Monday or Tuesday of next week. Would the deadline be July 3rd at 12 O'clock is that ok with everybody? *Motion to advertise to hire additional Police Officers the deadline will be July 3rd at 12 O'clock made by D. Heiser, seconded by J. Kessler. Voted all. Motion carried. C. Marquardt, Congratulations Matt. Mathew Williams, Thank you for you confidence in me. I'll do the best job I can. To the residents on that you don't have to call me Officer you can call me Matt. I have an open door policy if I'm not on and you need to speak to me get in touch with the Mayor or Councilmen as well. Thank you for your confidence. Audience applauds Officer Matt Williams.

Street: D. Heiser, I believe the paving for the Street should be starting next week? C. Marquardt, the paving for the Water Company is coming on the 19th their going to do the Main Street their section first because PENNDOT is coming in the following week and they are doing the Main St itself where they Milled on both

sides and down by where Shallys had the car lot all the way up to the top of the hill here. Water Company will be taken care of the other side. Once their done they will be moving to Oak St. They hope to be done and out of here July 1st. D. Heiser, it's also my understanding that Don Cuff is getting involved CDBG money about storm boxes. C. Marquardt, yes. Myself and Rob meet with Don Cuff the other day to get a application for the CDBG which Don is in the process of submitting in if he didn't already. We looked at several of the storm boxes from Main St down on every St on side Streets to see what can be done what projects we can do with that. Hope the County would fund CDBG. D. Heiser, tomorrow we should finish up to apply for the grant. The grant for Dirt and Gravel Rd for the back Streets that are close to the creek like we got down over by the playground on C Street. We are also going to come down tomorrow morning to take a look at the stuff in front of your place.

School Building: None

Finance: None

Personnel: None

Code/QofL: None

Recreation: D. Heiser, we got some prices to repair equipment that is broken. Which would be the 90 degree slide all the hardware, thirty-six high deck landing, handicap accessible swing seat with high top bean and chains. Those three items and freight is \$3871 or the infant seat swing just the seat only because the chains are good. \$90 plus UPS shipping. For the bigger kids just the strap seat that's \$30 that's another hundred dollars plus shipping on top of that. We would easily need two hundred square yards of mulch to get everything up to the proper height and it's between \$2,000-\$2,500 for one hundred square yards so you're looking at \$5,000 addition so were at \$9,000 without any of the wood logs and four by fours and fence. You guys all see the financial reports the only thing I can do or suggest is look into grants. R. Krick, a resident gave me an application for Lowes for a grant maybe we can take a look at that. If might finance at least the fencing so we have to measure what kind of fence we need. I think the grant can go up to \$15,000 I'm not quite sure. C. Marquardt, we also have our name in with Wal-Mart too through Tom Cuff. We been doing this the last three years we haven't gotten approved yet hopefully we get approved. They bring their own employees and all and do the work. D. Heiser, we'll do the best that we can and try to get in with some grants and not let it get worse. C. Marquardt, and we also put in for Kaboom with Snapple grant if they come to our area that we possibly could get grants for the parks.

Blight: R. Krick, I guess you might have read in the paper some of the buildings. The bids were in order they were open. I'm assuming going to be awarded the 14th Michelle? Michelle O'Connell, tentative we're redoing it right now. R. Krick, but they were submitted for the four properties that we put in for.

Recycling: None

Solicitor: None

Landfill: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Attorney James Kilker, I'm here to represent the family of Moser's about the Church and Rectory. Karyl has some papers that has a description on what we want to do to put in writing and she liked to say a few words to Council. Karyl Moser, both my husband Robert and I own the property at 211 West Main. That used to be St. Joe's Roman Catholic Church and Rectory. If you don't mind I like to read the letter I have brought with me to the Council. "Dear Borough Council, It has been requested by this council that the plans for the church building

located on our property at 211 W. Main St be placed in writing. The church building has been inspected previously by the UCC at your request and a certificate of occupancy from that organization was obtained on 2/27/2017 and the actual certificate was provided to me by the permit officer of the borough. After that time I have had meetings inviting the town's people to provide thoughts, ideas or help to us to maintain the property as a vital aspect of the community. I have been to numerous council meetings keeping you informed of the current plans and progress. In April I received notice that this council was again requiring another inspection of the property of which I have paid the inspection fee and have used the written guidelines provided to me from the borough to make sure that the building would appropriately meet your requirements (just as we have done for the previous rectory building that is now our residence.) A repeat inspection has still not been completed by the borough.

Our intentions for use of the church property is that of a church. Kimmel's Evangelical Free Church from Orwigsburg has agreed to provide Sunday evening worship services 2 times per month to start and weekly bible studies. Through the church we will be also offering community outreach programs such as possibly a library and children's programs. We will be also having fundraising events to support the church and church building. These hopefully will include some musical events- chorale and band concerts. I imagine some of you have heard of the current hopes to plan a Mahoney Brothers "Long live the Beatles" event for October and this will serve as a major fundraiser for the church. We are also talking about having family fun event with outside activities and food to introduce the community to the church community from Orwigsburg that will be helping to form our church and provide services and guidance. We want to be bring a place to worship and learn about God as well as some fun to the community. If you have specific questions please feel free to ask.

As with most churches the opportunities and needs of the community will change over time as do the visions of the congregation. I anticipate many positive changes and prospects for positive growth in the community of Girardville. We as a family have worked very hard on trying to bring something positive and inspiring to not only Girardville but the other local communities as well. Our supporters from the Girardville community have also been working tirelessly with us to make contacts, plans and developments to see this community once again thrive. We all believe that the chance to worship or support a church so cherished by the community will be a constructive journey for all involved.

We hope to have your continued support. Thank you, Robert and Karyl Moser"

Karyl Moser, if you don't mind I'd like to introduce Pastor Jonathan Hikes he is from Kimmel's Evangelical Church in Orwigsburg he will be one of our Pastors. Dan Heiser, I have a question and we had talked about this at the work session. Mr. Kilker was here. K. Moser, I'm sorry I could not be here I was at work. D. Heiser, yeah that's fine. Our confusion I think mainly is and I have a copy from Property locator your property is assessed at property class CC which is commercial. Commercial combination the example they use is Retail stores on first level, apartments or offices on second level. Your building is a commercial property and your planning to use it as commercial usage there is and I think we talked about this before the meeting with our Solicitor. There is nothing that is entirely a commercial property and the UCC. I believe you need to go to the UCC and tell them what you want and then. K. Moser, I already been to the UCC and told them it is going to be a church. It's a Church that's what we are using it for. We are having a Church and what is going to take place in there is Church activities, which normal Church's have. Church's have things that support the community. They have bible studies, they have scouts, they have fundraisers, and they have all those kinds of things. That's the purpose. That's what we are doing. D. Heiser, if it's a Church we have to I think get Chris involved in that. C. Riedlinger, I'm not sure a Church normally has concerts of bands covering the Beatles songs and stuff. K. Moser, it doesn't matter. It's a fundraiser. Robert Moser, you have events what difference does it make it your raising money for the Church. R. Krick, are you Tax free. Karyl Moser, no we're not Tax free we're paying our taxes. Robert Moser, no we are not Tax free we are paying our Taxes. R. Krick, then it isn't a Tax free organization. D. Heiser, it's not zoned. It's not listed as a place of worship like any other Church. Like St. Joe's it was listed as a place of worship. It's not zoned as a place of worship right now. It's a commercial property. C. Riedlinger, Danny I think let me call Frank Filiziani and find out if. R. Moser, we already talked to Frank Filiziani three times. C. Riedlinger, well I haven't spoken to him. R. Moser, excuse me all he said to us was. When he told us, when he gave us the permit

he has nothing else to do. He told us that three times. C. Riedlinger, if that's what he tells me then I will agree with you. Let me call him and find out if that is indeed what he is saying. When he finds out what the intention is to how the building is going to be used. R. Moser, he already knows what the intentions are. James Kilker, let me say something about that. We had a work session and evidently there seems to be confusion as to who wants what inspection. I think I realize what it was. In February they got what is called certificate of Occupancy. In April they got a letter saying to go to Filiziani to get another inspection. In the mean time I think Frank Zangari wanted to install the use of it and he was going to do an inspection for the Borough or what. When I called Frank Filiziani after our meeting he said he has nothing to do yet with this nothing. So I asked him to call Frank Zangari so they can talk. We're just trying to get that part straightened out. Whether or not the Church may become a legal issue. I'll address it I know the Solicitor and will be on the phone about that. It's not everyday somebody buys a Church and bring it back to life. That's kind of what they are trying to do. I personally interested in it. I think there are other people in Girardville who would rather see the beloved Church we all knew for generations do something rather than sit there and do nothing or just be private playground for somebody. They are willing to do that. They realize certain things they want to do may require different levels of requirements for permits or whatever but I think the Church can be in that zone you talked about. There was a Church there. The Church is still there and was never used for anything but a Church. It's not, there's no intentions of it being commercial and I hope you will help us do what is necessary to let it happen. I know there's rules that have to be obeyed and there is dangerous things that have to be attended to if there is going to be a crowd. We don't know if there is going to be crowds. All her plan is to have things there for children, people who want to study the bible, and to raise money for that. She can do something like bring a band in. If that requires a higher level of requirements we're here to address that. We're just trying to straighten a few misconceptions. I had faxed a letter to the solicitor and to Frank Filiziani and I think the solicitor has that letter. Which I just ask everybody to put their heads together. We don't know who is supposed to do the next inspection because Filiziani said it wasn't him as far as he knows. In my letter to him which you have a copy of asked him to contact Frank. Frank was out of town I think and he did not see the letter. We're just here to work. We're not here to argue with you. D. Heiser, we're not going to argue either. I think the misconception is if that's a commercial property it's not a residential property. We have no say in that. R. Moser, but it's not a commercial property. J. Kilker, how can it be a commercial property? I mean we'll straighten that out legal application out. C. Riedlinger, we're not going to argue this or resolve this here tonight. It is in a commercial zone you are charging an admission I assume for shows being put on there? R. Moser, donation. C. Riedlinger, ok. R. Moser, no not ok we're charging a donation. J. Kilker, but that's the new stuff we are working. C. Riedlinger, you can classify it how every you want to classify it. D. Heiser, we're will to work with you guys. R. Moser, well let me ask you a question. Whether or not just suppose you have a Church service and you have four hundred people. Where you have a band and four hundred people. What's the difference? D. Heiser, your asking something that's not our. It's not up to us. K. Moser, is my home also zoned commercial? D. Heiser, I don't know I assume. K. Moser, It's attached to the property. The two properties are attached I couldn't buy one with out the other. C. Riedlinger, Jim I'm not trying. C. Marquardt, let's let the solicitor look into this. Let our solicitor look into this and work with Mr. Kilker.

Heath Ressler, I'd like to say one thing in mind to your proposal. You have a good idea for the Church but would it make sense to separate the Rectory that you live in. Make the Church a separate entity and then proceed with what you want to do because that would separate the problem that your having because you live in it. K. Moser, I don't think that has anything to do. H. Ressler, it's just a suggestion. You get around the problems you're having to move forward. It's just a suggestion. But if the Church is a separate entity and you go through all the steps to be a non profit then it sits alone by it's self as non profit. That's only a suggestion but it's something to think about. I think it is. You have a good idea I believe but food for thought. J. Kilker, the way it's zoned you can have a residence in a CC from my understanding. C. Marquardt, we'll have our solicitor review it with Mr. Kilker what he needs to look at and our solicitor can contact you or Jim and definitely us and we'll proceed from there. K. Moser, this is what I don't understand. If I came to you people first. I came first here. The very first moment I said where do I need to do? What do I need to do? Now I've done what you asked me to do and now you are telling me Oh well that's not what we wanted you to do. That wasn't good enough. You don't even know what I'm supposed to do. So you know somebody needs to decided and in the meantime you know the property is sitting there and we're not able to use it for anything. And this is prime time where we could be holding things, the weathers nice. You could have the doors open. You could have things going on and let people know that things are going on in the Church but in the winter time you know you got to keep the door closed for the heat and everything else. You know so your wasting valuable time right now when we could be doing something positive and you know to move forward with the whole process of the Church. D.

Heiser, Chris correct me if I'm wrong. You can not. This Council can not give you permission to do anything in there. Can we if it's zoned commercial? That's all entirely to UCC. C. Riedlinger, I want to talk to Frank. K. Moser, then they already given me permission I already have the Occupancy permit. C. Marquardt, ok well our solicitor hasn't talked to Frank Filiziani and that is what he is requesting us to allow him to talk to Frank so he has a better understanding. Coming directly from Frank to him and he can verify everything that you guys got and that we got on all of the paperwork and everything. So just give us a little time to have our solicitor to contact Filiziani and we'll go from there.

Jean Ann Parfitt, that certificate is not to do anything in there. That was for the alter. Up on the alter to work in there. That wasn't for a full inspection. C. Riedlinger, that's what I want to find out. I want to find out does that certificate gives the right to have concerts in there. I mean that's what I want to find out. J. Parfitt, no he didn't inspect for that. R. Moser, we did have three inspections done. J. Parfitt, for interior work not for. R. Moser, we did have inspections done your inspector did it twice and Filiziani did it twice. J. Parfitt, we only have one inspector Filiziani. R. Moser, no Frank inspected it two. Filiziani inspected it twice and said everything is fine. Don't tell me that. J. Parfitt, no. J. Kilker, one of the things that Frank said about that Occupancy has a different meaning for different agencies. We have an Occupancy permit for the interior work that was done and then residential required further inspection we weren't sure who's supposed to do that and Frank Filiziani said it wasn't him. C. Marquardt, Frank did you inspect that. F. Zangari, no the Rectory was inspected and passed. There was no full Church inspection by Girardville. C. Riedlinger, Jim I'll talk to you about this after I talk to Frank Filiziani I want a chance to talk to Frank and see what he says. R. Moser, when that was St. Joe's Church was that commercial? C. Riedlinger, I'm not going to get into debate I'm going to talk to Frank Filiziani. Whether you like it or not I'm going to talk to him. I'm not going to get into a debate with you about it. R. Moser, so if it's the same building and the same thing how can it get from a Church. C. Riedlinger, it's not the same thing your not the Diocese of Allentown. Your two private individuals. R. Moser, yeah. C. Riedlinger, that's the difference. R. Moser, the difference in what? C. Riedlinger, the Diocese in Allentown is a recognized religious institution. R. Moser, how can it be switched to commercial building if it was a church? It was always a church. How could it be switched to a Church? C. Riedlinger, maybe it was grandfathered in as a Church. I don't know. I don't have the history of that lot in my head. I don't know. C. Marquardt, all right let allow our solicitor to review this with the UCC guy and get back to Council, Mr. Kilker, and the Moser's and we can proceed from there. Just give us a day or two so he can get a hold of him. R. Moser, one more thing just to let everybody know not one member of Council attended any of our open houses. Not one. Thank you.

Jean Ann Kessler, I have a question does this Church when it does become a Church and all that is it going to be handicap accessible? R. Moser, yes. K. Moser, it has you can enter the side or if they have Church in the bottom you can enter it at the bottom of the Church. Jean Ann Kessler, they never had handicap there before. That was never handicap accessible. K. Moser, there is a unit. Jean Ann Kessler, I know that Church you don't have to tell me about. I know the Church in and out but it was never handicap accessible. Edna Labie, the Chapels are. Jean Ann Kessler, no it wasn't. C. Marquardt, we're just going to move on anybody has anything else and we'll get this resolved all the interested parties. Anybody have anything else?

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

Respectfully submitted,
Candice Squires
Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** July 13, 2017 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

Moment of Silence to honor the recently deceased Code Enforcement Officer Rick Miller.

Charles Marquardt, Thank you.

Motion to appoint Jean Ann Parfitt Assistant Secretary in the absent of Candice Squires Solicitor Chris Riedlinger to draw up a Resolution made by M. Huss, seconded by J. Kessler. Voted. All. Motion carried.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Robert Krick, Mike Huss, Joseph Kessler, Mayor Joseph Catizone, Charles Marquardt, and Christopher Riedlinger.

Members absent: Dan Heiser and Candice Squires.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA: No Comment.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report made by R. Krick, seconded by M. Huss. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Tax Collector's report: Motion to accept the report and pay the tax collector made by R. Krick, seconded by M. Huss. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor's report: Read by Mayor J. Catizone. Motion to accept report as read made by J. Kessler, seconded by M. Huss. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Permit Officer's report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by M. Huss, seconded by R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Preacher Bob Alonge with the Community Mission. C. Marquardt, I'll call to find out what he needs.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Letter from Travis Snyder about "The Skook Recovers." C. Marquardt discussed the letter. C. Marquardt, I met with Travis today (7/13/17) I took him down to the B Street park we talked about that. We talked about the bleachers here at the Little League, some painting work at the park, help with mulch. Their going to put a packet together he took pictures of all different things. He is willing to come in mid August if Council will approve it and do the work. He brings his own volunteers. He'll be going for the next three weeks in the community asking for people who wish to volunteer to sign up. They do it usually on a Saturday. The rain date being on a Sunday. He had some suggestions. He said once he gets a portfolio together for us and all of us on Council can look at it and keep in touch with him. Anything that might come up along the way that they can assist in anyway if possible they would be willing to help. I know the mulch the rides and we did get prices on mulch and rides. Sand and some painting for the swing sets and things like that. Once he gets volunteers and from the community itself then we can go from there.
- b. Office of Solid Waste and Resource Management request permission to continue with Girardville Borough to host and use the site for the Annual Fall Clean-Up for this year's event September 21, 22, and Saturday the 23rd Times to be announced. No electronics this year. Tires will be accepted at a charge. Motion to accept the Fall Clean up made by R. Krick, seconded by M. Huss. Voted all. Motion carried.
- c. Schuylkill County Tax Claim Bureau, Letter of Sale. Solicitor C. Riedlinger, the property has been sold from the Tax Office to the Buyers and under the Law the Borough has the opportunity to approve or disapprove the sale. C. Marquardt, the property on Seconded St. the car lot. Benjamin and Melanie Victor sell to a Sara Benjamin for \$500.00 a piece for two parcels. Cope's girlfriend. C. Riedlinger, example of denial if a property has a history of Blight and the person buying it is an out of State owner and you think this would be an absentee landowner and not fix the problem that's a good reason to deny. Angie Butler, in order to have those vehicles on there he should be fined daily or have to get a permit to have all those

vehicles in the yard. James Petusky, the vehicles in the yard are 100% legal. At the same time that car lot had a gate invested on it three months prior Jean Ann issued that guy a permit. I was given a fine why was that? I don't even own that lot. She issued a permit for that fence and gate what could be done? I have records here. C. Riedlinger, I'm in no position to answer this question. I don't even know who this guy is. J. Petusky, she gave him a permit and I got fined last year. Why did I get fined? C. Marquardt, why did he get the permit for the gate? Jean Ann Parfitt, because him and Michelle kept calling about the gate that he did not have a permit. They were the two calls that constantly came in about him. That his fence is up. C. Marquardt, whose fence is up? J. Parfitt, Cope's. C. Marquardt, did you issue them a permit for the fence and gate? J. Parfitt, yeah because him (James Petusky) and Michelle kept calling. James Petusky kept talking could not make out what he was saying this whole time. Angie Butler, talking while Council is can not make out what she is saying. C. Marquardt, where are we at with the cars on the lot with the Police Department? J. Catizone, Jr., that's up to Code Enforcement department that's not Police. C. Marquardt, so the Police Officers can issue the citations. J. Catizone, Jr., we talked about this before in this meeting. It's in the best interest for Code Enforcement to ticket and direct it to the Magistrate and let the Magistrate sort it out before we assume liability by towing those cars and ticketing those cars. Chris is that your suggestion in the matter of handling that. Angie Butler, continue to talk while Council and Mayor are speaking can not make out what she is saying. J. Catizone Jr., we talked about what the best possibility to get that issue resolved with out putting liability of like towing vehicles off the property with the Police involved what was the best thought about doing that. I thought your suggestion was have Code Enforcement ticketed because vehicles weren't supposed to be on that lot. It was never Zoned for a situation of a sale that would then take it directly to the Magistrate and then sort it out whether they could be there or couldn't be there. Is that what you think the best situation to handle that or no? C. Riedlinger, are these abandoned cars I don't know. J. Catizone Jr., some are some aren't. C. Marquardt, he has for sale signs on some of them. J. Catizone Jr., some are for sale some might be abandoned. C. Riedlinger, I mean if there not abandoned or junk vehicles why is it illegal for them to be there. Angie Butler, it's on a car lot you need a permit. C. Riedlinger, then it's Zoning problem. Angie Butler, it's in a yard. C. Riedlinger, I can answer questions with a hundred people coming at me from different directions. C. Marquardt, Ang you have. You can speak at end of the meeting. Let's get it resolved here. J. Catizone Jr., so if it's a Zoning problem how do we go to rectify that then? C. Riedlinger, well you have to contact the Zoning Enforcement Officer for the County. If they are abandoned or junked vehicles. They don't have proper inspections or registrations or stuff like that then it could be a Code Enforcement issue. You can cite them under our Nuisance Ordinance or under our Property Maintenance Ordinance. But it's an active car lot and the

cars are not junk cars and is actively cars for sale and it's in residential and it's in violation of Zoning. You got to talk to the Zoning Office. Rob Krick, I think you have a question. I think the point made though. The guy who has the cars on the lot doesn't own the property. Their the people trying to buy the property. It's owned by the County. I guess it's the deal how to deal with that. There abandoned. You can content they are abandoned vehicle's on private property. Would it be up to the person who owns the property now to prosecute? C. Riedlinger, if the people who are on the property with the cars and don't own the property and the owners doesn't want them on there and they complain about them being on there. Then it would become a Police issue with a trespass case. Angie Butler, talking again can not make out what was said. Mary Beth Dougherty, the other issue if you can determine that he is selling. Determine who is selling the cars. You need to be licensed by the PA Department to be licensed to sell cars. So that's another avenue that you can pursue it. I don't know if he had heard versions of the story that he is selling cars online as well. You cannot sell cars online in Pennsylvania unless you have a license to sell at a location in Pennsylvania. J. Catizone Jr., there's a certain number that once you exceed that many sales you're considered a dealer. Mary Beth Dougherty, you need. Rob maybe you can help me out with this didn't you sell cars years ago? Did you sell cars back when? R. Krick, yeah. M. Dougherty, you need a physical you need somewhere you can actually take a customer like an office. J. Catizone Jr., an off site office. Too much talking can not tell who is saying what..... J. Catizone Jr., so with all that discussion we just had is it our best interest to deny this sale to get in contact with County Zoning. To have something's looked at from their end. R. Krick, yeah. J. Catizone Jr., are we in agreement that it's probably in the best interest to deny the sale. R. Krick, I would think so. Too much talking can not confirm who is talking or what is now being said..... C. Riedlinger, file a complaint with the County? I think you could make the County Zoning aware of it anybody could. C. Marquardt, so if we disapprove it this would be the reason why we disapproved it. C. Riedlinger, yeah if you want to disapprove it. State you have concerns about the legality of a car lot being operated by these people off this lot. Talking again by public missed what was said. Motion to disapprove the purchase transfer of parcel 45-06-0191 and 45-06-0192 made by R. Krick, seconded by J. Kessler. Voted all. Motion carried. C. Marquardt, we'll fill this in for the County tomorrow and in the mean time contact the Zoning Office.

- d. 1. Letter from Jolynn Nichols concerning Girardville Hometown Heroes read by C. Marquardt. Motion on the floor made by Mike Huss to allow Girardville Hometown Heroes to use the Borough's mailing address and to put a box here, seconded by R. Krick. Voted all. Motion carried.

2. Girardville Hometown Heroes allow them to hold their meetings here and announce meeting tonight the date of next meeting August 7th, 2017 at 6pm.

Mayor Joe Catizone will open and lock the building for their meeting. Motion made by M. Huss, seconded by R. Krick. Voted all. Motion carried.

BILLS

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read was made by R. Krick, seconded by J. Kessler. On the question R. Krick, the school building \$132 did anybody check the coolers again because they were left on last year for a long time. C. Marquardt, I would have to ask Danny I don't have a key to get into the gym at all. R. Krick, somebody should go check them. C. Marquardt, I'll find out from Jimmy and Mike tomorrow. R. Krick, find out what is going on. C. Marquardt, the one is the gama school is \$48.00. Aqua bill for two months was \$32.00. PP&L bill was \$54 bucks. R. Krick, just check I could be wrong. Vote. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Schuylkill County Government and Cog meeting Wednesday, July 26th at 7pm hosted by West Mahanoy Township. At West Mahanoy Township Municipal Building
- b. Land bank dedication. Schuylkill County Land Bank cordially invites you to property dedication ceremony. C. Riedlinger, that already happened. C. Marquardt, I'm sorry.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: None

Street: J. Kessler, I would like Council to consider to putting a motion on the table to purchase signs and posts requiring a permit for any solicitation in the Borough limits coming in to town on both ends 4-6 signs with posts motion made by M. Huss, seconded by J. Kessler. Voted all. Motion carried.

Blight: R. Krick, I'm going to call a meeting for next Thursday, July 20th at 7pm. If you can make it please come. M. Dougherty, isn't that GAMA? R. Krick, how about Wed at 7. M. Dougherty, I know I won't be next week is bad for me. I'll be out with my boss for Blight. C. Marquardt, so that would be July 19th. M. Dougherty, I'll be gone in S.W. PA on a Blight on the table. R. Krick, you'll be gone for the whole week? M. Dougherty, I'll be gone Tuesday and Wednesday. I'm in Maryland Friday. Thursday is GAMA. Next week is really bad for me. I might have some new ideas when I come back. C. Marquardt, you guys Thursday meeting what time is GAMA 7. you could have it at 6 if you want. M. Dougherty, we could do it after. R. Krick, how about we have it at 6? M. Dougherty, Thursday is ok. R. Krick, Thursday at 6 o'clock.

School Building: Mike Huss, I'll look into it with Danny. C. Marquardt, do you have a key Mike? Maybe you can go up tonight after the meeting and check it out.

Finance: None

Personnel: None

Code/QofL: None

Landfill: None

Recreation: None

Recycling: None

Solicitor: C. Riedlinger, does the Borough want me to authorize me to file the necessary Court paperwork to get the former Medical Center property Tax exempt because right now it is on the Tax rolls. Motion to authorize Solicitor to go ahead and get the recent property we got back from the Medical Center off the Tax rolls made by R. Krick, seconded by M. Huss. Voted all. Motion carried.

Other Business:

a. C. Marquardt, do you guys want to purchase we don't have to right now. Get the motion on the floor turf stuff for over at the park it's 100 cubic yards its \$2200.00 Wood carpet, engineer wood fiber safety surfacing. Do you want to make a motion. If we go ahead with this down here with every thing then we can regardless we can get it in there. See how much more we might need. Based on what we can do down there prior to putting it in there we need twelve inches for the top. R. Krick, what are we setting a maximum on what we're going spend. C. Marquardt, we're almost going to have to because I also have a list here. R. Krick, I understand that. I think there is another issue that's going to come up later. There's another issue that is going to come up and Lowes is going to do something with that park. C. Marquardt, who? R. Krick, Lowes. C. Marquardt, oh alright. Do we need to purchase the Mulch then? R. Krick, I think the mulch is going to go as far as it goes. C. Marquardt, can we put. I'm just saying. Can we put a maximum of \$5,000.00 the reason being is if there is not enough of mulch that we could next the next load of mulch. Based on what we need. So if we get two trailer loads not necessarily at the same time and not necessarily but as long as we have permission on the floor and would go that route. R. Krick, not to exceed a certain amount of money then I think the project would be exploited greater if we would have to do something else but not to exceed a certain amount. C. Marquardt, so we wait do you have a project to read out? Do we need to approve that or do we wait until you read yours out? ***Motion** to spend up to \$5,000.00 towards restoration of park made by R. Krick, seconded by M. Huss. Voted all. Motion carried.

b. C. Marquardt, some of the planks on the walk bridge over here are bad. There saying five 2 X 12's, 16 footers coming in a price about 2250 price is coming from Universal. I don't know if we could get them cheaper through Lowe's or Home Depot that's a long span but that way you could cut them to fit over there. If we want to get permission to purchase them wherever is cheaper. They're saying to get five 2 X 12's. 16 footers. J. Kessler, the bridge is our tight we have to maintain it. C. Marquardt, it's in ruff shape over there before someone gets hurt. A lot of people do use it. R. Krick, and we were sued once. M. Huss, I can get a price tomorrow. ***Motion** to approve purchase of planks needed for bridge made by J. Kessler, seconded by M. Huss. Voted all. Motion carried.

c. C. Marquardt, meet with the people for the housing (Schuylkill Community Action, new homes) down here on Wednesday. They were looking at everything that happened down there. Everything is cleaned up. They are getting everything in line down there. They are looking at a completion date at the end of December. They are four to six weeks behind schedule but they think they can pick it up. Everything

seems to be going well. They are putting in the test wells in on Monday for it because of the contaminated soil. The soil has been all removed. They are going to start digging the trenches for the footers and they have everything outlined here week to week. I guess based on their pay schedule. I meet with the architect, the contractor, and Schuylkill Community Action yesterday and they're going ahead and everything seems to be going as planned now unless any more glitches happen. That's the update we have if anything else come about they'll let us know and we can pass it on.

- d. Health Ressler, on behalf of the Rangers Hose Company you're supposed to receive a letter. C. Marquardt, yes its here. H. Ressler, I'm asking the Borough to act on it. C. Marquardt, I apologize for that it was in my mailbox. Letter read by C. Marquardt. National Night Out August 1st 2017 at 5pm to 8pm. The whole reason is to educate the public. Event to be held at Rangers station 6 E Ogden Street. Open house with numerous activities to show the public what it is like to be a volunteer and a free movie at dusk. Permission to close Line Street to Seconded Street for safety. Police department was asked to join the event and would like to ask the Street Department to join with equipment. ***Motion** to allow National Night out, Borough and Police to join, and close Ogden Street off from Line to Seconded from 5-8pm made by R. Krick, seconded by M. Huss. Voted all. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

James Petusky, Lowes Project we submitted last month and Girardville is going to get the Lowes Project this year. It's about \$3,000 we get to spend. We pay two days of work all the volunteer from work and were looking at new fence, all the chain link, retaining wall; we're going to put in some mulch if you need it. Fix the sand box up under the shed under the pavilion. Bring that out stone it then do a cement handicap accessible walkway out to the road and stuff. Whatever else they can do with their money if they have it. Where you can help out would be the better. We can do more stuff. Looking to fix that slide over there too. C. Marquardt, ok we got prices on the slides. J. Petusky, well he's fitting one of their slide that they sell on to the play set. C. Marquardt, so you can find out if that's what they are going to do. J. Petusky, Joey and Rob already know about it. I gave them Joey, Rob and Danny's contact number and stuff. They're going to come down and meet with us maybe in a week or two unless make no argument over there. J. Catizone, Jr., I didn't get any calls yet. I don't think Robbie. R. Krick, was that the guy I meet over there on Friday is that who? No I haven't yet. C. Marquardt, so how many employees would they be coming with? J. Petusky, probably about 20 each day. The weekend shift will come during the week and work. The weekday shift will come on weekend work. Maybe one or two of you can buy sandwiches from Balky's for the workers. Joey is already buying drinks for them soda, water, Gatorade stuff like that. C. Marquardt, should we work this in conjunction with Skook recovers. J. Petusky, we won't need Skook recovers let them do other parks, other playgrounds. Angie Butler, yeah maybe you can get all the mulch you might be able to spread it to the other parks that are there two maybe put mulch in all of them. J. Petusky, once I know what they are going to do I'll let you know for sure. C. Marquardt, yeah let me know what they are going to do. J. Petusky, the fences they're going to take that green stuff off put a chain link. Make a sandbox put a level on it put seats around it. C. Marquardt, so I should tell Travis we

should move to a different location. J. Petusky, find another project we'll take care of that. C. Marquardt, thank you very much we appreciate it very much.

Arthur Engle, my understanding is we do not have a Code Officer. C. Marquardt, that's correct. A. Engle, my seconded question you know most houses are up for taxes. In the event someone is prowling around here and decides to buy one of those houses who. What is there requirement to purchase one? What do they have to do next? C. Marquardt, well there going to have to get an Occupancy right from Frank. Frank is still doing Occupancy's. So before they can move into a house Frank would have to inspect it tell them what they need to have in that house before they can move in. That's the first thing. Providing that they get the sale through the County, home owner. But once you see some kind of activity there that we don't see it please contact us right away. A. Engle, I know about the Code Enforcement I didn't know it was up to them to do that. C. Marquardt, you can answer this for me two we are in the process of taking down Churby's two properties. Now I understand Bakerofskie have all moved out down there. A. Engle, well they cut the power. They might be back. C. Marquardt, because I imagine when they tear that down. Their going to have to side Bakerofskie's house correct. Michelle O'Connell, it's not Bakerofskie's. It's owned by Auto.cars or something. R. Krick, Churbys was put on afterwards. Me you Cuffy looked at it. A. Engle, the reason why I ask Charlie with these properties going up for taxes. We had a fellow come buy here two days ago. When their driving a car that looks like it's ready to stop and they look like they rolled down the side of the hill. Their going to look at these properties is what bothers me. He's looking at Rubitis. Joyce Engle, and possibly one on our side. He has a house in Homesville that we heard is falling down that he bought for \$800 and he didn't even get that up to Code yet. We want to get out there that these people aren't welcomed. (To much chatter can not understand who is saying what.) J. Catizone Jr., if we had the ability to deny those sales. C. Marquardt, first thing they do. They would have to go to the County and then the County would send us just like the one they sent us tonight. We have the right to deny it. If it's County owned but if it's a home owner and they sell it to another home owner then the Occupancy takes into effect before the new owner moves in there they would have to get everything up to Code in the property. (To many people talking at once) J. Catizone Jr., and it is a \$300 fine for moving tenant in with out Occupied per day. C. Marquardt, it's a \$300 fine per day if they move in with out going through the Occupancy. A. Engle, the only positive thing that came out of all these houses being empty is it's quieter, less traffic, (someone commented less drug dealers going on) drug dealers are gone. I just don't want that to start all over again. C. Marquardt, so if you see anything going on there just let us know right away so we can find out what happened. M. O'Connell, did you hire a Code Enforcer? C. Marquardt, we have one person was interviewed Tuesday night and he's going to get back to us and let us know what it is. We had two people put in and one person backed out. Right now I just have Jean Ann has been assisting with it as much as she can and Officer Matt Williams has been helping us with high grass and weeds stuff like that. If this guy doesn't work out I don't know what is going to happen with Code Enforcement then. I have no idea. Art Engle, I'd like to say one more thing there. You're new Officer that you appointed Officer In Charge I don't know how you did a lot of the years. This is the first time a saw a cop patrolling as much. J. Catizone Jr., patrolling a lot. Good Officer Williams is a very good Officer; he's very respectful with everybody. Seems everybody in the Community thinks that. It's nice when they are visible and out in the Community it deters a lot of potential issues. So that's great to hear.

J. Petusky, I gave Danny four months ago Right to Know papers regarding Labor and Industry report. He could not find them anywhere in the building. I go back to Mr. Hebal he's nice enough to go to Harrisburg and he got me the report. I want to know why Jean Ann is still

doing UCC enforcement? She got the people for swimming pools. Joey Catizone can attest to that. Swimming pools are covered under UCC. Angie Butler, Charlie another thing with the pools if it's not a permanent pool. (Both people are talking at the same time hard get everything) J. Petusky, she can not. They have a cease and desist order for her not to do UCC work. Jean Ann Parfitt, I fill out the application I don't do the inspections. J. Petusky, you can't do it. That's the way it works you enforcing the Code. You can't fill an application out. C. Marquardt, so why are you filling it out? J. Parfitt, Frank has me fill them out. J. Petusky, that's UCC you can not touch that! C. Marquardt, so Frank Filiziani has. J. Parfitt, we fill out the applications that are over there in the office. J. Petusky, They told me this week that the flow has to go through the UCC. The BCO officer. She can not touch them. I will file another report and they'll come in to investigate why she is doing that. Either you stop for now or I'm filing a report. Angie Butler, Charlie I have another question. C. Marquardt, Ang wait we are one at a time give me a minute.

J. Petusky, (said something could not make out) when she harassed me for a fence which was totally legal. I wished I had a fricken lawyer to sue her. Cope got a fricken permit and I got a fine. His fence was done months before mine. How about it Jean Ann. Why did he get a permit handed to him? The land he doesn't own. They should think motion to fire you tonight. You should be terminated. Anyone tempted to read that? R. Krick, did they tell you that the Borough received these documents previously? J. Petusky, Mr. Hebal said yes. I have the email somewhere. I can get that to you. They sent out months ago. J. Parfitt, we never received anything this just came in the mail the other day. C. Marquardt, its dated July 3rd. J. Parfitt, that's when it was sent here. The applications I'm allowed to fill them out. Frank comes in to sign off on them. R. Krick, the question I have is where are they? Their saying Harrisburg sent it out months ago. J. Petusky, also I have the permit report for last year. There a total of at least fifty nine she issued that the people did not need almost totaling \$2000. she gave people a permit to take down a tree. That's not a building permit. J. Parfitt, they were under the Borough Ordinances that's how they were issued. J. Petusky, they were permits people did not need Jean Ann why did you issue them? She should give money back to these people. Roof repair, concrete under UCC Code. C. Riedlinger, we ought to talk to Frank Filiziani and if you want me to contact the State I will. These letters seem to restrict the issuing of permits. It doesn't say you can fill out information on a application that Frank Filiziani rules on. I'm not saying that's not part of the administration but I don't know. That's not clear here. This just seems to be saying you can't issue permits which she is not doing. C. Marquardt, correct. C. Riedlinger, Filiziani is. J. Parfitt, yeah he issue's them. C. Riedlinger, I'd like to look into it. Just the wording of this seems to be a sanction for issuing permits not for writing information down on a piece of paper. Then Frank Filiziani then picks up and rules on. Like I said I'd like to make a call or two. This is the first time I'm seeing Mr. Hebals report it's only dated July 3rd. J. Petusky, that's because their not allowed to get a permit. Danny tried to find it here about the RTK paper. Danny couldn't find it anywhere in this building nobody had it. I contacted Mr. Hebal he finally sent it July 3rd. There was other papers sent to her cease and desist months ago. J. Parfitt, we never received anything. J. Petusky, bull and also her going around telling people they need permits is enforcing UCC. She has Joey get a hold of his Aunt and tell her to get a hold of Jean Ann she needs a permit for her pool. Jean Ann can't go anywhere and tell people they need a permit. She's enforcing UCC code. It's got to stop. C. Riedlinger, what exactly is it your complaining about? Let me finish my question. Are you complaining about the fact she's telling people they need permits or are you complaining about the fact that she's filling out an application or both. J. Petusky, both. Angie Butler, both you received a fine. J. Petusky, she gave me a fine for a fence that's totally legal. C. Riedlinger, I understand that part and that's what lead to the investigation what are you complaining that she is doing now? J. Petusky, she's doing the UCC work. C. Riedlinger, what work is she doing? A. Butler, in reference she told me. Told my child at a picnic that she had to

come inspect my pool. A pool that is a take down put up no sand required no nothing and like I said it does not require a permit. It's not a permanent pool. J. Parfitt, whether you can take them down or not Frank has to inspect pools. (J. Petusky was talking at same time couldn't understand) A. Butler, it's not a permanent pool. C. Marquardt, so anyone doing anything in the Borough should contact the Borough and Frank Filiziani should be contacted to contact that person, homeowner would know from Frank whether or not they need permits. J. Petusky, they need to call Frank is the way to do it. A. Butler, every year you would have to come down to do it. C. Riedlinger, I'm not saying your wrong. I would like to call Mr. Hebal to ask maybe this specific question. I don't think. Just common sense tells me somebody from the Borough is allowed to act as the go between. Between the public and Frank Filiziani. (Butler and Petusky speaking out of turn can not understand) C. Riedlinger, you just said a moment ago the person from the resident from the Borough has to contact Frank Filiziani directly. (Petusky still talking over Chris can not make out what he is saying) C. Riedlinger, Well the people from the Borough may not know who Frank is or anything else they would have to call someone from the Borough. (A. Butler and J. Petusky are talking at the same time can not understand.) J. Parfitt, no I was not doing that I'm tired of this nonsense with this. J. Petusky, do you understand that. The Borough is people. They should start coming to her. In her case to turn somebody down. That's the way it works with BCO. She's not a fucking Borough Code Official. Sorry. C. Riedlinger, your making several allegations. Just for example I don't see anything wrong with her or anyone else from the Borough writing down information on an application that they then transfer to Frank Filiziani for a decision on. J. Petusky, that's how it works. C. Riedlinger, I'm just focusing on one thing you said right now. If you want me to talk about the other thing I will. I don't understand the complaint on her taking down information that she gives Frank Filiziani. J. Petusky, she's filling that application for that person out. She's not just taking information she's filling the application out. C. Riedlinger, well what is an application other than obtaining information. J. Petusky, that's BCO work. Check BCO work. Building Code Official. She not certified. She has to be certified to do anything. C. Riedlinger, to take down information to give to Frank Filiziani? J. Petusky, she calls ahead to the person who needs a permit say hey get in touch with him. She shouldn't be filling any papers out. J. Parfitt, I fill out the application and he signs them. C. Riedlinger, and Frank request you do that? J. Petusky, bullshit to do the report. J. Parfitt, yes that's what we do. C. Riedlinger, your also making allegations that she's going door to door telling people they need permits. J. Petusky, yea sure. J. Parfitt, if we get a call that they put something up. I go out to see if they do need a permit. J. Petusky, what do Mr. Hebal say about that about her going. R. Krick, I thing one of the issue was whether or not you can actively. I think they sort of warned against going around look for activity. I mean that was the position from the people from Labor and Industry. J. Catizone Jr., but if you got a call could you go and investigate it. R. Krick, I think so. J. Parfitt, we get calls in here all the time. R. Krick, that you couldn't actively, but if you got a call obviously. A. Butler, I want to speak here for a minute. I already discussed with Jean Ann the issue. Her coming to me I had no problem with it. Her discussing it somewhere out side I had problem with it and then tell me that's something that had been discussed with my daughter both of my daughters found out exactly what was said. That upset me. C. Riedlinger, why don't we do this? A. Butler, then come down and talk to me about getting a \$124 fine for a pool that's fine don't say it to my daughter somewhere else. C. Riedlinger, why don't we do this? You're Mr. Petusky? Ok why don't I contact Mr. Petusky and get a list of the things he's claiming she's doing and then I'll talk to her and get her side of the story about those things. Then when I have some idea of what he is saying is going on and what she is saying she's doing then I'll contact Frank Filiziani and Mr. Hebal and find out. (Petusky talked entire time Chris was couldn't make it out.) J. Petusky, (what I did get) don't approach by her. C. Riedlinger, I don't want to try to write them all down everything you're saying now you're rambling on a

bunch of different topics. I'd like to get a cohesive list of specific things you're saying are accruing. (Petusky, continued to ramble could not make out what was said. Then A. Butler started talking also) C. Riedlinger, I need more than what you're saying is happening. Yes I do. J. Petusky, she just told you what was happening. J. Catizone Jr., we'll talk about it. C. Marquardt, Jim you'll make yourself available for the solicitor to talk to you? J. Petusky, yea. C. Marquardt, Joe? Jean Ann? J. Catizone Jr., yeah absolutely. J. Parfitt, yea.

Tom Clark, a couple of things. I would like to talk about the walk way over here this year to replace the boards and also to cut down the trees around it so the light comes in on both sides. (Walk bridge by Borough Hall) replace the board would solve half the problems. James Petusky, I cut the trees the other week. T. Clark, yeah we need them on this side too. Code Enforcement we had some good Code Enforcement people over 270 cases last year are we going to be replacing someone as dedicated as they were? C. Marquardt, they did interview the other night we are hoping. J. Catizone, we did interview the other night and we are going to work with that other guy and see what he is looking at. What he is looking for and make sure it fits with us I think before we decide whether or not to go with him. T. Clark, anytime frame when they'll pave Seconded St. the dust ball up there. They took all the rocks out and put sand. C. Marquardt, all I can tell you is they're doing it as they are tying them in. they are doing Oak St. some side Streets everything is pending all the hook ups. Some of the new systems is hooked in some of it isn't yet but they are working do diligently on it. T. Clark, their working not paving anymore. C. Marquardt, that's because they're on the other side of Main St. tying into Preston Ave section which they have to do. They won't do the hills Tom I would tell you until they're at the end. T. Clark, there is going to be an accident soon because people coming up try and miss. They sit on the pavement drive on the wrong side put a cop there and you'll make a million dollars in one night it's so crazy down there. C. Marquardt, so you're saying they are hitting the holes in the road and they are driving. T. Clark, their trying to miss the big part. The big sand pit there. They are trying to miss it but they don't care what side of the road they drive on. C. Marquardt, I'll get with Henry on Monday and I'll ask him about that there. T. Clark, thank you. C. Marquardt, yes sir.

Ang Butler, Charlie what does Code Enforcement require? What do you need to require? What do you have to be to be Code Enforcement? C. Riedlinger, I don't think there has to be any legal requirements. I mean you don't have to have any certifications or educational background or anything like that if that's what you mean. A. Butler, do you have to be certified to issue a permit, not a permit but like a citation or anything like that? C. Riedlinger, the appointment of Code Office entitles you to do that at the Magistrates Office. A. Butler, ok.

James Petusky, one more thing Charles. What the hell is going on with the Borough Street Department? That Silver Street drain is totally blocked and one pipe is covered. The next one I just watched from the top. These haven't been cleaned in years. That's major flooding again. I could of taken thousands of millions of pictures. I mean down by your house Joe there's a drain on the corner. It's totally back filled. I noticed that one. Down by Richard St bridge more drain on the side totally back with dirt. J. Catizone Jr., Jimmy where is this? J. Petusky, that's Silver St. (J. Petusky gave picture to C. Marquardt) that line water drainage. (To many people talking can not tell who is who.) C. Marquardt, we can have those pictures Jim? J. Petusky, yeah you can keep them. Basically every drain in town. I spent \$600 and waste my time building that park over there these guys should go around town and try to shine it up a little bit. Like every day they stand there smoking a cigarette back to the garage. (A. Butler, talking same time as J. Petusky can't understand her comments.) J. Petusky, I swept the recycling center a few weeks ago. Fixed that fence over at the park. Me and Rob were down when the fence was hanging over

the poles where we put the bicycle rack. I took my time and painted all the poles to the bicycle rack. Why ain't the Borough workers doing it? More than cutting grass needs to be done. I did the job for six years it ain't that hard. Now would be the perfect time to paint the cross walks up town traffic is being re-routed on Main St. Paint the cross walks paint the corners. Parking space lines do no parking signs. Try to fuck the Town up already.

Tom Clark, most of people in town are trying to clean up the town. It might be nice if you clean up the A Street School a cop car that don't work. It would make it more pleasant over there.

Michelle O'Connell, why isn't the Quality of Life Ordinance being enforced now? From my understanding a Councilmember can cite and a police Officer? I haven't seen those tickets in years. C. Marquardt, we don't have any tickets we are waiting for tickets to come in. We just ordered 500 tickets we are waiting for them to come in. As soon as they come in everybody is getting some. M. O'Connell, who do I call to complain to because that number is off the hook anymore? C. Marquardt, you're not going to get anyone. There is no Code Officer. There is nobody to complain to. M. O'Connell, then who do you complain? C. Marquardt, you don't. You can come in here and put your name with Candice if you want and if our cops are available to do it. To come down to do the investigation and they'll do it. We had them go down and get high grass and weed ones just over here on the Avenue. We had a couple other ones he did. A. Butler, anyone on Council that can take care of anyone. Mary Beth Dougherty, how come this Ordinance was passed in 2012 there hasn't been any Quality of Life tickets. C. Riedlinger, I think there has been some in the past. I just think you're out of them now. I know you had tickets before I remember seeing the form and approving it. C. Marquardt, Rick gave them out and Eddie Burns gave them out. M. Dougherty, why was everybody doing it? Why wasn't Code Enforcement doing it then if Rick was doing it and everybody was also? C. Marquardt, I would imagine they were just going through. Then when Rick became Code Officer he was just doing it through citations. He wasn't doing Quality of Life. He was doing the citations basically. Doing inspections stuff like that. J. Petusky, Rick was the Quality of Life Officer when he was on Council. C. Marquardt, yes. J. Petusky, you can't just appoint another Councilmen to do that? C. Riedlinger, you don't need to appoint one like you said anyone of them can do it now. A. Butler, When is the Code Enforcer application due by? C. Marquardt, there over already. A. Butler, you don't appoint nobody and nobody gets the job or? C. Marquardt, we have one person here. A. Butler, what I mean is it's over already and if the man doesn't take it will it run again? C. Marquardt, yeah more than likely yes. A. Butler, was it approved or just taking applications. Was he approved already? C. Marquardt, they interviewed him the other night and the guy is going to get back to him whether or not he wants to accept the position. J. Catizone Jr., he was never offered the position. A. Butler, he was never offered the position? J. Catizone Jr., not yet because I think there was some discussion that we as Council wanted to have. R. Krick, it came to issues. Whether he could go to Court when needed that was the issue. He was going to check with his boss if it would work out to make arrangements to do that. He was going to get back to us sometime. J. Catizone Jr., well if Council is willing to negotiate a different rate for him. Just some of the things we talked about. R. Krick, I'd say this guy is pretty impressive. Art Engle, if he's an Engineer. I don't mean to interrupt. He has a full-time job. I understand this is a part-time job how is he going to make all these meeting. R. Krick, he can do the job on the weekends. It doesn't have to be 8-5 or 8-4 or 8-3. As long as he responds to calls he can do it later in the evening or on the weekend. C. Marquardt, the question becomes when you issue the citations is he going to be able to make the hearings? A. Engle, so what happens to those? R. Krick, that's

the question. He has to talk to his boss to make sure its ok with him that he could take the time off to go to the hearing.

Mary Beth Dougherty, I keep all the old Treasurer's reports and stuff. I was going back and organizing them the other day. The Permit Account. If I remember correctly the permit account was created when UCC came into effect and it was to pay the BIU which is the Building Inspector and pay the remit amount to DCED the \$4 or whatever the surcharge is. I don't know why it's never on the Treasurer report for one. Ever. It's not on the last couple of reports I went back through. Number two those where the only things I thought was to be paid out of the Permit account. I happened to notice back in January this year. That Mike Soucheck was reimbursed for Christmas lunch out of the permit account. I can not figure out for the life of me. So I started looking at other ones another payment I guess postage was paid for plans to an Architect for something with Aqua I don't know if it was something to the water line project. A. I don't know how much is in the Permit account and B, if there is a balance other than what we are paying BIU and DCED. Why is it there? If it is there why are we paying for the Borough Christmas party out of that particular account? That makes no sense to me. Based on past knowledge of what that account was set up for. I just stumbled on it and I upset myself I missed it at the time. I don't know why it's being paid out of the permit account and why it's not on the Treasurers report. Because this leads me think there is a balance there which there shouldn't be. J. Kessler, at one point in time the Council didn't even know the Permit fund existed. M. Dougherty, that's pretty sad that Council. J. Kessler, that's going back quite a few years. M. Dougherty, it's been since UCC went into effect in 03 or 04. UCC was passed in 1999 act 45-1999 it took three or four no four or five years until they actually got all the guidelines and everything straightened out. It was 2004 2005 it went into effect. That's how long it's there and it still doesn't answer the question that the Christmas fund was paid out of it. I only went back through since December. There was other stuff paid out of here that I don't know. R. Krick, do we know that the Permit account is a separate checking account. J. Kessler, it is its own account. R. Krick, I'm unfamiliar. I'm unfamiliar how it's done. Do we have a separate checking account for the Permit fund or just goes to the General fund? J. Kessler, funds are generated from Permits into that account. R. Krick, all permits even inclusive from what the Borough is charging for permits. J. Kessler, all the money generated by permits went into the account. M. Dougherty, that's why that got created 2004-2005 through the UCC. There was a lot of confusion back when UCC went back. It took that long for this department to put guidelines in place. Third party inspector who used their own inspector we eventually decided to go through BIU. R. Krick, I think we deal with this exclusively because of the issue with that. M. Dougherty, UCC I think if you research that township in Oakland. That's all that should have ever been paid out of that. If there was doing to be stuff if there was any kind of profit I would stop and think. The idea is you pay UCC and there was an administrative fee that the Borough was allowed to take. That was to cover your cost to wanting a UCC inspection Code. There should never be any kind of money sitting in that account and if there is there should be motions made to transfer back into the General fund. I mean there should be a paper trail you shouldn't be paying for a Christmas party out of this account. You need to do proper account reconciliations. C. Marquardt, Joe will check that tomorrow with Candice. M. Dougherty, alright I look forward to the answer.

Health Ressler, since we are questioning bills Schuylkill County Treasurer was paid for Taxes 227 E. Mahanoy and two months ago I asked you about it. You said it was a clerical error. How did we miss paying taxes? What is the deal what is the clerical error. C. Marquardt, can you answer that Annetta? A. Whitecavage, it wasn't paid to me it was paid to the Tax Collector. H. Ressler, she was the Tax Collector. If it was last years taxes why were they delinquent? A.

Whitecavage, there was a mixed up in the department. The school taxes was paid and they thought it was the County/Borough. H. Ressler, my question is how did we get lost in last years bill? Not paying a bill? I don't understand. C. Marquardt, we have a bill to the County Treasurer that you're saying which I see. We paid last year's bill on a property on Mahanoy Ave. H. Ressler, I questioned you two months ago on it. You said it was a clerical error you said you'd correct it. A. Whitecavage, that's what they thought it was. H. Ressler, so apparently it wasn't a clerical error. It was a missed payment. Mary Beth Dougherty, it was a missed bill. C. Marquardt is this the one we called Betty on. A. Whitecavage, no that's the one Candice called down the Court house that was while she was on maternity leave she thought Tina paid it and here it was the School tax being paid in 2016. It looked like it was being paid then it was voided out. C. Marquardt, Betty told us where it was.

H. Ressler, my other question for the bills. I see the Borough took down a building on Seconded St for \$3,000 which puts the Tax payers on the hook. How is it you are able to do this now and it didn't get done January or December of last year? C. Riedlinger, I don't know the date but I think Frank Zangari got that contract to agree with that price just recently. H. Ressler, it's not the price I'm concerned about it's why did it take so long the Borough end up backing on it anyway. Before you continue I understand the Borough has a right to conservatorship for someone like that to petition to the Court but the Borough didn't act. The part the Borough act was the Code Enforcement acted. The Borough has the right to step in and make that property safe at the cost of the owner. It could have been done December, January or last year my question is why did it take six to seven months to do what is done now. Am I missing something with the law? C. Riedlinger, I don't think it's a legal matter I think it was a financial matter. I think that cost. Like I said Frank Zangari found this contractor that would do it for \$3,000 just recently. I don't know what the cost was back in December or January and I think the cost would have been significantly higher and it was a number that the Borough just wasn't going to pay. H. Ressler, does the Borough have the right to do what I'm saying or am I wrong? If that property is collapsed and becomes an intimate threat to people life and safety. The Borough has a right to take that property I think by Ordinance or Conservatorship by petition in Court to make it safe at what cost you're willing to spend. My question is why this wasn't looked at six months ago or am I wrong in the legal matter. C. Riedlinger, I don't want to say six months ago but it's been being looked at over the last couple of months. What alternatives where to get this property down the best economical way. H. Ressler, I just want to know if I'm looking at this correctly from a legal stand point or just tell me I'm wrong. I don't know what the law is. It should have been acted on faster. Instead of being left in the State it was. C. Riedlinger, there are legal Avenues that can be pursued to make unsafe properties safe. I think the Borough has been trying over the course of a while to try and get this done the most economically efficient way it could. H. Ressler, where does the Borough stand collecting the money back? C. Marquardt, \$100.00 every two weeks, its \$200 a month we received the first payment today. A. Butler, does he still own the land or does the Borough? C. Marquardt, he owns the land.

Linda Catizone, what does it cost would be to court for conservatorship and we got to pay you to go to Court would it be \$3000? C. Riedlinger, the cost for conservatorship would have been similar to the amount spent in getting the property down but the difference and the big difference especially with the construction project that is going on in town and the need to use that Street to get in to the Main part of town. The conservatorship we would have taken six to twelve months. This was immediate. M. Dougherty, is it true the property owner was never issued a notice of violation in the first place? C. Riedlinger, no I don't know that. I would assume Rick did that but when the hearings rolled around Rick was hospitalized or ultimately passed away. He would not have been there as a witness to testify that he issued a notice of violation. I'm not saying the property owner was not issued a notice of violation but one of the potential weakness of our case

if we had proceeded on the citation was we did not have a witness to prove that he was issued a notice of violation. M. Dougherty, so basically it was becoming harder to take this thing to Court because of all the circumstances to develop. C. Riedlinger, by circumstances if you mean Rick's health. M. Dougherty, yes. C. Riedlinger, then yes. A. Butler, another thing when they tear down the first one they were supposed to say black side the one wall over. They took that down when they took down the first building. M. Dougherty, it kind of goes back to Code Enforcement why didn't they go after him in the first place and why did they just go after the guy in New York. C. Marquardt, they cited him and paid some thousand dollars in citations. M. Dougherty, you're never going to get that. C. Riedlinger, there is a case pending in Court right now. The District Attorney has public nuisance misdemeanor charges against him. M. Dougherty, right but the guy from Brooklyn he's the guy they had to get the interpreter for the Islamic, Arabic, or whatever interpreter. They didn't go after Schultz at that time because I remember right. Rick said he was being cooperative he ended up being as cooperative as Line St so. C. Marquardt, right after that they went after him because that's when they started issuing them. M. Dougherty, right after it they should have been issuing them at the same time. C. Marquardt, he got a price. M. Dougherty, if they did them at the same time you probably could have got them at the same time down together. C. Marquardt, he couldn't come up with the money at the time. M. Dougherty, bottom line nice guys finish last. You try to be nice to these assholes and. M. Huss, we proposed the same deal to him when we did the original property. We proposed to him with that contractor for the same price we could remove his building as well. That was offered the same time and he declined it and said he was looking into other avenues. He was trying to get money from a loan or family member. I believe when he couldn't come up with what he was trying to come up with that was when the citations started. C. Riedlinger, the citations were filed in this case. M. Dougherty, it's a big deal how we get screwed in the end. C. Riedlinger, the citations in this case were filed between November and January but there is a long period of time where a warrant was issued for non-entry of a plea on those citations. M. Dougherty, wouldn't it be interesting to see you know to start citing him hard and I know the story is he had no money blah blah blah but he was buying properties in Ashland. Credited use personal assets attachments so we're coming after whatever you have. You know and try to make your case that way and go after these assholes.

Linda Catizone, is there repercussion if he doesn't pay ever two weeks? C. Marquardt, yes we have a. C. Riedlinger, well we have a promissory note signed and if there is a non payment we can enter in a judgment against him for whatever that's worth. The big thing that is hanging over his head right now is that there still is a criminal case pending in Pottsville against him. That if he's cooperative and getting the property cleaned up and is cooperative in making payments in some period of time. The criminal case is not going to last two or three years but you know we still have the leverage against him if you want to call it that. He could ask the District Attorney to withdraw that case if he does all these things that he is supposed to be doing. (Someone made a comment to put him in jail couldn't tell who). C. Riedlinger, well no that case could put him in jail. These are not citations before the Magistrate. This is a misdemeanor criminal act. L. Catizone, does he have so long to clean that up? C. Riedlinger, we given him until August. L. Catizone, I think I saw a truck there and somebody was in that property slumming by the truck load. C. Marquardt, he has a small dumpster there from the guy that knocked it down for him. He took one load out and brought another dumpster in today. So he's been taking it out as he got it filled. He just got it filled. A guy came hauled it out dumped it and brought the dumpster back. He just put it on this morning. Was that Jean Ann? J. Parfitt, yeah. A. Butler, what we need is people to continue to go like that with the citations to get their property up to code that it don't go down, down to go through all that.

J. Petusky, wasn't there some kind of an agreement to tear down a house by Richard's St bridge that the owner of that property? Was supposed to be done by April or something like that? C. Marquardt, Roy's? That was sometime in May. Now its up for Taxes but with out a Code Officer now. Now there's a dumpster there so I'm assuming whatever is going on there was a dumpster just put there. So maybe Roy. He had an agreement with them guys I'm pretty sure it was to start in May because of the winter weather and have it torn down by such a date. Him and his wife or family or whatever were going to tear the property down themselves. I see the dumpster has arrived. As soon as I see him there I'll find out what the story is with it.

C. Marquardt, a few people approached me if anyone is interested about a Community wide yard sale. Sometime in August. Does the public here tonight have any thoughts on that or not. A. Butler, I think you did it in September last year. C. Marquardt, well the question becomes is do we want to do it in August when it's still warm on a Saturday and schedule a date and time now because the next meeting we'll have here in the borough hall will be August the 10th. So like August the 5th, the 12th, the 19th Saturday, August 26th. There's also the first week of September the 2nd. We also have the fall clean up September 21, 22, 23rd. A. Butler, with the fall clean up maybe do it before the fall clean up. C. Marquardt, that's what we did before but then people were complaining the weather was bad. I don't now what that meant. A. Butler, September people are going on vacation Labor Day holiday do it right before the clean up. C. Marquardt, fine with me. Council have any problem with doing it September 16th 2017 from 8-1pm. Girardville Borough yard sale. Last time we did it we had people register of here and they got the names and stuff I guess we can print out a map somehow for people that come in from out of town. I'll find out more about that for the next meeting maybe we can have a registration here so you have an idea where most of the yard sales are taking place at in the Borough anyway.

***Motion** to allow Girardville Yard sale September 16th from 8am to 1pm made by M. Huss, seconded by J. Kessler. Voted all. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn.

James Kilker, I represent the Moser's as you know. We're very pleased with the cooperation that we are getting from the Borough and I didn't know who the Code enforcement.

C. Marquardt, asked public to hold on a minute were not adjourn the meeting yet. J. Kilker, We don't need anything but this is the Insurance policy that they have. C. Riedlinger, one of the things we asked was a copy of the declaration. J. Kilker, and I'll drop this off at Frank's. I want to thank you very much. We feel like we're really making progress and everybody is really helping out. We look forward to telling them, and resolved and booked by the next meeting. C. Marquardt, ok thank you very much Jim.

Motion to adjourn, could not hear who made the motion and who seconded it.

C. Riedlinger, Mr. Petusky could you come up here and give me a contact number for me?

Respectfully submitted,
Jean Ann Parfitt

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Special Meeting for General Purposes

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** August 15, 2017 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Robert Krick.

ROLL CALL

Members present: Mike Huss, Dan Heiser, Joseph Kessler, Mayor Joseph Catizone Jr., Robert Krick, and Christopher Riedlinger Attorney.

Members absent: Charles Marquardt.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA: No Comment on the Agenda.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

Tax Collector's report: Motion to accept the report and pay the tax collector made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor's report: Read by Mayor Catizone. Motion to accept report as read made by J. Kessler, seconded by M. Huss. Vote. All. Motion carried. D. Heiser, would like to commend the Police force for really showing presence in town something we hadn't had in a really long time. Their doing a really good job.

Permit Officer's report: Report was not read out.

BILLS

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read was made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Vote. All. Motion carried. R. Krick, I think we should consider doing away with this police fund. Transferring money just pay that out of the General fund. Don't seem to be any reason to have it other than transferring in and out of it. D. Heiser, all we do is put money in there to pay the car payment. R. Krick, car payment or the radios. Is there a separate account for the radios? C. Squires, yes. R. Krick, and were just transferring money in that account too? C. Squires, no Crime Watch used to give donations for the radios, unless you are going to start Crime Watch again. R. Krick, so their not given donations at this point? C. Squires, no they haven't. I don't think they are

meeting anymore. Edna Labie, haven't had a meeting. R. Krick, ok that's something we should talk about just a streamline of bank accounts.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Code Enforcement Officer. D. Heiser, two people were interviewed for the job. He is going to work part-time 12-20 hours a week \$150.00 a week. He will get the inspection money one person will be doing the inspection get the \$50.00 per inspection. He's been the Permit Officer in Mahanoy City for the last 10 years so he's probably over qualified to do the job. C. Riedlinger, you mean the Code Enforcement Officer right? D. Heiser, yes. I'm sorry Code Enforcement. Motion to officially hire Bill Killian from Mahanoy city made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Vote. Motion carried. J. Kessler, I vote no. R. Krick, do you want a roll call vote? You can request it if you want. J. Kessler, no I just want it on the record.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Backflow Prevention for yearly inspection for School and Municipal Building. Motion to approve Backflow Prevention made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Voted. All Motion carried.
- b. Community Yard sale September 16th from 8-1pm. Sign up sheets at Borough Hall. Last day of sign ups to get your information on the map is September 1st.
- c. Letter from Patricia Weikel for 101 Richard St read by R. Krick. R. Krick, I talked to the Solicitor concerning whether this is really a binding contract. C. Riedlinger, practically speaking if they violated the contract and you sue them, what are you going to sue them for? The question really comes down do you want your Code Enforcement Officer to go out there and start citing them? R. Krick, and that's the question. Do we start citing them on the Property Act 29? D. Heiser, that's what the agreement was. My understanding the problem is now. When we made the agreement with them. That was before we knew all the stuff with UCC and L & I. The insurance to tear down a property your self now it's cheaper to get unless you're a contractor who has the insurance for. The insurance company just won't give me insurance to go tear well I guess they would if I pay that ungodly amount of price. That seems to be the problem with the people who said they wanted to tear their own buildings down they can't get the insurance because UCC won't give them the demolition permit without the insurance. The insurance won't give them insurance because their not demolition contractors. That's what I understand I could be wrong but I believe that's what seems to be the problem. R. Krick, so the issue of given an extension really doesn't matter. D. Heiser, right. R. Krick, so the question is do we start citing them after the 29th I guess that's the question. D. Heiser, I don't see why not. R. Krick, ok I mean. I guess the question is. D. Heiser, what is the extension going to do? We had talked and the property is going to be in Judicial Sale in September anyway? Am I correct Michelle with that? Michelle O'Connell, yeah that's on Judicial Sale. D. Heiser, September 8th it will be up for Judicial Sale so if somebody does buy it, it won't matter what fines we have we put a lien against it they are going to go away. C. Riedlinger, to be honest with you if the County is holding the property anyway. You can't cite them anyhow because that Superior Court ruling that prevented

you from citing the one property we had the problem with before. Zellen property. If it's already up for Judicial Sale it already has to be in the Commissioner Statutes at the least at the Court House. M. O'Connell, yeah. C. Riedlinger, I mean it doesn't go right to Judicial Sale. It would have to go through Upset Sale already and would have to be in Commissioner Statutes already right. M. O'Connell, yeah it is. C. Riedlinger, you're not going to be able to cite these people anyway. Marybeth Dougherty, the only way you can cite them but they can use that Court decision as their defense should they. You pretty much just told them to use it. C. Riedlinger, Judge Hale is already aware of it. M. Dougherty, she's aware of it. She won't tell a defended to use it but if you don't cite them. See the twelve month rule kicks in that the property is being cited. So if it does go to Judicial Sale and a new owner buys it there's already a Code violation against it. So you can kick that eighteen months that just got changed to twelve months bring it in to Code compliance or demolish it. So you can use that to go after them too. So you got to look at the overall big picture. The property will have known Code violations against it even with a new owner. Judicial Sale regardless what the property sells Judicial Sale or private sale it will have Code violations on it. I think your better off citing it just to cover your bases there. C. Riedlinger, their saying there's no harm in citing it. (M. Dougherty, could not understand what was said she was talking same time as the Solicitor) R. Krick, I guess the question is are we going to give the extension? M. Dougherty, why would you I'm sorry I'm interrupting I know. Why would you because the 8th is going up for Judicial Sale. Even if it sells it's meaningless anyhow. So why do it? Start citing them. D. Heiser, that brings up another question. Is that agreement we entered with them is that the same as notice of violation? Or do we have to issue a notice of violation September 1st? C. Riedlinger, I'd have to see what the agreement says specifically but I don't know. There are certain things that have to be in a notice of violation if they're in the agreement then you don't have to do it. If they're not in it then you have to.

* D. Heiser, then I think if the letters is as good as notice of violation then we should start citing them if not then we issue notice of violation on the 1st. R. Krick, is that a motion? D. Heiser, sure, seconded by M. Huss. Voted. All. Motion carried. C. Riedlinger, I assume you're going to get me a copy of the letter to look at? D. Heiser, sure.

C. Riedlinger, you shouldn't wait until after September 1st to send them a notice of violation. I would send it to them within the next couple of days and basically give them until September 1st to have the property demolished or the citations will be issued on that day. That way you get to file before the September 8th Judicial Sale. R. Krick, I think that's a good idea. If we file immediately and say you have until the 29th which is the agreed time. D. Heiser, then we could use that contract which makes sense to sense they had a reasonable amount of time to tear it down they had five months. *I amend my motion to do that then. Seconded on amendment made by M. Huss. Voted. All. Motion carried. C. Riedlinger, Danny if you can email or fax me what was already sent to them tomorrow so I can see how it looks and if something more needs to be done. Then we can get something out in the next couple of days. D. Heiser, alright.

d. R. Krick, we received a donation for 4th Street Bridge some lumber that we needed. It came from Structural Technologies Incorporated from Paxinos STIWoodenCoasters@yahoo.cc. I'm assuming their affiliated with I'm not sure I shouldn't have said that. So it was 12 2X12X8's and the value was \$148.56 that was for fixing the bridge up.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Letter from Schuylkill Keep it Pretty read by R. Krick, September 18th – 23rd. I don't know if anyone is interested in that sign up sheet at the Borough hall if anybody wants to try and get something together maybe we could do something due by September 1st so we got about two weeks to figure out if anyone wants to do something.
- b. Letter from Drug and Alcohol Program 2nd Annual Recovery Event read by R. Krick. September 26th 10am in Pottsville. If anyone is interested in going to that.
- c. C. Riedlinger, can we go back for a minute before you move on to the next thing. To the issue about the property and citation the one with the agreement? R. Krick, yeah. (See rest under New Business section c.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: D. Heiser, Interview for next Saturday.

Street: None

School Building: D. Heiser, I'm not sure of the exact dates but September and October I think Tuesday and a Wednesday. Motion to allow Girardville Basketball to use Borough hall for sign ups made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Voted. All. Motion carried.

Blight: Meeting next Thursday at 6pm. R. Krick, try to come up with some plan to deal with some of the really bad situations in town. At least get some direction on how we can achieve what we want to achieve. So that will be at 6 O'clock Thursday and I would encourage anyone to come.

Solicitor: C. Riedlinger, I did file the motion to get the Real-estate taxes on the parcel that was returned to us by the Medical Center. Declare tax exempt there will be a hearing on that either later this year or early next year on for starting with the 2018 taxes.

Landfill: None

Finance: None

Personnel: None

Code/QofL: None

Recreation: None

Recycling: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Tom Clark, last December actually many of times last year I asked about the Church 201 A. Street. I was guaranteed that the end of the year it would be put back on the tax rolls it's still tax exempt. We have been missing out on taxes for 16 years since when it was sold. If we don't need the taxes then don't talk about mileage increase this year because you all know about it. As a matter of fact you all said it would be taken care of in December. The other point I have last month you talked about lost mail. Was that ever found? R. Krick, I don't think so. I think it was inactive and we didn't act on it to be quite honest with you. T. Clark, you didn't act on it. R. Krick, I don't think to be honest with you. T. Clark, since we are talking about mail maybe we should

ask the Post Office to come in and investigate it is a federal offense. Because if you can't find mail either the post office is losing it or someone in here is losing it. It is a serious offense. R. Krick, what is the process? C. Riedlinger, if we lost mail I don't think the Post office is going to come in here and do an investigation. R. Krick, I think I'm being quite honest with you I don't think the Borough took any action. As far as I know the Borough didn't take any action. T. Clark, so you don't care if you lose mail? You don't care if mail gets delivered here and it disappears. R. Krick, I'm not following your complaining about the church back on the tax roll. T. Clark, that was the first one. This is the seconded point. R. Krick, oh the second one I'm sorry. T. Clark, last month it was brought up there was mail missed place. R. Krick, in the Borough? T. Clark, in the Borough offices. When Jimmy Petusky had his letters if has carbon copy to the Borough Council and. C. Riedlinger, the letter Mr. Petusky had dated a couple of days prior to the Council meeting I don't think anyone said that we're losing mail at the Borough. That might be over stating it. T. Clark, if was said that it was missed handled or lost whatever you want to say are you doing anything to make sure it don't happen? D. Heiser, we got the letter dated July 3rd. C. Squires, we never got anything prior to that so I don't know what he was even talking about. because you called them on that too. Then this magic letter dated July 3rd showed up. R. Krick, I think the letter Jimmy had a copy sent to the Borough was dated not a long time ago it was dated right around the Council meeting. C. Riedlinger, I think what happened was and I might be mistaken. It was dated July 3rd which was very near in time might of be the day of the meeting. I'm not sure of that. I think Mr. Petusky made the allegation that we have received this two months prior. When the later was dated that day. Our position was he had a copy of the actual letter. He took the position that he had a copy of the letter that was sent to us but the sender had changed the date on his copy to make it commencer of the date it was sent to him. I don't think that's what happened I think it was sent to us on the same day it was dated July 3rd. I don't think we had it delivered to us two months prior that was lost. R. Krick, I think what might have accrued was the impression was given to Jim that the letter had been sent quite a long time ago and in reality it was sent at the time he got his. That's my impression of what happened I'm only speaking for myself. I think the impression was that it was sent months previous but the date on this letter was July. T. Clark, simple question did you ever get your copy of it. C. Riedlinger, I have a copy of it I don't know who handled it. T. Clark, simple the mail not the one Jimmy gave you. C. Riedlinger, I don't know the answer to your question. D. Heiser, I think it was emailed. We do have copies of it yes. Jimmy Petusky asked for a Right To Know request asking for the report from L&I on the meeting we had about the Borough issuing building permits. C. Riedlinger, when he made the request we did not have it. D. Heiser, when he made the request I know I had to sign an affidavit that I called L&I and they said well maybe we sent it here maybe we sent it to Jean Ann maybe we sent it to your Solicitor maybe we sent it to the Borough I called all three non of them had seen a copy of this letter. I sent Jimmy Petusky a sworn affidavit that would have to do with the Right To Know thing and that to the best of my knowledge this does not exist in the present of the Borough hall and he call L&I and that was fine. Then in turn went to L&I and asked them for the letter which they gave him dated July 3rd and then that's when we got the same letter dated July 3rd. T. Clark, you do have the letter? D. Heiser, yes. T. Clark, ok thank you. C. Riedlinger, regarding your question about a property that's tax exempt to get it back on the tax rolls. It's basically the same kind of petition that I just filed to get the park property tax exempt only you'd ask for the opposite relief. I don't know off the top of my head the details of this church but it has to have been completely divested of all its type of church. R. Krick, it's not a church it's owned by a person. I don't think he's non profit as far as I know. T. Clark, it's been empty for sixteen years growing weeds and basically an eye sore. ***Motion** that we start the process of getting that property back on the tax roll made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Voted. All. Motion carried.

Annetta Whitecavage, I have a question on the Code Enforcement Officer you say he's working 12-20 hours a week at a \$150.00 which I understand is a raise compared to what the previous one was getting. Was that budgeted in this year's budget for money? R. Krick, no. no it wasn't in the budget. A. Whitecavage, where is that money coming from? D. Heiser, the money that we budgeted for the per diem worker that was being called out to help Jimmy and Mike was not being called out. So the money that we budget for that is what we are using some of that to off set this. A. Whitecavage, he's getting \$50.00 for inspections which come from the inspection which is fine. Is that after his 20 hours of work put in? He's not doing that during his hours. R. Krick, the inspections are separate. A. Whitecavage, so he's putting in 20 hours and then does inspections besides. R. Krick, yeah. D. Heiser, yes. And I thought I seen him when I came in I thought he would still be here. The way

it was explained to us. He got a pretty good plan. It's going to be right up front when someone comes in and says I need a property inspected. I'm not sure what day it will be. He is going to pick a certain day of the week and certain evening when he does inspections. So when someone comes in say he's doing an inspection on Thursday evening and somebody comes in for an inspection we'll say on a Monday we'll say ok it's going to be on Thursday. If they come in on Friday we'll say ok it's going to be next Thursday. You'll all get to know him. Annetta Whitecavage, he'll get his court money separate? D. Heiser, yes.

Michelle O'Connell, a few months ago I brought up about, you guys were going to adopt a rental ordinance similar to Pottsville. Where are you guys at with that? D. Heiser, we had talked about that at the meeting and I believe Chris had said that our Ordinances are basically the same thing. It would be just rewriting an Ordinance. C. Riedlinger, if you want me to comment on it. I wrote an email to member of Council on this. I read both our Ordinance again and the Pottsville Ordinance and it's virtually all substantive provisions are in the one are the same in the other. Except there is the one additional requirement in the Pottsville Ordinance that we don't have. That refuses permits to Landlords that are in the rears on certain Municipal bills or taxes. So the question comes down to, is it worth the money to pay to amend and re-advertise and adopt a new Ordinance just to add that provision. My option was that if we would enforce the Ordinance that is currently in place on the books you're going to be doing all you can really do to keep things falling into Blight. I don't think you need to spend the money just to add that requirement to what you already have. There is an additional requirement and if you wanted to add it you can add it. I don't think it's necessary to add it that was my opinion. R. Krick, and that would allow us to deny somebody. C. Riedlinger, a rental permit if that person owes real-estate tax that they are delinquent on or something like that. That is the additional requirement that Pottsville has that the Girardville Ordinance doesn't but 90% of the Pottsville Ordinance is the same as the Girardville Ordinance it's not copied from each other but all the provisions mirror one another in some way shape or form. Once again if you guys want to pay to re-advertise and amend to add that one paragraph you can. Like I said if you enforce the Ordinance that is in place I don't think you need that additional requirement but you can add it if you want to. There's no harm in adding it. It's just going to cost the money to re-advertise and everything. R. Krick, I think it would be worth the discussion. We should discuss it maybe by next meeting. M. Huss, what kind of cost to amend that? C. Riedlinger, you could probably comment better on that better than I can. I'm not sure what the ads in the Pottsville Republican are costing now and days. As far as the work it would take me to draw up a paragraph to say amend the Ordinance to include this would probably be an hour. The advertise cost would be more than that. C. Squires, that would go under legal and that is more than normal. D. Heiser, we should look at discussing that at the next work session if we decided.

Joyce Engle, the Seconded St. property how long does he have to get rid of the debris there? R. Krick, that is the question. C. Riedlinger, he had a criminal case scheduled for trial this month on a misdemeanor public nuisance charge. We had told him if the property was cleaned up by August that we would tell the District Attorney we are ok with that charge not being prosecuted. I don't know if I can speak for Council on this. I think the reasons for telling him the August date was the case was scheduled to be disposed of in August one way or the other by the District Attorney. We had to have the property cleaned up by August. I'm telling Council this for the first time. I know from having done a continuance court Monday morning that Mr. Schultz case was continued out of the August term and continued to October trial term. It's completely common for things like that to happen. There were twenty continuances all in front of Judge Baldwin that morning that was one of them and all of them were granted. We have seventy some cases left in the trial term and that's more than the number of days in a trial term can handle so the Judge is continuing cases that aren't years old. That's the way things work every term. Mr. Schultz got no special brakes what so ever. It was completely normal business at the Court House. This case is now scheduled for dispose of in October. The deal was we would ask about withdrawing the case if the property was cleaned up by August because the case was scheduled for trial in August now the case is scheduled for trial in October. So if you wanted to extend his date keep him moving you could. If you don't want to you don't have to it's up to the Council with what you want to do with it. It hasn't been cleaned up completely. R. Krick, the other question was has he been making his payments? C. Squires, two he just missed this week. R. Krick, he missed one this week. I mean it's a decision whether at the end of August start citing him. C. Riedlinger, that you can do to in addition to not asking the District Attorney to drop

his criminal case. You can issue new citations for him the fact that there is trash and garbage all over his lot. D. Heiser, I think we should start citing again. R. Krick, especially since the start of suspension. C. Riedlinger, if you think citations are coming in the near future you got to send out a NOV.

Health Ressler, I have a question on the deciding of the Weikel property. My understanding of an Upset Sale is the property sold void of any and all liens or circumstances for anything. C. Riedlinger, that's a Judicial Sale an Upset Sale is the first sale that goes through. H. Ressler, is it up for Upset or Judicial Sale. C. Riedlinger, Michelle tells me it is I don't know if it's up for anything. H. Ressler, I said the wrong this Judicial Sale is free of all encumbrances how can you go and stick something on it when the County says its free of any encumbrance what so ever? C. Riedlinger, it may not sell at the Judicial Sale for starters. (Out of turn M. Dougherty) M. Dougherty, citations don't hold that any kind of financial conference that gets taken off. C. Riedlinger, financial conference like liens or judgments from civil court things of that nature. The citation is against the property owner individually not on the property. H. Ressler, your going after this property there is a whole Repository List that nothing is being done. Are you going to cite every Repository property that dilapidated and left sit there? My whole thing is I see a catch 22 with no winner. The property is un-sellable. D. Heiser, there's not a property on that Repository list that has a structure on it that we did not get in that County thing. Every other one of those are vacant lots. H. Ressler, wait a minute here do you now own the Zellen property down the St from me? D. Heiser, we tried to get that property they won't touch that. We made an effort to get every property in that mess. It's the only one we didn't get. I apologize. D. Heiser, they are in the process of getting on that new County demolition. H. Ressler, it just seems to me that it's a catch 22 if you put a lien against any kind of property you're not going to sell it. C. Riedlinger, once again to file a citation against the property own is not putting a lien on the property it's a citation against the individual not on the property. If somebody doesn't pay a garbage bill or sewer bill you can put a lien on it. H. Ressler, you just stated at this meeting that the buyers are stuck with the citation. That's my understanding what you just stated at this meeting. C. Riedlinger, the buyers not I think there. (M. Dougherty starting speaking over Chris) Mary Beth Dougherty, the new owner has twelve months to bring it into code. C. Riedlinger, the new owner is not responsible for the citation. (M. Dougherty still talking can not tell what she is saying.) C. Riedlinger, The fact that the property was subject to a citation another law kicks in and gives them a certain number of months to bring it up to code or another law kicks in. M. Dougherty, I can get you a copy of it the law I'm referencing to. D. Heiser, if we cite the Weikel's for fifteen Code violations and then this property gets sold at Judicial sale and I buy it I'm not responsible for Code violations but I got to correct those within a year or I'm responsible. H. Ressler, do you think it's actually going to sell? Council, you never know. H. Ressler, I don't understand this because it doesn't make a whole lot of sense right now I just want to understand what you are doing because there is a whole list of stuff there. I see a catch 22 because it's going to be like the Seconded St problem. C. Riedlinger, the real part that doesn't make sense is the law from our Superior Court that allows these people to skate by while the property is being held by the tax claim office and the owners on the deed can't be cited anymore. That's the thing that doesn't make sense and that's what is screwing the Zellen property. M. Dougherty, we are just getting ready to introduce legislation to fix it my boss is doing it. D. Heiser, probably what will happen is that's going to stay like it is until it gets on the Repository list and we go to the County and say can we get funding to demolish? R. Krick, if there is money available. A. Whitecavage, people are living in it. C. Riedlinger, if it sells. You buy it at Repository the people that are living in it are now living in someone else's house and you can kick them out. If the property was bought by the Borough and someone else is living in it the Borough can kick them out.

Joyce Engle, 6 W. Ogden the Robitis house. The window was cracked then the doors were open. I don't know if you can get somebody down there to board it up. Somebody is going in and out. Michelle O'Connell, I saw that it is open. D. Heiser, that is something I believe we can do. We can board it up and charge the property owner for the time I believe we have done that. J. Engle, they did that on Ogden. R. Krick, yeah but you got to give them the option to do it we just can't do that without informing them they have the option. I forget how many hours. D. Heiser, we can send them a letter. R. Krick, the building is in Maintenance code.

Arthur Engle, back to Code Enforcement building inspections. Is the property owner's obligation to actually tell the Borough someone is moving in or is it Code Enforcement or somebody moving out. R. Krick, it's the property owner. The owner is supposed to notify the Borough if he doesn't its \$300 a day fine. A. Engle, what if he doesn't? R. Krick, if he doesn't and somebody sees it then it's reported. A. Engle, it concerns me because a meeting or two again I brought up the fact about Robitis's there was a fellow looking at it. Again it looks like he rolled off a side of a mountain here. I'm afraid that somebody is going to start moving into these places. They aren't going to say anything about getting it inspected unless they get caught. D. Heiser, it is their responsibility but also would help if anyone see that to notify us so we can get Billy down there. That was one of the things we talked about in the interview he did say in Mahanoy City and in New Philly he does enforce that \$300 a day fine if someone moves in prior even if it's a landlord and those tenants move in that landlord gets the \$300 a day fine. It can not be occupied unless it's inspected. Another thing he is going to do that he told us. I wish he was here. He is going to have placards made. That if somebody moves in there is going to be a placard that has to be displaced in the window for so long that says it was inspected and there is also. Say it was inspected and a few minor things that needed to be fixed or temporarily one that's a different color. So you will be able to notice by looking at the front window without even asking them if that place was inspected or not and that's on every change of occupancy. If tenants move in this month it will get inspected they'll get a placard that has to be displayed for so long. Then after if they only stay for two months new tenants come same thing again they'll have to be notified. Correct me if I'm wrong we all sat with him. He has a really good plan. It's just getting it started getting it working. R. Krick, see how it works out. D. Heiser, that's going to take a little bit of time but his plan is really good. A. Engle, one more question I don't know anything about this quality of life business that was instituted. If you own a house which I do next door fortunately the top roof isn't leaking at all yet but the porch roof water runs. Where does this quality of life deal come in as far as stuff like that? Is that just something I'd have to file a civil suit or I was under the impression that was apart of quality of life when a house next door to you. D. Heiser, that's actually property maintenance. That's what they would cite under property maintenance when the roof is shot and busted windows. C. Riedlinger, that is property maintenance I don't remember every provision of the quality of life ordinance off the top of my head but something like a shoddy roof that's going be property maintenance not quality of life. A. Engle, would that fall under Code Enforcement office stuff? D. Heiser, yes he would issue a notice of violation given them a reasonable amount of time to fix the violation on there and there could be fifteen things on there of violations. Given a certain amount of time to fix the problem and if they don't then they start issuing the fines. Then that's when the process starts. It starts with that a notice of violation. A. Engle, what if the property they stop paying taxes on are they still responsible for that roof? Once they just quit paying property taxes and the sign goes on. D. Heiser, I believe they are. A. Engle, you know what I mean if that's the case down the road I'll just let my house go and just move to an apartment instead. That's the reason I want to know because it's probably going to come to that. C. Riedlinger, your right if I answer his question out load I'll be telling people how to get away with a crime. M. Dougherty, it's a catch 22 that would be caught on the recorder. C. Riedlinger, if Council wants me to answer that question I'll answer it for them across the hall. A. Engle, well you can answer it. C. Riedlinger, I can't give you that answer. I can only give them an answer. M. Dougherty, we're given them ideas.

Linda Catizone, when they took the property down on Second St and Schultz did he sign an agreement? C. Riedlinger, yes he did. L. Catizone, was it in court? C. Riedlinger, was he in court no it was a private agreement like you would sign with a company if you buy something, something like that. It allows us to enter a civil judgment against him if he defaults on it. L. Catizone, evidently he has. C. Riedlinger, that's right if the Borough wanted to proceed to have action filed to have a civil judgment entered they could. Just my guess that he doesn't have anything to collect it against but we could file it. L. Catizone, well this guy just keeps blowing his nose at this Borough. That's all. C. Riedlinger, I don't want to speak for Council again but I've been speaking for Council a couple of times already. I think the Borough Council went into this with the understanding with Mr. Shultz with their eyes fully opened. Their goal was to get that property down. I mean not that they don't want the money back not that they are not willing to file the judgment and do everything they can to get the money back but I don't think anybody on Council is surprised to hear that he only made a couple of payments and he stopped paying it. They didn't do this thinking they would get the money back quickly and easily. They did it because the property was falling into the road. They had to do this for public

safety purposes. L. Catizone, not only that but the fact that the whole Street is re-routed. The only other Street is Julia St. R. Krick, exactly. So the pressure was on. L. Catizone, so that was only taken down because of that. C. Riedlinger, they had several options all of which would have cost in the same ball park of money whether they would have went with the conservatorship or they did various other things they had options to do. The price tag on all of the different options was going to be in the similar ball park. The option they choose and that is getting him to give permission for them to tear it down it was the only one that happened one two three. All the other options was going to take months to do and the property was going to stay up there that entire time. L. Catizone, that pile is going to stay there to. *Motion if he don't have the payment in here by Friday start civil file made by D. Heiser. M. Huss, question do we have to give him a notice of violation? C. Riedlinger, no we have to give him the notice of violation if we wanted to cite him for having the trash on his property. You don't have to give him a notice of violation to file a civil judgment against him. You have to file a civil action to get a judgment with in that action. D. Heiser, we also have to keep in mind once we do this we're not getting anything out of him no more until the hearing or whatever the Judge says he has to give us. He's not going to make next months payment so we're just assuming by doing this pretty much aware of that we got our last payment from him. C. Riedlinger, that's the other thing it's nice to sit here and talk tuff and say let's get him. Let's get this judgment but we're going to get a judgment for \$3,000.00 he is never going to pay us on. We could do it. There is no harm in doing it. Maybe we'll get lucky some money will fall into his name and you could attach it. Your right if we file this we'll probably never see another dime. A. Whitecavage, can we call and see if he is going to make another payment? D. Heiser, we can call say you have until the end of the week.

Michelle O'Connell, I have a question about these agreements on these properties. What is the sense to have an agreement on the properties for demolishment that has been sitting like that for years? C. Riedlinger, I would say this in defense of Rick and Frankie. They entered into several agreements with these people and some of these buildings did come down as a result of it. R. Krick, and some didn't. C. Riedlinger, I mean they did get a couple of them down that way. Now maybe it hasn't worked every time but where would we be? Look at the alternative. Where would we be with the Weikel's if we had cited them back in June? Would the property be down? Would they really have paid all of the citations in Hale's office? They entered in these agreements with several different property owners and some of them did bring the buildings down as a result. The one criminal action that I did withdraw the guy spoke Arabic I don't remember his name. R. Krick, the guy that owed the corner property. C. Riedlinger, that was the same situation and that property came down. So some times it works and because it didn't work 100% of time. If you knew back in the spring you can get two out of the four properties like that down by doing this would you take it? R. Krick, I think the Knights of Columbus came down under that same deal. D. Heiser, back when those agreements were made they did have the ability at that time to tear them down themselves if they wanted to because we were all naïve to that UCC agreement back in 89 99 I think it was. Now that's a UCC permit for demolition and UCC won't put a permit out without insurance. They are not going to insure someone without a demolition contractor. They will. If they can afford that they can afford a contractor. R. Krick, it costs as much of amount for the insurance. C. Riedlinger, these agreements to refrain from filing citations to give the property owners x number of days to clean the properties up. It didn't get 100% of them fixed up but it got some of them fixed up and that's better than nothing. I know the George Atiyeh property got fixed up as well under a similar agreement. There are two I can name at least. D. Heiser, that was actually an agreement between Council and the Weikel's we all agreed to that. R. Krick, yea we had a meeting that was agreed by Council. C. Riedlinger, but the Weikel's case didn't work and now it's time to do the citation.

M. O'Connell, second thing for the Blight Committee this is my recommendation. I think you should ask the Police officer to get everybody. R. Krick, Killian. On the same page there are some real challenges. I think we have to come up with some kind of congruous idea how to deal with them. Rather than hope money is going to come but get some kind of plan and priority set and maybe we could go after them. It's going to be tuff I think. Come up with a plan.

Mary Beth Dougherty, the last Pottsville Blight Task Force meeting I was at. I ask Tom Palamar if he would be willing to come up and do a power point presentation on how they target properties and develop their blight list from worse to you know they have like 500 on theirs. Kind of talk to us a little bit on how they do.

Mahanoy City has similar ones so Bill should be familiar with what they do. Like with the rating system and stuff and it's a excel spread sheet and every month some might be added to it or might be taken off of it. There is also a list of the current statues of the property whether citations had been issued, whether the property is in the process of demolishing it. That kind of stuff. I think it would be good plus he also had it in the last power point he did. The rental Ordinance and the amount of money you know the Tax amendment that was brought into the City. He'll talk about it. He talks about quality of life tickets and while they might not be successful about being paid they were about 50% success. Why it's important to use them. They don't want to have properties with high grass now and junk on their front porch. It's not going to get better. It's just going to keep getting worse unless we start aggressively going after those kinds of properties to. So there are reasons that make sense to use those quality of life tickets. So maybe if we can think about asking him to come up. R. Krick, yeah. M. Dougherty, maybe we might get some (could not make out what else she said). M. Dougherty, and have the presentation to do and have some of their Code Officer's up along with him as well and maybe just open to the public if anybody is interested or at a Blight Committee meeting or whatever. D. Heiser, that's a really good idea because a friend of mine is a Code Enforcement Officer in Shamokin and he has offered several times to come up. We get a couple of them here maybe we could. We don't know it all what they can do and what they can't do and that's what makes it hard for us to answer your questions. Maybe if it was a public forum you could ask directly to the people who are enforcing these codes then it would be easier to understand and less frustrating. I think I'm right here if I'm not mistaken if you here from people who are doing and know what they can do. The whole conversation we had with Bill shocked me that you actually do. R. Krick, the other thing with the new Code Officer said he's reports will be that way where they would be color coded so you know the statues of any property and where it's along in the process. When he would present it you would be able to tell this means this and this mean this and the color code is that. So hopefully we see that spreadsheet. D. Heiser, next meeting we'll probably have that.

R. Krick, I wish people would come to the meeting on Thursday especially Ogden Street.

J. Catizone Jr., would like to thank the volunteers for participating in the National Night Out from all Ambulance, Rangers, the Hosey, and the cops. I think it was a very nice event for the kids. We know a lot logged in. So thank everybody for that. It was a great night for the kids.

Motion to adjourn made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Vote. All. Motion carried

Respectfully submitted,
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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** September 14, 2017 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Robert Krick, Mike Huss, Dan Heiser, Joseph Kessler, Mayor Joseph Catizone, Jr. Charles Marquardt, and Attorney Christopher Riedlinger.

Members absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA: No Comment.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report made by Dan Heiser, 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 M. Huss. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor's report: Read by J. Catizone Jr. Motion to accept report as read made by M. Huss, seconded by J. Kessler. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement report: C. Marquardt introduced new Code Officer William Killian. Motion to accept the report as submitted made by D. Heiser, seconded by R. Krick. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. William Schultz owner of Seconded St. C. Squires, up to date total collected \$500.00. William Killian is in process of reviewing files on this property.

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- b. B Street Park Project with Lowes. C. Marquardt, any updates we have the mulch over there and the scheduled is for next Saturday correct? R. Krick, Wednesday through Saturday. C. Marquardt, are we supposed to purchase lumber for the project? I called and never got a call back. R. Krick, I'm assuming we're paying we might be paying for. Let's find out either way if we have to purchase it. C. Marquardt, maybe we should just find out from them. Mike Huss, we can touch base with them and worse case scenario we touch base with them on Wednesday we can have it up here the next three days. C. Marquardt, can you check on that your down there right Mike? M. Huss, yep. C. Marquardt, how is the paint are we ok with the paint? M. Huss, as far as I know. I'm down at the store not at D.C. I'll touch base on what's going on. C. Marquardt, and that's to start Wednesday morning at 8 O'clock is that the initial start? R. Krick, I'm not sure. M. Huss, I think it's closer to 11. I think. C. Marquardt, if we can follow up with it and get back to everybody to be on the same page. Let the public know.
- c. Blight Task Force presentation. M. Huss, Mary Beth brought that up about having someone speak at the Blight meeting not this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Community Yard Sale September 16th from 8am to 1pm. D. Heiser, get the maps to Candice who will get them on the door for people to take.
- b. Annual Fall Clean-up Thursday, Sept 21st, Friday, 22nd from 9am to 5pm and Saturday, Sept 23rd from 9am to 1pm. No electronics will be accepted.
- c. Letter from Good Time Club Permission have Halloween Parade October 29th Motion to approve parade made by D. Heiser, seconded by J. Kessler. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- d. Letter from Northern Schuylkill Meeting Notice September 27th at 7pm
- e. Hire Police Officer. Motion to hire Hugh Clinton at standard rate made by D. Heiser, seconded by R. Krick. Voted. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

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

OTHER BUSINESS: C. Marquardt, we had a hearing last week myself and Chris attended at he Court House for the Medical Center property being turned back to us and we we're granted the exception. Now it's back in our hands free and clear no real-estate taxes on it.

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Police: D. Heiser, we are going to sit down and talk. Police Officer's want to buy equipment for the Police vehicle. We'll get prices.

Street: D. Heiser, the guys are doing the best they can with what we have to give them. There is a lot of work that needs to be done. Prisoners were here today Mike called me to get the lunch they got them subs from Balky's. Motion to pay that bill made by D. Heiser. C. Marquardt, we have that in the file to pay.

C. Marquardt, the prisoners were at the island and one property on Ogden Street they cut the grass down there with the guys. They were also on the Pony path. They are coming back next Month they will be doing some work at the gym and some other work we are lining up for them.

C. Marquardt, also next Friday weather permitting we got permission to use the roller from Ronka to fix the rest of the holes we have at the Borough that need fixing. Assumption is we are going to try and buy four tons at the present time but we are going to take care of that hill that is washed out there from Main St. there is a bunch of other sections that Mike noted. While they're still paving in town they usually don't pave on Fridays. They work Monday to Thursday. So I asked them if we're allowed to use their roller. D. Heiser, Ronka has been really nice with at the end of the day just chucking the black top. Give it to us.

D. Heiser, I was talking to Mike about the Bloody Mary Bridge. The 4th Street Bridge they are going to repair the 4th Street Bridge. C. Marquardt, we got the lumber donated to us and they have stained it, water proofed it, and got the plates. They are going to start to dismount the old one over there and paint the one that is there. Then attach the wood to it and that should be starting this week also.

School Building: D. Heiser, Basketball will start soon. Next Monday and Tuesday will start registration. We are in talk to get one of our sponsors to replace score boards at no cost to Borough same as lights. I'll let everybody know how that goes.

Blight: R. Krick, the only thing we discussed previously was three properties Seconded St, A. St property, and Julia St. we just got to make sure we can get them. We discussed Seconded St with the solicitor it's in bankruptcy. C. Riedlinger, not only is it in bankruptcy which is a problem that we can overcome with out a lot of difficulties but the real problem is the status of the property with the County is that it hasn't been exposed yet to an upset sale. This means we can not buy it from the County. We would only be able to buy it from the private owner and we would buy it with any liens, conferences, judgments, mortgages, or any thing else that are on it would come with it. That's the real potential problem. R. Krick, the Blight meeting meets the third Thursday before the Sewer Authority meeting so everyone is invited to that. We'll see how far we can get along with all these properties. We meet at 6pm. C. Riedlinger, all the properties we acquired so far to demolish with the County funds. We acquired from the County Repository which means they are being bought from the County with nominal consideration with all prior liens judgments being extinguished. The 227 N. Seconded St property is many steps away from being that way. Just the back taxes on that is over 1100 dollars and there could be other things owed on it. R. Krick, yeah that's where the real problem would be. That could be as we discussed maybe the land bank would but I don't know at this point. We'll meet next Thursday at 6pm.

Finance: C. Marquardt, we need to set up times to do the Budget. Anyone have any in particular? J. Kessler, should have to address it in early October should start on it. Going to need quarterly reports to date. C. Marquardt, do you want to set up that at this time? D. Heiser, that might be the best thing to do so it can be

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advertised. C. Riedlinger, off the top of my head I don't want to give you an answer I think you do have to. D. Heiser, if it's more than two of us three of us there. C. Riedlinger, if your debating money issues the public has a right to come and participate. D. Heiser, we'll get together pick a couple of days we all can do it and then we'll advertise it. C. Marquardt, Dan will you get with Candice and set the dates up? D. Heiser, certainly.

Personnel: None

Code/QofL: None

Recreation: None

Recycling: None

Solicitor: None

Landfill: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Wade Richards, what is the speed limit on Main St 30, 35? C. Marquardt, Starts coming into town I believe its 40, then it goes to 35, then it goes to 30. W. Richards, and motorcycles? Can you go on Main St on a bike beat the hell out of it going 85 three times? NO. C. Marquardt, no. W. Richards, next time maybe I'll call the State's. I just want to know what the speed limit is. C. Marquardt, is there a problem with a guy with a motorcycle that you called about that wasn't answered? W. Richards, to late now I should have called the day it happened. He's sitting right there. Cope. Michael Cope, issue addressed. I understand where you are coming from issued addressed. W. Richards, I have two Day Care's down there kids across the St. M. Cope, issued addressed.

Alex Gregis, The Bridge down there that's been out two months everybody is using Julia St down there. Everybody seems to have the idea that they are on 81 or something because they come blazing down there and the kids are playing in the back alley down there. I talked to the Butler Township cop because technically that's their territory. They are in Girardville on one side and Butler on the other so it's like the no mans land down there. Between the hours of 3 O'clock and 7 O'clock it's like asshole heaven down there. I'm not exaggerating when I say 45-50 MPH down there. Officer Mathew Williams, I'll have the Officer aware of it and sit down there it's not a problem.

Annetta Whitecavage, the new Code Enforcement Officer if he can get with the Tax Collector so when there is new people in town we can get them on the Tax rolls Per Capita anyone 18 and older should be on the Tax rolls. People are moving in town are not coming to me. Get a little bit of money anyway. Frank use to give me the list. C. Marquardt, Bill can you get with her? Everybody will work with it and get it resolved.

Terri Krick, on the side of our house on Line Street I asked about it here but I assume I should come ask you here at the meeting. The curb there needs to be filled in. I'm trying to help my disabled brother get in and out. There is a big gap on the curb. C. Marquardt, is this where they stopped paving? T. Krick, no it has nothing

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to do with that it's the curb been there quite awhile. R. Krick, I know what it is it's the curb there. C. Squires, I did tell the guys about it every time she called. C. Marquardt, we'll take care of it.

Michael Zangari, Rangers Hose Company and multiple Fire Co. We are doing operation Houston Pets and we are collecting any that a dog, cat, garble, anything people call a pet. Not doing the snake things. Anything they can use we are sending down to the S.P.C.A's and then they are going to distribute it. How ever big an item is doesn't matter because they will be driving it down we're not flying it. They are looking for crates, beds, everyday things and food is a big one. If anyone can help we are collecting until the 25th and they are shipping it out the 29th we are asking everyone. We have flyers to put, or need to call the house, we have wing night Saturday. Anything would be great. That was the other thing Wing Night is Saturday. J. Catizone Jr., do they need boxes or anything? M. Zangari, if you want to get us boxes sure. C. Marquardt, Mike is it just for pet stuff? M. Zangari, yeah we're not doing anything for the human side of it. We are just focusing on the pets because that's what we were asked to do. I think there are other ones going on but I don't know. We contacted who we are going with and they are just doing the pets. So at this point we are not accepting anything other than pet stuff if we don't know how to get it there. C. Marquardt, a lot of people asked with this yard sale coming up if they didn't get rid of stuff is it possible to donated it towards but, we didn't know who the contact was to get somebody. M. Zangari, well the only other thing I can tell them is with all this other stuff going on there is a good possibility within the next month or two something else is going to happen and we'll be doing another one. The New Station sponsored it. They got a couple of bucks to get everything down there.

Edna Labie, Did you look into the stop signs? C. Marquardt, yes. On A Street here where we come down to Third St there's a two way stop on the hill and no stop signs on the other side. Edna herself has experienced it and other citizens that I talked to. Her concern is, is it possible for the Borough Council to initiate a four way stop sign verse just a two way stop? Because cars are flying down A Street and what happening is sometimes you can see and sometimes they are going through. E. Labie, not only cars the kids on the bikes don't stop. C. Marquardt, on the school corner there A and Third. R. Krick, yeah that is a bad stop. E. Labie, it is a safety issue because the kids are not stopping on their bikes. * **Motion** to put stop signs on Third and A St. to make a four way stop made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Voted. All. Motion carried.

Julie Zangari, Where is Girardville at with putting a Ordinance like Pottsville to paying Taxes for rental properties? C. Riedlinger, our landlord rental Ordinance virtually and I think we said this at the last meeting. I informed the Council of this via email a couple months ago. Our Ordinance substantially the same as the Pottsville Rental Ordinance the only difference is the Pottsville Ordinance has a provision in it that prevents a landlord from getting a rental permit if he is over due or behind in the arrears on any type of Municipal fee Tax bill or anything like that. So if his Taxes are in the arrears he doesn't get the permit. So if he owes money on a garbage bill or something like that he doesn't get the permit. It is up to the Borough if they wanted to spend the money to advertise a new Ordinance to make that amendment to add it to our Ordinance that one provision but 90% of the Pottsville Ordinance is our Ordinance and when I talked you about it before I basically said it would be an additional provision it could be added but the advertising expense. I think the Ordinance as currently written if enforced properly will fix the Blight problem with rental properties. I'm not sure it is necessary for you to take that one step to add that provision but it's up to you guys if you want to. Our Ordinance is the same for the most part except for that one provision. The Pottsville one prohibits a landlord from getting a rental permit if they are in the arrears on any Tax or Utility anything like that bill. Alex Gregis, I think that is a good idea. Julie Zangari, I think you should really think about that. C. Riedlinger, right now our Ordinance will only stop them from renting a property if the property itself is not up to Code. This would prevent them from renting a property if they owe a bill somewhere as well in addition. I think the way Pottsville wrote it, if you want me to amend it that way I'll write it if they owe any Tax or Municipal Utility bill anywhere.

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- **Motion** to add the provision to Ordinance made by D. Heiser, seconded by R. Krick.
Voted. All. Motion carried.

Karyl Moser, I understand that the final inspection was completed at the Church and everything was ok. I was just wondering if it was possible for me to get a copy of that final paper. C. Riedlinger, I ran into Frankie and I think it was yesterday. He told me a report will be coming but I don't think we have it yet. C. Squires, he came today. K. Moser, does he automatically send you a copy so you know? C. Riedlinger, he just verbally told me that everything was going to be approved. C. Marquardt, stop in Monday and Candice can get one for you. C. Squires, he did leave one here for you I was going to mail it to you. C. Marquardt, stop in tomorrow or Monday to pick it up. K. Moser, alright thank you.

Katelyn Carr, syringes has been found around town often. My little brother and sister have already reached for them to pick them up to ask what they are. Is there anything the Borough can do to try and clean them up I guess. Who would be responsible? C. Marquardt, I would recommend you contact the Police Department and let them know the vicinity especially if it's a large amounts of them. K. Carr, I already found them at the playground in the sand. J. Catizone Jr., by all means please report that to us as quickly as you can. We take that extremely seriously and Officer Williams and I will make sure that will get disposed of and take care of.

Motion to adjourn made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Candice Squires
Secretary/Treasurer

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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** October 12, 2017 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Robert Krick, Michael Huss, Dan Heiser, Joseph Kessler, Mayor Joseph Catizone Jr., Charles Marquardt, and Attorney Christopher Riedlinger.

Members absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA: No Comment.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report made by R. Krick, 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 M. Huss. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor's report: Read by Mayor Catizone Jr. Motion to accept report as read made by M. Huss, seconded by D. Heiser. Vote. All. Motion carried.

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

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

Fire Chief's report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by M. Huss, seconded by D. Heiser, Vote. All. Motion carried.

BILLS

Motion to approve the bill list. Mike Huss, there is a bill from Lowes \$677.82 for the park. I found an error in there. Delivery charge should be \$25.00 not \$65.00 for Business accounts. We should be at least \$45.00 come

off that bill hold that payment. C. Squires, you might get a late fee if you do hold to long. M. Huss, if you don't hear anything from me by the middle of next week just pay it. I should be able to get that resolved in the next day or two. Voted. All Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Fall Clean Up payments we collected a total of \$1,003 out of that \$501.50 went to the County and rest was divided within the four Municipalities besides are that participated. I wanted to thank everyone that helped out. The communities that helped out and hopefully we'll have it again next year.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Ordinance No. 2016-1 amendment to Rental Occupancy Permit. C. Riedlinger, This ordinance would add some requirements to 2016-1 it would prevent anyone who is in the arrears on any real estate taxes or garbage water sewer fees to any Municipality or subdivision or authority from obtaining a rental permit. It would also requires any perspective owner who is trying to obtain a rental permit from demonstrating to the Code Enforcement Officer that there is going to be water and garbage collection services at the unit because the Borough itself don't handle those services I wanted to put the requirement in there that they demonstrate there is garbage pick up there and things of that nature. It's been advertised and ready for adoption. If you want to vote on it tonight your free to. **Motion** to adopt Ordinance 2017-1 amendment to the rental Occupancy permit made by M. Huss, seconded by D. Heiser. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- b. Resolution to appoint Applicant Agent for Girardville (Winter Storm Jonas) C. Marquardt, Rick Miller was that and additional stuff needs to be done and we need to appoint Dan to finish the paper work. D. Heiser, the way it works for every individual storm PEMMA gets involved they ask to appoint an applicant agent for funding it can be the same one every time but each storm needs to appoint an individual one. Basically this storm we need to check a box yes we got the funds yes it was from this storm and it's a close case. Rick is no longer with us and we need to point a new person just for that storm to sign one paper. That's how it works. It's just for this storm next time there is an emergency situation like that we fill out the papers and appoint some body else it can be anyone of us. **Motion** to appoint Dan Heiser for Winter storm Jonas DR-4267 Resolution made by M. Huss, seconded by J. Kessler. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- c. C. Marquardt, Reminder the Good Time Club is sponsoring the Halloween Parade Sunday, October 29th start time 2pm Rain or shine. Starting at West Main and Julia Streets, turning down Seconded Street to turn up Oak head to the back of Girard Hose Co in the parking lot. Also Trick or Treat Night Tuesday, October 31st from 6pm to 8pm. anybody who is interested in having Trick or Treaters please turn your porch lights on. Motion to approve both requests made by D. Heiser, seconded by J. Kessler. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- d. C. Marquardt, we got in letters from Schuylkill County Tax Claim Bureau for North Seconded St. parcel 45-06-0192 and 45-06-0191 these properties are owned by Benjamin and Melanie Victor. Bidder is Sara Benjamin the purchase price for each is \$535.00 I also received a letter from Sara Benjamin letter addressed the property will not be used for a car sale lot and would be used for a Pool for their children next Spring they want to put it up. D. Heiser, Mike Cope was at the work session and explained the lots would not be used as commercial but as residential. If that is the case I see no reasons why we shouldn't but I make a motion that we table it until the

cars are removed and lot is cleared next month I have no problem with that. C. Riedlinger, I don't think there is a time limit. C. Marquardt, read letter from Tax Claim Bureau please return this entire form to the Tax Claim Bureau by October the 20th 2017 if you fail to respond by the date indicated above the Tax Claim Bureau will deem this sale approved and proceed to finalize the sale. C. Riedlinger, by October the 20th when did you get it? C. Squires, after the last meeting. C. Marquardt, after last meeting dated September 14th can you get an extension on that? C. Riedlinger, if that's the case I don't think your going to get an extension. You may have to approve it as it is or deny it and let them resubmit it again once the cars are cleaned up knowing your going to approve it next time. D. Heiser, change my Motion to the cars has to be removed by the date it has to be back. C. Riedlinger, don't use October 20th the date it's due to give you the chance to send it in on time. **Motion** if the cars are removed by October 18th we'll approve it and if not it will be denied. Mike Huss appointed to verify that the cars are removed by October 18th made by D. Heiser, seconded by J. Kessler. Voted. All. Motion carried.

- e. C. Marquardt, read letter with an offer from Reading Railroad asking to permanently close one Railroad crossing. **Motion to not accept** the offer from Reading Railroad to permanently close the Railroad crossing made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- f. J. Catizone Jr., Schuylkill County is doing a drug turn in program again. October 28th from 10am to 2pm if anyone wants to turn in some drugs come down in to the Police station. Should be a fun time.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Flyers and magazines.
- b. Letter from COG change in equipment rental effective immediately there will be a two week time limit on rentals. If you feel you need longer please contact our equipment manager, Larry Light at 570-778-4206, to find out if there is another municipality waiting to use it. If there is not, you can keep it until another municipality requests it. Failure to return it or contact Mr. Light will result in your municipality being billed a full day's rent for every day you keep it without abiding by the new guidelines.
- c. Letter from Schuylkill Chambers of Commerce 100 year coffee table magazine.

Other Business: C. Marquardt, they had a Hometown Heroes meeting here tonight Annetta do you want to enlighten? Annetta Whitecavage, how about Jolynn she's the secretary. Jolynn Nichols, our meeting went every well tonight and that was open to the public. We have are application ready to go and available. We have some locations where you can pick these up. I also have a few tonight also if anyone wants to see me. The Borough Hall will have them the American Legion will have them and we also have an email account. So if anyone wants to send us an email electronically. Any questions can be sent to the email and we'll answer them as soon as possible. C. Squires, what is the email. C. Marquardt, thank you very much. So are you guys going to meet monthly then is that how you guys are doing it? J. Nichols, its more going to be committee meetings. Any questions that may arise email or contact the members that are listed on the applications. C. Marquardt, would you be meeting here monthly? J. Nichols, I think we may stick together with the Legion at the meeting room up there. If anything would change and we need the Borough Hall. C. Marquardt, sure if you do that just give us a posting so when people come in know exactly the meeting is and the location. J. Nichols, ok thank you.

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Police: None

Street: J. Kessler, we installed the new stop signs at the curbs on A St so now we have a four way stop up by the school and they also painted stop on the road. So please stop. C. Marquardt, we're also going to paint the four corners we hope as long as the weather holds up. Danny has advised the Basketball association to send letters home to the parents not to block the intersections or anything like that or they will be ticketed by our Police Department there is plenty of parking at the Basketball courts or further down. Please do not block the corners are cops have an incident to ticket any body that's there so we are giving for warning and the Basketball are also giving for warning everybody.

School Building: D. Heiser, Basketball will be starting soon. 5 6 7 year olds practice starts next week.

Blight: R. Krick, next meeting will be next Wednesday at 6pm. Betty Ann Bernosky next Thursday. R. Krick, I'm sorry next Thursday.

Finance: Mike Huss, Meeting next week to go over the budget. C. Marquardt, do you have a date and time? J. Kessler, next Tuesday but the time is still up in the air. D. Heiser, we just have to post that on the door with 24 hr notice of the meeting? C. Riedlinger, actually I think you're supposed to advertise it. D. Heiser, should we say 7pm and get in the paper? C. Marquardt, the thing is if you're going to advertise it and most likely have more than one meeting you should put the dates and times in it and do one advertisement this way it would save on the cost otherwise every time your going to have a budget meeting according to what Chris is saying you're going to have to advertise it. So if you're going to have a meeting next Tuesday the 17th at 7 O'clock are you going to have it the following week and the week after that up to the Council meeting and including the night of the work session? Then you can just put the dates and the times into one ad and be done with it. D. Heiser, I'm ok with that. J. Catizone Jr. the 17th, 24th and 31st? C. Marquardt, the 31st is Trick or Treat night if anyone if that is a problem with anybody I don't know. That's up to you guys. The 17, 24, and Monday the 30th at 7pm. Then the fourth meeting is November 8th at 7pm.

Personnel: None

Code/QofL: None

Recreation: R. Krick, we should thank the people who were involved in it. C. Marquardt, is it official done? R. Krick, I think it's done now. J. Catizone Jr., there is a couple more things, rake mulch up get it back in the park. There is a lot in the grass that Jim and myself were getting a ton of it up. So that should help fill it in. R. Krick, the efforts of Lowes and Jim Petusky who initiated the grant process to get it done. C. Marquardt, we'll send letters thanking them. We appreciated very much.

Recycling: None

Solicitor: None

Landfill: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Zangari, the last meeting we were asking for things for dogs and cats stuff like that. Through overwhelming support we actually filled one of our brush trucks. The whole front, it just was me and only one other person that was able to ride and then the whole back we almost needed a seconded vehicle. That was

outstanding a lot of people from Girardville supported it so thank you on behalf of the Rangers and everyone else who was involved. This Sunday night at 7 O'clock we have Fire prevention we are encouraging kids and grandkids to come over. We'll touch everything from where you should put your smoke alarms, parking will be there, we have treats and goodie bags for them. Stop down the Rangers Hose Company Sunday at 7 O'clock. C. Marquardt, thanks Mike.

Michelle O'Connell, is there going to be a date established as to when the William Street Railroad crossing will be open? C. Marquardt, no. M. O'Connell, can it be established? C. Marquardt, the Railroad it's in their hands and they said its going to take longer than it was he said he would keep us updated as to when it would open. Now going back to them with this I don't know what their game plan is going to be. Because obviously here if we we're to approve it they were going to put some kind of rubber flange ways in stone in the crossing to keep it open after emergency repairs are made. So they're only making emergency repairs. My opinion is they're probably going to have to make major repairs are they going to do that this year, are they going to continue to do it, or just leave it the way it is? I will contact Matt Johnson and tell him the decision from the Borough was that they want to keep both crossing and then get a letter back from him hopefully saying when the crossing would be ready to be open. R. Krick, I would just say from previous battles with the Railroad to get that crossing repaired the cribbing last time it took a Court case. It might be open but the cribbing that is all butchered up I don't think they have any intentions of taking care of that now. M. O'Connell, so it could be closed for like a year? C. Marquardt, no I think they will open it. The temporary repairs that they'll make. They'll open it. R. Krick, I think so. C. Marquardt, yeah they're going to open it. But as far as to them according to this letter what they are saying needs to be done whether or not they do it or just go with the emergency repairs that's what we'll have to find out. Obviously they'll make the emergency repairs that are needed and they'll open it. Then it goes from there like Rob said the last time we were in a battle with them and it took a Court case. Frank Zangari, Charlie I request from the emergency service side that part of your letter of denial that we request that be open in thirty days because the longer that stays closed the more we are going to have an argument about keeping it open. There is no reason they can't open it tomorrow. They had done nothing. It should be reopened if their anticipation is to have an engineer whatever to study it. Let's open it back up. That should be in writing. You already denied that request so in response to that you should ask for that to be open immediately. Mark Rainis, I seconded that. It took them two days to tear it apart and it wouldn't take long for them to come back in to put that cribbing in. C. Marquardt, is it back together? M. Rainis, no. they put the cribbing in and come in with some black top that could be done in a day. They have their crew working up here on 924 their right there and it would be simple to really open that back up. It took them two days standing around doing nothing to tear it apart. R. Krick, question the repairs to the cribbing and the crossing or other reasons. M. Rainis, well definitely to the crossing but then going down to the retaining wall is bad. R. Krick, I see where the retaining wall is. The emergency repair they are talking about was there a train standing there, an issue with the track? M. Rainis, yeah the track was spreading they actually lean looked like they were going to fall over. R. Krick, ok so it just wasn't an issue of the crossing issue of the tracks spread. F. Zangari, that was on the top side the issue with the tracks spread they fixed that. M. Rainis, they fixed that and the train is able to go through there's not a problem. They come in and put some seal and blacktop boom they have it back open. There is no excuse. R. Krick, I would just caution people because the last time it was a real nightmare they drug on to do the cribbing. M. Rainis, for the price of it to buy you out it would take half of that to get it open within two days. What's a truck load with some blacktop and put two loads back in so we can cross? F. Zangari, their letter said they'd put \$7500 to it. So make those repairs now. If they are willing to put \$7500 to it in their letter they sent let them make emergency repairs to keep it open. C. Marquardt, ok we'll take care of it. R. Krick, I guess the question is do they have the right to. Do we have the right to reopen it with out their approval? M. Rainis, you wouldn't have the right to reopen it with out their approval but I do have somebody looking into the State and local Federal laws of Railroads. So a little of homework on that too.

Tom Clark, how about an update on the demolition on Seconded Street? C. Marquardt, from my understanding on the demolition itself they'll be coming in to start Churbys very shortly then they'll proceed probably to John Street. In the meantime we are enquiring other properties that will be torn down too. As far as Seconded Street goes he is paying his payments back to us and as far as I know Bill have you been in contact

with him or not? William (Bill) Killian III (Code Officer) I haven't Matt has indicated that there were Criminal charges brought upon him. So they are waiting on a date for that. C. Marquardt, so there was Criminal charges brought against him and I understand he owes the man that brought the dumpster in so once he pays that dumpster fee the dumpster will come back. C. Riedlinger, the Criminal charges that are pending if you're taking about the case in the Common pleas Court. The Criminal charges that are pending are a result of dangerous condition of the house pre-demolition it's not about the mess that is there now. B. Killian, right so then we can find another avenue on property maintenance. C. Riedlinger, if you cited him now under the maintenance code because of the current condition of the property it would not in anyway be foreclosed by or interfere with the pending Criminal prosecution and in fact I don't know this to stay this definitively but the fact that the property that was in a dangerous state is now then altered and no longer in a dangerous state its just a mess. I don't know how a Judge would even look at that. A Judge could say I don't know that this prosecution should even go forward. I'm not saying they will. I'm saying they might and they could. So that Criminal case just has to do with the fact the road was closed because the property was leaning into it. It's a public nuisance prosecution and the base of the public nuisance was the fact the building was interfering with street travel on a public road. Mike Zangari, can't they go after him like the lady on Line St? I mean she left a pile of stuff is that an avenue we can take? C. Marquardt, well I guess that's the avenue we're taking now. We are going to take him to court they had a case there but since the property has been knocked down and the next scenario is to cite him for the nuisance of debris that is there. C. Riedlinger, I'm not saying I have all the answers that is going to solve this dilemma but some of the factors that the Borough has to consider in deciding whether or not doing something on the lines that you just suggested. Some of the factors is that he already owes thousands of dollars to Judge Hale's office adding another couple of thousands to the list isn't going to make it get pay anything faster and if he has to pay more to Hale he might stop paying us back the three thousand he is returning to us. Which I think he's only paid \$600 so far. So it may change where the money goes and if he already owes Hale a lot of money that he is not paying her and adding to that pile and then not paying back the money he's been given us as a result we could end up being better on paper then that's actually in our pockets. That is just some of that factors that has to be laid into the whole thing.

Health Ressler, you said the Borough is going to acquire more properties for demolition can you elaborate address of these properties? C. Marquardt, we had to put them in previously one would be on A Street, one is on Seconded Street, there's the trailer down on Julia Street. H. Ressler, so it's still that list from previous year. C. Marquardt, yes.

M. Huss, read an email (from Charles Cravotta III. Research Hydrologist/Geochemist) asking the use outside Borough Hall to set up the experiment for packer 5 to try to get the iron out of the water need electricity. R. Krick, I think they'll be outside unless the weather is bad then they'll probably want to be inside that's on Monday the 16th. ***Motion** to allow them to use power inside or outside based on weather made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Voted. All. Motion carried.

M. Huss, Lowes and Jim Petusky I wanted to look into get four plaques one for him only, for each of them and one we can give to them to thank them for the park basically something small nothing extravagant but I looked at different prices they are not that expensive. Get something nice to show our appreciation. C. Marquardt, do you have prices on them Mike? M. Huss, I looked at a couple of different prices they range to what we get printed on them like a photo or something on those like I would say no more than \$75.00 for the four of them. C. Marquardt, do you want to get that together for the next meeting then bring it up at the next meeting we'll approve it then. M. Huss, yep.

Michelle O'Connell, does the Borough have any Ordinance on livestock? In a residential area such as pigs? And roaming on other properties? C. Riedlinger, you guys are better off looking in the Ordinance book. R. Krick, I don't know if we have the Ordinance for dogs and cats if their domestic pets. C. Riedlinger, I don't know if the Ordinance specifies just dogs and cats or just is general says domestic pets we'd have to look at that. R. Krick, yeah I mean that one you might be able to go after. Officer Matthew Williams, Matt looked in our Ordinance book prior to the meeting everything I have it all pertains to dogs and cats, specifically dogs,

cats, and kennels. J. Catizone. Jr., there's nothing in there pertaining to livestock? M. Williams, no. J. Catizone Jr., so any livestock that is potentially causing a nuisance to the Borough. (To much chatter can't make out) M. Williams, you would have to adopt an Ordinance to. (To much chatter) Annetta Whitecavage, if we have to keep our dogs and cats in a fence or on a leash then pigs should be in a fenced in place and not be able to roam. C. Marquardt, how far back in the Ordinance do you have it too? M. Williams, I do not have there is one older I don't have it. C. Marquardt, I think there are older Ordinances in there if I'm not mistaken years back about livestock and livestock in the town. C. Riedlinger, and they are probably still valid. C. Marquardt, let us look at the Ordinance we'll pull the other Ordinance book that has the older Ordinances. F. Zangari, there is no Ordinance we tried to enforce that on West Ogden Street when Mrs. Chikotas was alive there is no Ordinance there was a pig in the house next to her. In fact the pig was left in the house after the family moved. Ours is specific to dogs and cats. M. O'Connell, is there a certain number of animals that you can have living out back in a fenced in area to be considered I want to say commercial use? C. Riedlinger, I know the State Law is about numbers of dogs. M. Williams, the Borough has an ordinance no kennels can be run. Nothing on pigs. C. Marquardt, I think you can have up to four dogs after four dogs I believe you need a kennel license. M. O'Connell, would you guys consider? I mean this is the seconded incidence with pigs that I known with in the Borough. Would you guys consider adopting one if this is going to be an on going problem? C. Riedlinger, are you talking about prohibiting them? M. O'Connell, yeah prohibiting them. C. Riedlinger, so in other words no one is allowed to own them Ordinances is that what you are talking about? M. O'Connell, you know how dogs have to be leashed. C. Riedlinger, I'm just trying to figure out is your Ordinance prohibiting them or just confining them to the property owner's property. M. Rainis, confining them if it's a pet, prohibiting them if used for livestock. C. Riedlinger, if they used as livestock isn't that a Zoning violation? M. Rainis, I thought chickens weren't allowed but I see a lot of coops around town. C. Riedlinger, if they're conducting farming operations in a residential district that can be a Zoning violation. Contact the County Zoning Officer to come out to do something about it. M. O'Connell, then could the Zoning Officer be contacted when their roaming? C. Riedlinger, I'm saying it is a Zoning violation if they are being used as livestock in a residential district. In other words a farming operation. If they are house hold pets and they are not being used for commercial farming purposes it's not going to be a Zoning issue. If somebody has a pig that is their pet I don't think Zoning is going to care. If they have a pig that they use farming in a residential district then Zoning should care. M. Rainis, that's the point you got to decide are they pets or livestock. If they're pets and their out then it's the leash law. That's not the only problem the garbage being dumped over the bank. Bill Killian III, I can tell you what we have (Mahanoy City) its dogs, cats, or any other domestic animal and its limited to three. Now that doesn't include fish or anything kept in a cage. Again I don't know if the other domesticate animal clause would fall under that again they are limited to three. One dog, one cat, and one pig. (Talking at same time not sure who is saying what). C. Marquardt, quiet please, obviously if we can get an Ordinance together Chris is going to look at it. We may not be able to tell them they can't have them. We may do it the same way we do dogs and cats they must be confined to their property. D. Heiser, if they don't follow the Ordinance we can cite them. C. Marquardt, exactly. A. Whitecavage, you shouldn't be allowed to have three pigs, three cats, three dogs. C. Marquardt, the way he says is their Ordinance its three whether you have one pig and two dogs that's three. If you have three dogs and a pig your in violation. A. Whitecavage, total domesticated animals. C. Riedlinger, before you decided you want to draft something let me get opinion whether you're allowed or not to limit the number if your allowed to prohibit or contain let me just figure out some of those thing out.

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

Respectfully submitted,
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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** November 09, 2017 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Robert Krick, Mike Huss, Dan Heiser, Joseph Kessler, Charles Marquardt, and Christopher Riedlinger.

Members absent: Mayor Joseph Catizone Jr.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA:

Mike Zangari, discussed a letter the Borough received pertaining to the Burn building donation that was recently built in Frackville. Volunteers had to take 24 hours structural burn class that was three hours away, this new building is in Schuylkill County. On Behalf of all the Fighter fighters in this Borough Please take this into consideration.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

Treasurer's report: Motion to accept the report made by R. Krick, seconded by M. Huss. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Tax Collector's report: Motion to accept the report and pay the tax collector made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Mayor's report: Read by Charlie Marquardt, Motion to accept report as read made by M. Huss, seconded by D. Heiser. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Code Enforcement report: Motion to accept the report as submitted made by M. Huss, 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 M. Huss. Vote. All. Motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Livestock in the Municipality C. Riedlinger, Borough Codes does allow Borough's to prohibit or regulate the keeping or running at large of livestock. The term livestock doesn't have a definition in the Borough Code but in the dictionary it includes basically farm animals which I would think pigs would fit under. There is an allowance to prohibit them. There's an allowance to regulate with the keeping of them or to prevent them from running at large. I would regulate them. If you prohibit them I don't think you can make people who currently own them give them up because they would be grandfathered in but you can prevent them from acquiring new ones and bring them into the Borough. There is an exception you can not interfere with legitimate agricultural operations. I don't think Girardville has many farms in it if any but if there was such things I don't think you can prohibit a farm from having livestock. C. Marquardt, so based on if we don't have an Ordinance we need to adopt it in to an Ordinance on that specific issue. What is Councils feel? D. Heiser, I make the Motion for Chris to prepare an Ordinance to prohibit livestock and include there I guess the Ordinance wouldn't do anything with controlling the people who have them now. C. Riedlinger, you can prohibit them allowing them from leaving the owners property. D. Heiser, fine. Seconded by M. Huss. Voted all. Motion carried. C. Riedlinger, if we have any Ordinance now that addresses livestock in place let me see. Maybe you already have one and it may only need a tweak or two if you already have. It's all livestock correct? D. Heiser, chicken. C. Riedlinger, livestock and fowls are different you can include that if your prohibiting livestock your not prohibiting chickens but you can prohibit both. D. Heiser, I think it should include fowls. C. Riedlinger, just so you know fowls that would include turkeys, ducks, and things of that nature. I don't know if people have ducks. Matt Williams, there is a duck in the Borough it's at a house that is being condemned. C. Marquardt, is it still there? M. Williams, yes. C. Marquardt, we have at least two chicken pens in Girardville and one duck.

BILLS

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read was made by D. Heiser and I want to include the \$16 something for Dylan Harnish for painting equipment senior project, seconded by M. Huss. Vote. All. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Two letters from Schuylkill County Tax Claim Bureau purchase of Julia Street and 124 A St to Girardville Borough then they can be placed on County demolition. **Motion** to approve sale to the Borough made by R. Krick, seconded by M. Huss. Voted all. Motion carried.
- b. Fair Housing Resolution for Girardville Borough read by C. Marquardt. **Motion** to approved Fair Housing made by R. Krick, seconded by J. Kessler. Voted all. Motion carried.
- c. C. Marquardt, Ashes picked up Mondays and Fridays starting November 13th. Cover ashes during rain fall and recycling end Dec 26th and will start again Last Tuesday of the month April 24th 2018.
- d. Letter from Robert Matta, Esquire Re: Steve Arzoomanian property 309 W. Main St. C. Riedlinger, discussed letter that the landlord is in the arrears and wants to make a payment

plan to rent out property. C. Riedlinger, maybe we should adopt that as a former policy that we are not going to create exceptions to the requirement of our Ordinance that there be zero balance to Taxes and Utility fees. **Motion** to pass Policy made by M. Huss, seconded by D. Heiser. Voted all. Motion carried.

- e. Letter from Tish and Tom Cress lot of 102 3rd Street off street parking building a garage. **Motion** to grant permission for driveway permit made by D. Heiser, seconded by J. Kessler. Voted all. Motion carried.
- f. Letter from L.A.O.H. read by C. Marquardt, gave the Borough donation of \$200.00 towards the lighting and heating expenses. Request to continue to use during 2018 fourth Wed of each month at 7pm in January, Feb, Mar, April, May, June, Sept, and October. **Motion** to allow L.A.O.H meetings made by D. Heiser, seconded by J. Kessler. Voted all. Motion carried.
- g. Letter from Frank Zangari and William Killian pertaining to Assisting Code Officer R. Krick, only concern is number 6. C. Riedlinger, I don't think there is a problem with saying we approve this except number 6. Julie Zangari, what is wrong with #6? What is the problem? R. Krick, Mr. Killian is the permit officer and he should be the one to do the citations. J. Zangari, I understand that but what if he is out on vacation or sick or. D. Heiser, the Police Officer can do citations too. M. O'Connell, Council can cite. Heath Ressler, same question we don't have 24-7 coverage so same question what is your next answer? D. Heiser, the Police Officer can be called in. H. Ressler, my understanding is you have 15-18 homes that are occupied with no inspection or Occupancy permits. Are you happy with the performance of our Code Enforcement Officer at this point? J. Kessler, hell no. D. Heiser, the Occupancy permits that would be done by Frank no one is questioning that. R. Krick, that's not the issue. H. Ressler, what's the issue? R. Krick, the issue with #6. H. Ressler, well read out the letter so everybody knows the letter. R. Krick, there is an objection to #6 and that does not stop Frank from doing inspections. It just stops him from writing citations he's not the Code Enforcement Officer. The Code Enforcement officer should be the person who writes the citations. H. Ressler, you're talking about this letter read it out. It's a public letter is it not read the letter out. R. Krick read the letter out. J. Zangari, #6 sounds like only in an emergency. R. Krick, who dictates the emergency? J. Zangari, the Council can decide right? R. Krick, who dictates the emergency? It should be the Code Enforcement Officer if he wants to dictate the emergency that's fine. But he is the guy who is responsible for whatever goes on and that is he's reliability. I'm expressing my concerns with #6 I think that there other people with a problem with it. C. Marquardt, what we are saying here is then if we eliminate #6 the other 5. **Motion** to accept proposal 1-5 eliminate # 6 made by R. Krick, seconded by D. Heiser. Voted all. Motion carried. C. Marquardt, on this #6 if Bill Killian is unavailable to come out if there is a situation. Then we are to contact the Police Department to come out is that what we are saying? C. Riedlinger, I think what Rob is saying Frank can do the inspections but as far as if something needs to be cited. A citation needs to be filed out at the Magistrate. Then the citation is just going to wait until Bill or a Police Officer. C. Marquardt, so Frank can do the work on it but isn't permitted to do the citations. C. Riedlinger, he just doesn't fill out the citation and file it with Magistrate Hale's Office. C. Marquardt, ok sorry about that.
- h. Good Time Club asking permission to put up Christmas decorations November 18th and asking to hold annual Santa Claus parade on November 23rd at 5pm. **Motion** to accept both requests made by M. Huss, seconded by J. Kessler. Voted all. Motion carried.

- i. Letter from Aqua new water meter at the Borough Hall read by C. Marquardt. C. Marquardt, I understand that people in Girardville have got these and we got one here at the Borough hall to have ours replaced. People are going to start receiving these letters and are to contact the contractor which is Keystone Utilities Systems and have your meter exchanged. Depends on the age of your meter anyone with 20yrs or old probably. I don't know if you have to have it done right away. You just have to contact to set up an appointment.
- j. Letter from Schuylkill Firefighters' Financial Development Organization. C. Marquardt, did Council have a chance to review it have any recommendations concerns or thinking about it. Mike is there a deadline? M. Zangari, I don't know how it is specified in the letter. Fire departments have been donating the last two years. Julie Zangari, right now they have a grant up until December if you donate then the grant will actually double. M. Zangari, it's a matching grant program. C. Marquardt, it's a donation of whatever the Municipality wants to donate. M. Zangari, it's across the board everything that gets donated. This foundation is going to Match. So if we raise \$500,000.00 they are going to match it. The building is up and will open in the spring. We already had our first burn in it just to try it out. It is up and functional. C. Marquardt, I do see here a list of Fire companies they have her with the date and amount they pledged. M. Huss, So if get that in by next month we can table it and figure out what we are going to do? C. Marquardt, yes I would think it wouldn't be a problem. The foundation of dollar for dollar match in order to secure the entire amount it is necessary to raise the funds by December 31st of 2018. **Motion** to table this made by M. Huss, seconded by D. Heiser. Voted all. Motion carried.
- k. Letter American Power and Gas read by C. Marquardt. Expires 11/18/2017 Fixed rate is 12 months and variable is month to month. For each electric accounts enrolled with AP & G will calculate what your average month supply charges are and we will then send you a 25% rebate of that amount guaranteed. R. Krick, we're not renewing a contract we got out of that contract. J. Kessler, no we got out of a contract with Direct Energy and went with this company. R. Krick, when did we do that? J. Kessler, two years ago at least. D. Heiser, do we still get the PP&L. J. Kessler, yes we still get PP&L. D. Heiser, but it's at a discount rate and their cheaper. J. Kessler, right PP&L commercial rates are going up very shortly. Mary Beth Dougherty, rate for Kilowatt hour. C. Marquardt, its not listed on this particular paper. M. Dougherty, before you do it why don't you get on whatever website and check rates. Annetta Whitecavage, it will be on your bill what your fixed rate is. D. Heiser, hold off on that Charlie until we find out what the rates are. R. Krick, I think the agreement is the average month of the year. M. Dougherty, it is on the bill but it's not necessarily what they are doing about it. You need to check to see if it's renewed at the same amount or raising it or lowering it. It can't hurt to check out other companies. C. Marquardt, whatever we are going to do we have until the 18th to do it or they are going to if we don't notify them switches us to the month to month thing. So we either have to tell them we don't want it or continue with what we have or that's it. The 18th is a Saturday. D. Heiser, we'll just go to the month to month until we figure out what we are going to do. M. Huss, it said we'll be on variable month to month bases with no early termination. D. Heiser, one month won't kill us until we find out what we are going to do. A. Whitecavage, what is the termination if you go on the fixed? M. Huss, its three hundred or one fifty per month. C. Marquardt, its 300 or 150 per month times the remaining months of the agreement. A. Whitecavage, shop around. C. Marquardt, so Dan you want to table this and check into this, is that what you want to do? D. Heiser, yes. **Motion** to table

until next month made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Voted all. Motion carried. C. Marquardt, do we want to go month to month do you want to make that determination just in case if it gets past that? D. Heiser, we'll decide next meeting we'll go one month on the variable until we decide. C. Marquardt, we have to notify them and tell them according to the letter. So Candice we need to contact them and tell them that we are going on the variable rate agreement. C. Squires, they are going to put you on that anyway if you don't notify them. M. Huss, its automatic going to put us on Charlie it's going to default to that. C. Marquardt, I just want to contact them and let them know just so we have a correct to notify them regardless.

- l. Notice of Intent for Mid Penn Bank Tax Anticipation up to \$40,000.00. **Motion** to sign Notice of Intent made by D. Heiser, seconded by M. Huss. Voted all. Motion carried. C. Riedlinger, I'll have a resolution for you at the December meeting. The loan won't be able to close until January 7th.
- m. C. Marquardt, there will be two budget meetings November 15th and November the 21st one is Wednesday the other is a Tuesday. After that the budget will be displayed at the Borough Hall on December the 1st which gives us ample time to have it on display and approve it at the December meeting. It will be advertised and everything that is required. **Motion** to advertise for the two meetings and advertise budget will be on display December 1st made by D. Heiser, seconded by R. Krick. Voted all. Motion carried. C. Marquardt, the budget will be on display during normal business hours Mon-Friday for ten days.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Meeting Notice Northern Schuylkill Council of Governments Nov 15th at 7pm. Hosted by Mahanoy Township 1010 W. Centre St. Mahanoy City.
- b. Letter from H.A. Thomas Bond quote to get prices for Treasurer.
- c. Flyers and magazines

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: None

Street: None

School Building: M. Huss, a couple of people have been getting upset at Basketball games because we do have our Police actively putting citations on vehicles that are parked incorrectly. Now it's been warned everybody has been told about it and there is nothing we can do about it. Park where you are supposed to park and that's it. C. Marquardt, and the new four way signs are in effect up there and the other signs on the road. The Police Dept has been notified and Danny and them have specifically told the people down there that there is plenty of parking down here at the Basketball courts to not block the intersections or alleyways for emergency vehicles or anything else.

Blight: R. Krick, John St property is coming down and I guess the one on Ogden St Churby's the excavator is there. A. Whitecavage, no it's not it's gone. R. Krick, it's not down it's there. Betty Ann Bernosky, it's gone. R. Krick, I didn't say that was down its coming down John St property is being torn down right now.

When they're done there then they are going to the Ogden St property. I thing the equipment is already there. A. Whitecavage, no they took the equipment. That's what they are telling you they took the equipment. C. Marquardt, they took the excavator from Ogden St? R. Krick, oh they took it away from Ogden St did they take it up to John St? C. Marquardt, it's not around the back? Michelle can we find out who took the excavator and make sure nobody stole it. Michelle O'Connell, it's probably around back. C. Marquardt, no it's not they said its not. He brought it on Sunday I know and he was supposed to start down there. He was down there and I don't know what happened to it if he took it today and obviously if it ain't on John St I don't know where he went with it. M. O'Connell, I don't know but don't worry its coming down. It is coming down. C. Marquardt, I just want to make sure nothing happened to his piece of equipment you know what I mean. Rita Romanot, it went on a flat bed Charlie. C. Marquardt, is it the same one that brought it in did you notice? R. Romanot, I didn't notice if it's the same one that brought it in about 3 O'clock this afternoon. D. Heiser, with those two properties John and Ogden and A St that's all the ones we submitted for. The one on Seconded St we can't get now. M. O'Connell and one on Ogden 13 I think. Mary Beth Dougherty, there is another Judicial Sale coming up in January from what I understand. I think Tax Claim is willing to bump up because there are a whole slew of properties in Girardville eligible and I think Angela Toomey was going to. She would make sure the whole list I gave her. D. Heiser, you gave us an email. M. Dougherty, the whole list she would bump them up. You might want to take a look at those properties. I don't know realistically if we can do them or not. Gary Bender told me that there's probably going to be money left over in the New Year because the prices are so good like Michelle said. R. Krick, we'll take a look at those properties.

Finance: Budget.

Personnel: None

Code/QofL: None

Recreation: None

Recycling: None

Solicitor: C. Riedlinger, after the last meeting you asked me to send a letter to Reading Blue Mountain Northern Railroad and to asked them to conduct the emergency repairs at the William Street crossing. I sent them that email on October 27th I indicated that the Borough would like emergency repairs done certainly by the time the winter weather becomes a possibility. One the same day I was written back by somebody at the Railroad that the crossing was supposed to be done that week but because of a derailment it was pushed back the following week. Then on November 1st I got another email that had another derailment the one in Tremont. The November 1st email says that they had every intention of finishing the crossing that week but because of the derailment in Tremont which required immediate attention which pushed back the work at William St until the next week which would be the currently week that we are in. I assume that it's. C. Marquardt, they are working on it I talked to the guy from the Railroad and he said and if all possibility they are hoping to have it completed by tomorrow. They are trying to get it to the point to get it paved. They understand the paving plants are possibly closing down November 15th the hot stuff so I don't know what is going to take affect there really. Hopefully they get some weather to finish it they are working on it. M. Huss, any word on the bridge? C. Marquardt, Bridge is another issue that I talk to people from Penn Dot apparently it's a subcontractor thing with Allentown and something with the plates for the rails and I don't know. No body wants to take point to blame and Penn Dot won't open it because of liability and stuff. So until the rails are installed and put up the bridge is closed. With the exception of people just driving over it just moving the signs and they are aware of that. They also said the State Police which they are sitting down there do catch them they will be cited. Along with Butler Township Police and I guess our Police so I don't know. Mary Beth maybe you can find something out. Mary Beth Dougherty, last I was told was mid November the same thing. C. Marquardt, that's where we are at now mid November so hopefully by

Thanksgiving. M. Dougherty, I talked to Tom Ruble about two weeks ago and he told me middle of November. C. Marquardt, that's where we are at now. They been completed out there since September and it's just been a delay.

C. Riedlinger, the only other thing I have in addition on doing the Tax Anticipation Note for the December meeting I'll also have your Resolution ready to appoint your Auditor for the fiscal year. The Ordinance setting the mileage rates.

Landfill: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mike Zangari, so if we have a fire incident an emergency incident and we need to evict someone out of their home because it's not fit for inhabitability and we have to call in a Police Officer what is the protocol? Who do we need to contact to bring a cop if we don't have one on? C. Marquardt, the Mayor would be your first. That's the way it has always been. M. Zangari, Charlie no it hasn't and you know that dad's gone out when we had an issue dad takes care of it, you know how that works. You just that power away. C. Marquardt, I don't know what you mean Michael. M. Zangari, I'm talking about citing someone and being able to evict them. If you can't put that citation and posting on that front building their staying in there without heat, water, and whatever. They're already in there now. So now we have volunteers out in the Street with Fire trucks and flashing lights pissing off all the neighbors waiting because we can't leave. And everyone in this Borough knows that when they call us that Fire truck is sitting right out front every time with a boat load of volunteers from this community. So now your going to tell our volunteers who have to get up for work the next morning, who has kids that have school the next morning, hey your going to be here two hours until a cop gets here. No offense to any of you guys I know how this works I understand that. I know our Police Officers try hard but they don't live in town. Now our guys have to wait you got to evict someone our guys have to wait because we can't leave that property. That's a hell of a lot to ask the guys and gals that put everything into this community already. Wade Richards, I thought the State Police was back up. M. Zangari, I don't think we can call in the State Police to cite someone. That can't come in and do an Ordinance. C. Marquardt, so in other words the only two people that can do citations now would be Bill and the Police Dept. M. Zangari, correct. I'm just trying to make you understand. There is a lot of times at 2 in the morning when our cops go off that we are out there at 3:30 dealing with BS to be honest with you but you know what at the end of the day. The neighbor who lives next door their life is on the line. The residents in that structure their lives are on the line. C. Marquardt, under the Ordinance Frank has the right to evict Bill just writes the citations. M. Zangari, it takes away the ability to cite them. The citations were always written when they were evicted. I know I stood right there. C. Riedlinger, posting of a house. Like a condemned you mean? M. Zangari, correct. C. Riedlinger, that's not a citation. M. Zangari, I understand that. The citation was written that date. If we don't have a Police Officer that comes on until two days later. R. Krick, what did you do when Frank wasn't Code Enforcement Officer? M. Zangari, well honestly our whole operation was very different then it is today because our Code Enforcement was not as strong as it was. I'm not going to put my foot in my mouth and speak about that because honestly Rob I don't remember. I'll be completely honest. D. Heiser, I don't think anybody is saying that if it's an emergency situation like that and the Fire Chief couldn't remove somebody from the building and make the situation safe no one ever said that. But when it comes time to cite the guy for what he did wrong the Code Enforcement Officer can do that the next day. It doesn't have to be done that night. C. Riedlinger, I'm also going to raise a practical issue. I'm not going to argue forward or against what ever way you guys want to do this. There is no legal issue here. Just the practical matter to address this issue that is being raised. Nobody can file a citation at 2 O'clock in the morning anyway. The Magistrate's Office doesn't open until the following day. D. Heiser, but for the Fire Chief to remove somebody from an unsafe structure that's no one is taking that away from him anyway. It's just strictly writing of the citation that's it. M. Zangari, so now Matt (Police Officer) let me ask you this if we leave. Take someone out of a structure and we leave does the Code Enforcement Officer need a warrant to go back into that structure after we leave that situation? M. Williams, it depends on what the situation is. M.

Zangari, so if someone a lot of times it's an oil burner malfunctions that we'll have to shut down that block. They don't have permanent heat they get removed from that structure. So if you go back in the next day. How does that work? M. Williams, they have to have the owner with you. I would think you would have to have either the owner or occupant with you. M. Zangari, ok so you don't need a warrant. C. Riedlinger, just as another practical issue and certainly if there is an emergency situation you have to do something other than the authorities as the Fire Chief for the Fire Dept. Filing a citation the hearing on that citation could be three months later. I mean the filing of the citation doesn't do anything. The filing of the citation Christine Hale would just schedule a hearing and that hearing could be six weeks later. Julie Zangari, you have to be able to file the citation. The citation starts the whole process. C. Riedlinger, I'm not saying the process gets started any sooner I'm just saying the authority to write a citation at 2 O'clock in the morning in an emergency situation really doesn't mean anything. Nothing is going to happen that night. Nothing may happen for the next two months on that citation. M. Zangari, I just wanted to ask I'm not here to trying to upset anyone or annoy anyone I just wanted to ask. C. Marquardt, so in other words then Frank as the Fire Chief for the Borough. He is assisting Bill with Occupancy only with the inspections and stuff. So if he goes out and there is a call in the middle of the night or something like that he has the right to remove those people out of the building. Then notify Bill and Bill would take it from there as far as filing the citations. D. Heiser, what we did tonight was to do nothing to change what Frank does as Fire Chief nothing. C. Riedlinger, let me give you an example of how it would work in a normal situation. If somebody has a house that is condemned, ok the house gets condemned. That means that nobody is aloud to be residing in the house or being with in the house. If somebody violates the condonation order and starts residing in the house. Somebody whether it's the Code Enforcement Officer only, the Police Officer, or Frank somebody would file a citation for violating that condonation order. The citation basically is because that person is breaking the law by living in that house. Now that citation has to be filed at the Magistrate Office, which means I guess has to be filed between 8:30 and 4:30 whatever those hours are. When that citation gets filed Christine Hale's office is going to issue a notice to the person the subject of the citation to enter a plea. If that person doesn't enter a plea a warrant is going to get issued. That warrant can sit there for months and months and months and months. If the person does enter a plea and it's a not guilty plea. She is going to schedule a hearing. That hearing can be weeks and weeks and weeks later and all that time. The only thing that can happen to the person from still residing in that house is that additional citations can be filed. One for each day that they are in there. But the citation isn't what removes them from the building at night at 2am because there is an emergency just so you understand. The citation is just like I said it creates a hearing ultimately to be heard. Whether or not somebody is violating a condemned notice. Nothing happens quickly on that citation.

Mary Beth Dougherty, Charlie I just wanted to say thank you to the group that's working on the banner project for the Veterans. I know they got to the point that applications are out. With it being Veterans Day weekend I wanted to acknowledge the Veterans here in the room and say thank you. I know that there are some folks in the room that have been working on that project for a several months. I just wanted acknowledge them and say thank you to them for the hard work and effort they put into it. (Audience gives applause). C. Marquardt, do you have anything on behalf of that? Jolene Nichols, so far I know we have a total of nine banners that we'll have displayed starting for 2018. I believe we'll be getting more near the end of the year. For anybody the applications are still here at the Borough hall.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Kessler, seconded by M. Huss. Voted all. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
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Regular Meeting

PLACE: Municipal Bldg. **DATE:** December 14, 2017 **TIME:** 7:30 PM

OPEN MEETING

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

ROLL CALL

Members present: Robert Krick, Mike Huss, Joseph Catizone Jr., Joseph Kessler, Charles Marquardt, and Christopher Riedlinger.

Members absent: Dan Heiser.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE AGENDA: No Comment made on the Agenda.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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

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

Mayor's report: Read by Mayor Joseph Catizone Jr. Motion to accept report as read made by J. Kessler, seconded by M. Huss. Vote. All. Motion carried.

Permit Officer's report: No Report this meeting.

Code Enforcement report: No Report this meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Livestock in the Municipality Ordinance 2017-2. John Squires, wanted to show objection he has back yard chickens to feed our family fresh eggs and stuff like that. We can't do that going forward? C. Riedlinger, that would be restricted under the Ordinance unless you already have them in which case you would be able to keep them that you already have you wouldn't

be able to replace them. J. Squires, that's what I mean that's it. C. Marquardt, what ever you have currently right now you can have. Anything going forward would be restricted. J. Squires, I just came to show my protest. Jacob Zak, we can have them as pets yes. If you name them they're a pet you can have them as pets. C. Riedlinger, the Ordinance wouldn't allow you to have them as named pets. J. Zak, that's up in the air.

***Motion** to accept the Livestock Ordinance 2017-2 made by R. Krick, seconded by M. Huss. Voted. All. Motion carried. Joe Engle, was there some type of abuse that brought on this Ordinance was there some type of problem? C. Riedlinger, I was asked to draft it because people in the previous couple of meeting have been complaining about it. I guess the running at large and this is what Council decided they wanted. C. Marquardt, specifically it was pigs.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Annual Budget read by J. Kessler. Motion to accept the budget made by M. Huss, seconded by R. Krick. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- b. Tax Anticipation Note for 2018 Resolution 2017-12. Motion to accept Tax Anticipation note made by M. Huss, seconded by J. Kessler. On the Question R. Krick, all the amount to lower it is that possible or is that a line of credit? C. Riedlinger, it's up to \$40,000 so you can take. I assume you would have to arrange the exact amount at the closing, if you want something less than 40 you'll have to tell Jim Brennan that. Obviously before that. You can take up to 40 and you can pay it back as quickly as you like without accruing penalty. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- c. Fixing the Tax Rate 19.7 Mills for the year 2018 Ordinance 2017-3. Motion to accept Tax Rate made by J. Kessler, seconded by R. Krick. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- d. Permission to give Secretary to advertise 2018 Meeting dates and work session schedule. R. Krick, there was some discussion about possibly having some work sessions on a Saturday. C. Marquardt, we can wait until January meeting and talk about what dates we want and put it all together before the Reorganization meeting. Next meeting will be help Tuesday, January 2nd reorganization and Monthly Council Meeting for General purposes.
- e. Letter from Edward Burns GAMA board read by C. Marquardt, Motion to appoint Mr. Burns back to the board made by J. Kessler, seconded by M. Huss. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- f. Northeastern Pennsylvania Alliance request 2018 membership. R. Krick, is that the group that supplies information on grants? C. Marquardt, local government technical assistant, municipal roads, technical assistant programs. R. Krick, I wonder if we ever use it. I don't know if anyone has contact with them or if they have been supplying information. Something to consider. I mean if we don't use it. C. Marquardt, its due by the 31st of December. I say we hold. R. Krick, does anyone remember using it. I don't. C. Marquardt, Mary Beth do you remember using it back then. Mary Beth Dougherty, I think it was something we needed for once. Some kind of grant, honestly I don't remember what it is. The Cog used it and bought a laptop. C. Marquardt, is it worth it for the Borough to join this? Is it a good cause with the Cog has it? Can the Borough go through the Cog with this? M. Dougherty, No. Honestly if there are any programs for anything the Cog gets the information on it and we disseminated. If there is anything you want to take advantage on you can rejoin at that time. C. Marquardt, then we'll put it on hold does everyone agree on that? Council, yes.

- g. Rangers and Girard Hose Co. #1 annual contribution \$1200 each. Motion to approve contribution for Fire Company's made by M. Huss, seconded by J. Kessler. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- h. Recycling end Dec 26th weather permitting. Start back up again in April.
- i. Christmas Tree Pick up will be the first two weeks in January 2018 after the New Year Holiday. Mon to Friday only. Please remove all decorations and bags from the trees. Motion for Christmas tree pick-up made by M. Huss, seconded by R. Krick. Voted. All. Motion carried.
- j. Good Time club is asking permission to remove Christmas décor on Saturday, January 06, 2018 weather permitting. Motion to approve decoration removal made by M. Huss, seconded by J. Kessler. Voted All. Motion carried.

BILLS

Motion to approve the bill list as submitted and read was made by M. Huss, seconded by R. Krick. Voted. All. Motion carried.

CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Magazines and Flyers.
- b. C. Riedlinger, recent law passed by the State opening of ten mini-casinos across the State. Girardville might not be in an area where it would be prohibited. If you want to prohibit a mini casino from coming to Girardville you can enact the form that was sent to a Resolution by December 31st of this year. If you do nothing Girardville remains open to the possibility of one coming here. More discussion about casinos that may open around here. M. Huss, I make a motion to let it go. C. Marquardt, just let it go we'll do nothing with it.
- c. Letter about Uniform Construction permit fee in affect October the 5th for the Commonwealth is being raised from \$4.00 to \$4.50.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police: None

Street: None

School Building: None

Finance: None

Personnel: None

Code/QofL: None

Recreation: None

Recycling: None

Landfill: None

Blight: R. Krick, we'll meet 6 O'clock before the Sewer Authority Meeting. Next Thursday 21st. Churby's is down. C. Marquardt, Thanks Michelle. One thing we talked about they are going to put a piece of fence across it correct? Because of the drop. Like what happened on the Avenue up there. I just want to make sure we put a high enough piece there so people can't climb over it. There is going to be a drop and I am assuming they are going to put a piece of fence on the Ogden Street side. As long as we get something high enough that the kids can't climb over. M. O'Connell, ok. C. Marquardt, I don't think they are going to fill all the way up because of the creek bank being there and it's open there. M. O'Connell, I'll tell him to get in contact here. Another thing are you guys posting No Trespassing signs on your properties? C. Marquardt, yeah we did down on Ogden Street. We should post John St. that's done now? M. O'Connell, yes. C. Marquardt, is there a fence that has to be put there or is that going to stay open? M. O'Connell, that can stay open. If you guys want a fence it's probably at your cost for John St. C. Marquardt, no that's fine that's level. I'm just concerned that and hopefully you talk to them to put something there on Ogden. Just so nobody walking or anything falls over that. I'll get additional signs when they are done on Ogden and we can post. We can go up and post John St. now since that's completed now correct? M. O'Connell, yes. C. Marquardt, and then the other ones are just pending yet correct? M. O'Connell, yes. C. Marquardt, Mike is going to do the trailer correct? M. O'Connell, yeah I guess once everything goes through I don't know what stage the sales at right now it might be at the School District approval. R. Krick, that's the total of the entire additional money right to get the other two properties. C. Squires, yes they are waiting on the additional increase that went into affect last week. We have to pay it now because it is from the State we have to send the \$9.50 for the two parcels for them to record the deed for those properties. C. Marquardt, I talked to Angela and her assistant down there. Apparently they raised it so we owe an additional \$4.75 for each recorded deed that they do. Even though our stuff was in since October till it got to their process that's how long it takes. They got calls from other Municipalities the same way. It isn't them it's the State that did it. They aren't happy about it either so. We had to send another check down for \$9.50 for those two parcels. So going forward it was \$67 and some cents now it's going to be like \$73 and some cents that's the new rate.

Solicitor: C. Riedlinger, I got this letter heads up letter from a member of the County Bar Association that knows I'm a Solicitor for Girardville. Evidently there was some law suite filled with the Department of the United States Justice against Bank of America for their practices related to mortgage forecloses and as part of the settlement money is being funded to community redevelopment in areas where some of their practices where first prevalent. Girardville is one of five towns in the Northern part of Schuylkill County along with Ashland, Frackville, Mahanoy City, and Shenandoah. Evidently that has some of this money being directed towards it. So basically the money applied for to use for legal assistance to prevent mortgage foreclosure or even for community redevelopments. If anybody wants to ask the Borough for more information about it I'll try to get more information about it but evidently you might be able to get free legal assistance to prevent a mortgage foreclosure and as far as the community redevelopment aspect of it maybe I'll send a copy of this to Danny and maybe he can bring it up at the Land bank maybe it could be like a matching thing we could get money from them and use it for our match for our Land bank project or something like that. Mary Beth Dougherty, Chris it's actually being funnel through Community Action it was the women that we got to know from the housing lines of Pennsylvania she works for a State wide legal services. She approached our office about using some of that money. Their Organization got some of that settlement money so she approached us to see if we could utilize that somewhere in Schuylkill County. So we sat down with Ted Dreisbach and Jeff the people from down at Schuylkill Community Action and we decided that Northern Schuylkill County probably most in need. Its going to be done through Community Action and they're actually going to be looking at people that have applied for weatherization proof Community Action but because there are actually people that their homes are in such good condition like they have rows in them they don't meet the requirements for the weatherization program so they get denied. So you're going to look at some of those situations and utilize some of that money. Also like you said the legal services they have to get so much of that money for low income legal service program and things like that. So I think that's how it is going to be utilized. C. Riedlinger, the very least we can make members of the community aware such

help is out there. M.B. Dougherty, I think they are trying to get some business to participate in the neighborhood Office Assistance Program for tax credits for contributions. I think Mrs. T's is interested in being one of the participants so they are trying to get additional money to make it a little bit more. That's kind of how it is going to work.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jacob Zak, behind my garage at 605 E. Mahanoy Ave there is a low sectional road there where I have some pictures for you guys to look at. Where, every time it rains we get a lake back there. This is after the rain about six hours after the rain in the middle of that picture is a sewerage manhole so you know where it is going. Now the summer time is the worst because you get all those mosquitoes. Its sinking down when that sewerage was put in it was never packed down so it's packing down now. When the water gets there it brings it down lower. I just want to bring it up to the Street Dept whatever to see. I asked sewerage they said no that's the Boroughs problem the Street. R. Krick, do you think the water is entering the manhole? J. Zak, I looked at the manhole its self. It's been quite a few years and I think the manhole was never lifted off. R. Krick, so you think its going along side? J. Zak, so it's going along side down. R. Krick, its not migrating into the receptors. J. Zak, I would say it's not in the main concrete area. No but with the two pipes come in its washing down there and that's what is washing out underneath. I don't know what to say it just keeps. R. Krick, the Sewer Authority has a problem with water migration. J. Zak, it could be that down below its washed out now or settled down and it is going along the side and going down. Its hard to do the only other way to do is to take the manhole off and look and see how much is in there. That's 9 1/2 foot down too. C. Marquardt, Mary Beth can we get something with the GAMA and look into it? M. B. Dougherty, yeah I'm definitely bringing it up next week because that is a on going problem. C. Marquardt, if the guys can go over and some of the members from GAMA as long as someone is there that we can see what is going on. See what the problem is. M. B. Dougherty, we have been trying to figure out what is going on there are some elevated water levels. We are looking at ways to try and address that problem. So to hear there is potential down fall somehow I don't know but GAMA can address that absolutely. C. Marquardt, Jack did you give a set of these pictures to GAMA? J. Zak, I talked to those guys and they say it's the Street going down.

Tom Clark, for the last year I have been trying to get the Church put on the Tax roll. How are we coming along with that? C. Marquardt, I wouldn't know until we talk to Annetta. T. Clarke, did anyone one talk to the County to get it put on the rolls? C. Riedlinger, this is the Community Church of Truth A Street in Girardville. T. Clark, yes the 200 Block. C. Riedlinger, it is Tax exempt right now and we can file to get the exemption removed the filing has to be before September 2018 the hearing would occur sometime there after so its to late to do anything for the 2018 taxes but. T. Clark, we see how close we are this year so any money you get. I also asked one other time one of the Council members to look at the exempt properties in town to see if there are any other ones to be added. How is that coming along? C. Marquardt, there's a list I know that I just don't know where it's at I can find out. T. Clark, yeah because we all close to the tax budget next year any extra money will help. Why should I pay taxes when other people don't? C. Riedlinger, if you want to file a motion to can do that. You should vote to do that. If you are going to do more wait that would be better. R. Krick, I don't know of anymore that are exempt. C. Marquardt, Annetta was looking at the list to see if there is anymore. R. Krick, oh Annetta is ok. C. Riedlinger, you can vote to do it now and I'll file it. And it is clear that this is no longer being used for religious purposes then. If you know you want to do it we may as well do it now. Then opposed to waiting months and months to do it.

- **Motion to allow Chris to take away the tax exemption on parcel 45-07-0091.000 located on A Street existing Church** made by R. Krick, seconded by M. Huss. Voted. All. Motion carried.

Heath Ressler, three questions. First one last month you tabled possible donation to the Fire Dept School located in Frackville is that still in consideration where does that stand? C. Marquardt, it is in the unfinished Business folder we understand that we have up until the end of next year to make that donation or whatever it is we are going to do we have until December of next year. So moving forward the Council wanted to wait and go into next year and make a decision then.

H. Ressler, seconded the snow plowing the last years policy is that still in effect this year? C. Marquardt, at the current time no. It's being reviewed by the entire Council there were some concerns and some questions about some stuff as it stands right now we are going to plow the roads. The roads only which is the driving lanes. We are not going one side to the other at the current time until we bring it back before the Borough at a Council meeting and say this is what it is going to be.

H. Ressler, my third question then. There is a red four door car sitting over at the school and a GMC Chevy pick-up parked over at Robbie Krick's garage and it sits for at least a year. They are owned by the Borough are they abandoned vehicles now, you going to fix them, or are you going to sell them? What's your future with vehicles that you are not currently using? C. Marquardt, the car at the school I'm trying to contact the owner the person that purchased the car for us. We wanted to ask him if they wanted the car back if not we'll sell the car. The dump truck Rob is having that checked over to have the repaired if possible if everyone agrees to it. You did get someone weld correct. R. Krick, the welder is going to look at it to determine what the cost will be. C. Marquardt, we do have to have some welding done on the frame. Our concerns are we wanted to utilize it for picking up ashes other stuff like that. Probably won't be able to plow with it. Will it still plow once it's fixed? R. Krick, yeah I think so. C. Marquardt, ok we'll there you go. H. Ressler, thank you. C. Marquardt, you're welcome.

Mary Beth Dougherty, one question on the bill the Fireman's Relief installment 4 of 11. Is Fireman's relief is that from the State. I don't remember. C. Riedlinger, I think the Municipalities just acts as a conduit. It comes from the State. M. B. Dougherty, I guess my question is why are we paying in installments? C. Marquardt, Candice said that's how the State has it set up. M. B. Dougherty, so they don't send it in a lump sum anymore? I was wondering about the installment thing. 4 of 11 so is that for 2017 or what is there fiscal year? Or is it fiscal year July 1 to the 30th that is fiscal state fiscal year? C. Squires, I think middle of fiscal year.

John Squires, is there anything that can be done about the parking on A Street? Basketball game the illegal parking they are parking at the intersections. If an ambulance or Fire truck had to get through there it never would. J. Catizone Jr., Police have been up a few times since Basketball started. We thought that we had curved it pretty well. Maybe not I know Paul Kowalick had made some announcements during some games to try to prevent a lot of that. I haven't heard any other issues but obviously you seen it. I apologize I'll take the rip up two. I'll try to do it more often. We had the cops come in I know for the GBA games a time or two to make their presents known. J. Squires, I know an incident where somebody parked in the handicap spots and the cop came up ticketed him and the guy later made comments that he is going to smash all the windows on the block. J. Catizone Jr., the gentlemen that got ticketed? J. Squires, yeah.

Edna Labie, I seen chairs and stuff put out on the other side of the School for people that save their parking spaces and that's illegal too. I actually think. J. Squires, you trying carrying a bag of groceries and three kids. E. Labie, I actually think in front of the gym itself there should be one spot for drop off for the people to drop their kids off and then leave them go and find a parking place. Instead of them double parking in the middle of the Street. There should be made one particular spot there to use as a drop off. Then go around the block to find a parking space. J. Catizone Jr., We always try to ask them to park down the park and that don't seem to be very affective. E. Labie, it's an idea with the kids. I actually think there should be a place for them to drop them off. Then they can go park instead of everyone double park to drop the kids off.

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Bob McClintock, I also live on A Street I get home around 7:30- 8 O'clock at night so Basketball sometimes there is a few stragglers that tend to hold parking spots until sometimes as late as 9:30. It makes it difficult for residents that have to rearrange their parking at 9:30-10 O'clock at night after all the league leaves. One suggestion that I have is the grass in front of the school if you made a perpendicular parking lot that would increase the parking capacity in that neighborhood and probably have a third additional parking in that grass in front of the school and take care of some of that problem. R. Krick, I think the only concern there if you take it. We talked about putting in a driveway we're not sure if there was enough and we had the Engineer look at it. So you can come in along side and go into the building. The problem is getting out. If you pull in diagonally how do you get back out that driveway? You know what I mean you don't want to take away the parking from that driveway itself. We were trying to come up with ways for additional parking so that we still had Street parking. Sort of like a driveway so that when you come up you could parking in front of that building. B. McClintock, I took a basic measurement and it appears if the parking were removed in front of the school just were the grass is and then set you can park a whole Street on directly into a parking spot. You would eliminate some parking spots on Street but for each space length wise you would eliminate but pick up more and double the parking capacity. J. Catizone Jr., but you would pick up two diagonally. R. Krick, it gets to be a real fine line because then when it's not Basketball your not letting people park in the Street I don't know how you can control that. How you can say ok now there is no parking in front so people can park diagonally. Then when there's not Basketball people aren't going to park diagonally they're going to want to park on the Street. I know it's a real situation. The other thing with the trees the stumps that are there somewhere I take it. There are some real big stumps from the trees. We looked at it I mean it might be worth talking to Cuffy again but I mean it is going to incur expense. C. Marquardt, I was just talking to Chris concerning it maybe making it residential parking up on that Street but if we do that then if you have people coming to visit you they would have to park away from the house. Because it would just be typically for you people up there. That's kind of a wash to because on Holidays, parties, or birthday parties you'd lose those spots regardless. J. Squires, each household having one pass that they could use for a holiday or something like that for their windshield? R. Krick, that would make it real complicated. I don't know. C. Marquardt, I guess we could talk to our Engineer and have him look at it again up there. R. Krick, there was always talk about to get people who run Biddy the people who are there the whole time rather them parking in front of the school. Park in the school lot and you can easily put a bunch of cars down in there. If those people are going to be there the whole evening that would open up a whole bunch of parking out front. I don't know. Because we could still open up the school yard right? C. Marquardt, right. R. Krick, and most people don't want to park there. But the people who are running the Biddy program park in there and take that off the Street. It is just a walk through the door and up the steps and your right at the gym. It's convenient except it's a walk up a set of steps. We should talk to Biddy or if Biddy wants to discuss it. If they think, that might be an alternative to open up parking it might. I don't know how many people are there five six cars that would open that much up. Nobody wants to walk that's the problem. C. Riedlinger, this is a quick aside. You know what is going to start happening like your suggestion is adopting that everybody gets a pass. People are going to sell those passes going to Basketball. (Audience laughs) C. Marquardt, it's definitely something that we will definitely look into and see. I'll talk to the Engineer again and we'll get the Engineer to take another look at it see what his thoughts and suggestions are.

Michelle O'Connell, speaking of parking over that way I think its Vine Street along side of Paige's. I know there has been talk that you guys were going to make it a one way at one time. C. Marquardt, what do you mean a one way coming down the hill? M. O'Connell, coming down I think it was brought up last year or two years ago to make it a one way. The one time I was coming down and there was a car parked on at the top of the hill next to the apartment building. Another car parked on the opposite side. It's very hard to get down that hill. C. Marquardt, are they parking on that hill for Basketball all the way up it? They are parking on it there though. Bob McClintock, you should make it driving one way and another option making it parking on one side because if we make the

driving one way coming down the hill. The Girard Hose is on that same block and if we had pulled out our Fire truck going up Vine Street on a one way that would be dangerous for our drivers. The way they are parking we can't get a Fire truck through there at all. M. O'Connell, no there is no way. J. Catizone Jr., the best option is to eliminate the parking on that. C. Marquardt, you just have to eliminate the parking period going up and down. No parking on both sides yellow lines from top to bottom. J. Catizone Jr., right especially if they can't get an apparatus up there. C. Marquardt, we'll definitely look at that for sure.

Jacob Zak, is there an Ordinance in town how many animals you can have dogs? Per house? C. Marquardt, four and you would have to have a kennel license after four. I'm almost positive it's four. We had enacted that Ordinance when Yagielniskie had all the dogs down there. I believe its four dogs and if you had more then four you had to apply for a kennel license. Mary Beth Dougherty, I know four is the number but I don't remember details. If you have a kennel you have to have x amount of square footage. C. Marquardt, we'd have to look up the Ordinance I could be wrong but I'm pretty sure we had something that was enacted when we had the problem with the dogs down there. M. B. Dougherty, or you had to register them with the Borough.

Motion to adjourn made by J. Kessler, seconded by M. Huss. Voted. All. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
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Secretary/Treasurer